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The Trump Doctrine and the End of Strategic Patience (Leading from Behind)

The era of strategic patience is over.

—Vice President, Mike Pence

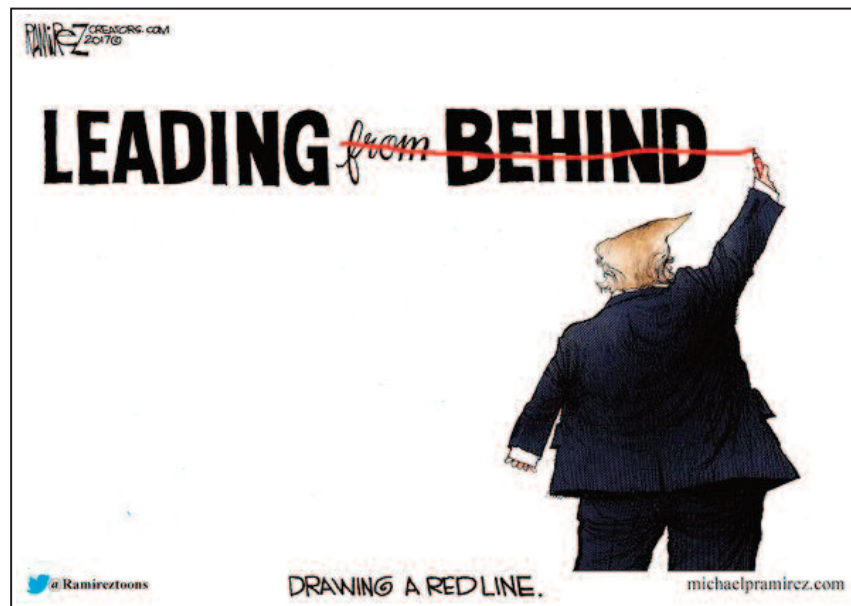
The election of 1980 is still fresh in my mind as if it occurred last November instead of over 36 years ago. The reason this is so is because of the unforgettable impression made by Ronald Reagan on those of us who voted for him. The Gipper was more than just a fresh breeze blowing in on the American political scene. He was an answer to our prayers for a white knight in shining armor, fully equipped to right the listing U.S. ship of state after a decade of decline and foundering in dangerous troubled waters both here and abroad.

In the aftermath of the Vietnam War and Watergate, a new breed of socialist-minded leftists had gained control of the Democrat Party and were leading the country off the cliff in terms of domestic policy, with all economic indicators in negative free fall. But nowhere was the decline more

apparent than in the foreign policy of the United States where, ominously, our great nemesis, the Soviet Union, was on the march, spreading its power and influence seemingly everywhere in the world at America's expense. Presiding over this cowardly American retreat as the world's leading totalitarian power threatened our West European and Asian allies with its growing military might and supported "wars of liberation" in Africa, Asia and South America, was our decent, but submissive and naïve President Jimmy Carter, who spent most of his foreign policy capital on inventing new red lines as fast as our enemies abroad would cross the old ones.

Enter Ronald Reagan as a candidate for president in the election of 1980. Although for the life of me I can't figure out why now, in the early days of that election I was for Senator Howard Baker from Tennessee. Then I heard

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Ronald Reagan speak for the first time and I was hooked. His prescriptions for our domestic woes were eminently sensible, but it was in the foreign policy sphere where the man first got my attention. Unlike any other candidate for president on either side of the aisle in memory, he called for “rolling back” communism (Soviet power), and had it put in the Republican Party platform at the convention that summer. In the next eight years he proceeded to do just that, winning the Cold War, precipitating the breakup of the USSR, and ushering in a new uni-polar era of relative peace and prosperity.

They say that history repeats itself, and the last eight years prove it. President Obama, using all his formidable Harvard University intellectual gifts, came up with the brilliant strategy abroad of “strategic patience,” which he kindly translated for us less-enlightened folks as “don’t do stupid stuff.” After eight years of this Obama doctrine, it has become apparent that not doing “stupid stuff” actually means doing stupid stuff, like drawing meaningless red lines at an even faster pace than Jimmy Carter had. That completes part of the analogy between the Reagan and Obama eras. To get to the remaining part—someone comparable to Ronald Reagan—requires the passage of time to see how things turn out in the next four to eight years. But President Donald Trump, while no Reagan in terms of his language (which he seems to mangle on a regular basis), does remind one of The Gipper with regard to his actions, which is most encouraging since actions speak so much louder than words.

The president’s recent trip abroad, meeting with NATO and Sunni Arab allies was a *tour de force*. Brilliant in conception and preparation, it sent an unmistakable signal to friends and foes alike that a new day has dawned in American foreign policy that leaves the rudderless, Carteresque retreat from traditional leadership role of the past eight years on the “ashbin of history” where it belongs. Demonstrating remarkable strategic acumen in his first foreign trip, President Trump swiftly took advantage of circumstances in the Middle East that has created the heady possibility of unprecedented cooperation between Jewish, Christian, and Muslim allies of the United States by successfully laying the foundation for a dynamic new alliance to “roll back” Islamist terrorism and mounting Russian, and Iranian regional domination. This is something that never occurred to his strategically-challenged predecessor whose steadfast withdrawal from a traditional American leadership role has caused so much consternation in the capitals of Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and Jordan.

To reinforce this reassertion of United States authority, the president began by making it clear that red lines will

now be strictly enforced, by ordering measured airstrikes against a Syrian airbase used for chemical weapons attacks on innocent civilians. He also sent a carrier battle group and patrolling warships into the South China Sea as a warning to both North Korea and China that America is once again prepared to defend against nuclear saber rattling as well as blatant challenges to freedom of the seas in international waters. In addition, Trump sent military assets to Eastern Europe and the Black Sea to reassure jittery NATO allies and Ukraine of America’s new-found resolve to resist Russian bullying and threats.

Mr. Trump is making it abundantly clear that the days of American leaders going abroad, bowing, scraping and endlessly apologizing for imagined wrongs is over. In Riyadh, without bowing to anyone, he addressed 55 Muslim and Arab leaders, urging them to instruct their religious masses to reject Islamic terrorism. “This is not a battle between different faiths or different civilizations,” he told them. “This is a battle between those who seek to obliterate human life and those who seek to protect it. This is a battle between good and evil. Religious leaders must make this absolutely clear: Barbarism will deliver you no glory. Piety to evil will bring you no dignity.” A powerful message, especially when compared to Obama’s pathetic speech at Cairo University in 2009 when he said, “I consider it my responsibility as President of the United States to fight against stereotypes of Islam wherever they appear.”

Following eight years of Obama’s idiotic “Lead from behind” strategy that in reality was a cowardly abdication of much-needed U.S. leadership and resolve, “America is back.” Thanks to President Trump, savvy deal making, alliance building, and willingness to engage threats head on instead of issuing bluffs about crossing lines in the sand is once again the order of the day. With regard to the emerging “Trump Doctrine” in America’s foreign policy, perhaps former House Speaker Newt Gingrich put it best when he said, “You have the President of the United States surrounded by the largest alliance we’ve ever seen in the Muslim world, talking and articulating about a practical and realistic idealism they are going to move forward together to create a better world. Just as Reagan set a key moment in the defeat of the Soviet empire, Trump is now setting the key moment in the defeat of terrorism.”

There’s a new leader of the free world and this one has got backbone, has surrounded himself with a sterling team of foreign policy talent, and his first venture onto the world stage could not have been more admirable and encouraging. I’ve got a feeling that somewhere, the Gipper is smiling, confident that the American ship of state is once again in capable hands and back on the proper course.

—Tom Mullings

Die Hard Dems

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Oh those Die Hard Dems! To say the Democrats are the party of death is to state the obvious. You know the drill: Over one million abortions a year, assisted suicide, Soviet famines, the Chicom cultural revolution—all glorified by our Dems. They're so cute. But this essay is not about social or historical issues. This is about new ways the Dems have found to try and kill people. You can't make this stuff up. So pay attention.

Everyone, and I mean everyone, knows that President Trump gave the Russians "classified" information on ISIS terrorism. (Of course we must conveniently forget that this and every President cannot give classified information. He can declassify anything. All he has to do is say it. But who wants to ruin a good story?) So President Trump told the Russians that ISIS had found a way to booby trap laptop computers. The idea is for the laptop to explode in the air and take down a commercial jetliner. Pretty awful stuff. What kind of savages would want this to happen? Well, it seems the Die Hard Dems would. From the day the President spilled these very expensive beans, the entire undrained swamp rose up to chastise (if not impeach) the President for giving out this classified information. (Of course, as Ann Coulter has informed everyone, the Russians could have read about this classified booby trap in the *New York Times* before hearing it from President Trump. But, again, why ruin a good story?) Stay with me here. The swamp-dwelling Dems are insistent that the Russians should not have been told. They should have left to die! Yes, there is no other alternative. Either warn the Russians or watch their planes fall out the sky. The mean Republicans are on the warning side. The compassionate Die Hard Dems are on the "Let the Russians Die" side. You gotta love 'em. So let's pretend President Trump was as awful as the Dems. He would have said nothing. The Russians would have died. And the *Washington Post* would have a headline that read: "ISIS Bombs Russian Jet, 250 Die." Just kidding. The real *Washington Post* headline would read: "ISIS Bombs Russian Jet As Trump Fails To Warn." Now that's more like it. Love them Dems. They get you coming and going.

But there's more. After all, when you're the party of death there's no rest for the weary. And that brings us to another murder victim: Seth Rich. If this name is not familiar to you, you are slacking. Google it right now and get up to speed, please! For the rest of you, let's start at the very

beginning (as Mary Poppins would say). On July 10, 2016, Seth Rich, a DNC (Democratic National Committee) staffer was taking a leisurely walk in downtown DC at 4 AM. (Remember, he's a Democrat. So stupidity is assumed.) Next thing he knows: Bang, bang, two shots in his back, left for dead, dies at the hospital. The DC police, the crack group that investigated the Vince Foster "suicide," declared it a "robbery gone bad." Maybe, except his wallet and watch were never taken. And the rumors started: First, he was alleged to be the Wikileaks connection at the DNC. Second it is alleged that Wikileaks founder Assange offered a \$20,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator. Third, it is alleged that a second DNC employee supports the Seth Rich as Wikileaks source story. And, fourth, supposedly there's a laptop in the DC evidence room belonging to Seth Rich that can answer all the questions. Reporting on the story: Sean Hannity, Newt Gingrich, Drudge and Fox (which later retracted their story). Not even mentioning a word about the story: Everyone else.

Here's my take: I'm an anti-conspiracy-theory guy. I believe Lee Harvey Oswald shot Kennedy and John Hinckley shot Reagan. I believe coverups are hard and the truth eventually comes out, mostly. Seth Rich: I believe the rumors are easy to dispel and good police work would end the speculation. So why aren't we reading about an investigation? Because they're not doing one. My wish? That Attorney General Sessions would direct the FBI to open a Seth Rich file and get some hard facts. After all, anyone who thinks the Russians hacked voluminous information from the DNC is just as "out there" as anyone who thinks Seth Rich is the guy. A clash of conspiracy theories. Let's check them both out. But one thing is crystal clear. If all the conspiracy theories about Seth Rich are wrong he is still the victim of a senseless murder in a city of senseless murders and only Democrat elected officials. Either way it's another whack job for the very whacky Die Hard Dems.

Sid Dinerstein served as Chairman of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County from 2002 to 2012. A leader with a passion for Republican politics, Sid leads by example, motivating teams and uniting diverse groups to achieve a common goal. With a passion for promoting charter schools, Sid was honored by Inlet Grove Community Charter High School earlier this year as "Charter School Advocate." He authored Adults Only: For Those Who Love Their Country More Than Their Party in 2007, a book that was a finalist for the 2009 Next Generation Indie Book Awards. Sid has been married to Esther since 1967, and they have two daughters, two sons-in-law and two granddaughters.

The Department of Education Shall Terminate on December 31, 2018

By George Blumel



Don't we wish! That headline is the entire wording of **H.R. 899** submitted by Rep. Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), along with several co-signers, to get rid of federal interference in the education of our nation's children.

Why should the Department of Education be terminated?

First, not that anyone cares anymore, it is not an enumerated

power authorized in our Constitution and therefore forbidden by the 10th Amendment. President Carter created it as a payoff to the teachers' unions for helping him get elected. President Reagan made it part of his campaign to close it down but his choice of secretary, Bill Bennett, not only didn't follow through, he raised the budget.

The Republican Party put abolition in our 1996 platform: ". . . the Federal government has no constitutional authority to be involved in school curricula or to control jobs in the market place. This is why we will abolish the Department of Education, end federal meddling in our schools, and promote family choice at all levels of learning."

Rep. Massie goes further. "Unelected bureaucrats in Washington, D.C. should not be in charge of our children's intellectual and moral development," he said. "States and local communities are best positioned to shape curricula that meet the needs of their students. Schools should be accountable. Parents have the right to choose the most appropriate educational opportunity for their children, including home school, public school, or private school."

Another obvious reason to ditch the Department of Education is that it is a total failure—if its goal ever was to improve educational outcomes. Like most (all?) federal programs it is counter-productive and at great expense. The Cato Institute among others prove that student test scores in math, reading and science have remained flat or declined since its inception. The U.S. trails dozens of other countries in math, reading and science. An example is Canada which has no national Department of Education: In Science, Canada is 8th and the U.S. 23rd; Canada is 6th in reading, the U.S. is 17th; and in Math, Canada is 10th, the U.S. 32nd.

George W. Bush's No Child Left Behind law—also known as the No Federal Bureaucrat Left Behind law—vastly expanded the Department of Education's role in education.

President Trump signed an executive order to control the department's intrusion in K-12 following through on a campaign promise to return school control to state and local officials. The Education Federalism Executive Order will launch a review of Obama-era regulations and guidance for

school districts and directs Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to modify or repeal measures she deems an overreach by the federal government.

The President's budget attempts to pare the budget by eliminating one of its numerous failing programs, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC), to the tune of just \$1.67 billion in a total budget of over \$80 billion! Plus, over 4,000 employees.

Here is synopsis of the Heritage Foundation findings about the 21st CCLC:

A multisite experimental impact evaluation of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program found a whole host of harmful effects. Overall, teachers found participating students to have disciplinary problems that were confirmed by student-reported data. According to their teachers, participating students were less likely to achieve at above average or high levels in class and were less likely to put effort into reading or English classes. These students were also more likely to have behavior problems in school than their counterparts. Teachers were more likely to have to call the parents of participating students about misbehavior. Participating students were also more likely to miss recess or be placed in the hall for disciplinary reasons, while also having parents come to school more often to address behavior problems. 21st Century students were also more likely to be suspended from school than similar students.

Clearly, if we're ever to get federal spending under control, we Republicans will have to get it done. Good thing we now have a majority in congress so obvious cuts as this one counter-productive program—out of over 115 programs—will be made. Maybe not.

Politicians who benefit from the spending are demanding that this program stays. A group of Democrats *and Republicans* sent a letter requesting rejection of the administration's call to eliminate this failing 21st CCLC program.

These Republicans signed the letter: Susan Brooks, R-Ind., Lou Barletta, R-Pa., Ryan Costello, R-Pa., John Katko, R-N.Y., Peter King, R-N.Y., Steve Stivers, R-Ohio, Don Young, R-Alaska.

Unless we can limit the terms of congress and reduce the number of career politicians who care more about reelection fund-raising than responsible fulfillment of their duties, we'll never get control of deficit spending.

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BIG BAD JAMES

*Every morning at the bureau you could see him arrive
He stood 6'8" and weighed 245
kinda broad at the shoulders and narrow at the hip
and everybody thought you couldn't give no lip
to Big James
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Big bad James*

As it turns out, you could give lip to Big James. Big James Comey, that is, former director of the FBI. In his latest testimony up on the Hill in D.C., he revealed as much when he insisted that in his private, one-on-one meeting with Donald Trump, the President pressured him to terminate the Bureau's investigation of Gen. Flynn and the Russians, and he did nothing about it. Nothing that is, but write a memo about the meeting and leak it to a professor friend of his with instructions to leak it to the press, which the professor proceeded to do. Comey said he did this in the hopes that this leaked privileged conversation with the President of the United States would trigger the appointment of a special council to investigate, which in fact it seems to have done.

Unfortunately for Big Bad James, he also testified to something else up on the Hill that demonstrates beyond a shadow of a doubt that his claim that "the President pressured him" was a castle built on sand. According to his own sworn testimony, he stated that the President expressed his "HOPE" that the investigation would end soon. He clearly did not order the former FBI chief to do anything, and therefore did not obstruct justice. When was the last time you heard somebody getting indicted for a felony by hoping something would happen?!

I love the FBI. My mother worked there in the fingerprint division in the 1940s and I've always been proud of that fact. It is without question the world's finest investigative body, and the good men and women who work there deserve our sincere admiration and respect, but I have zero respect for their former Director, James Comey, who has done that wonderful institution that he professes to care about a grand disservice, by politicizing the Bureau and revealing himself to be a card-carrying partisan hack.

A partisan hack for the Democrat Party, that is. After all, what other than a political reason could be behind the man's refusal to satisfy the president's request to reveal publicly the FACT that he wasn't the target of a criminal investigation?

You've got to hand it to Big Bad James, though—he's



really good at involving his beloved Federal Bureau of Investigation in political reasons for doing things. In his testimony he stated that during last year's election when Obama's former Attorney General, Loretta Lynch instructed him to use the word "matter" instead of "investigation" when referring to the FBI's investigation into the Hillary Clinton private server shenanigans, he was troubled, but he followed orders and did what she said. Funny thing, that is the exact same phrase that Hillary was using to refer to the bureau's investigation on the campaign trail. Now isn't that a coincidence?!

Big Bad James might be 6'8" but he's not tough. The good men and women at the Federal Bureau of Investigation—now there are some tough people. Tough as nails. But not Comey. You know who he reminds me of—"pajama boy" from last year's presidential election. The Dems had a TV campaign ad featuring this kid in pajamas. The kid was a boy in his teens, but was wearing what appeared to be the pajamas of a three-year-old. The effect was about as anti-masculine as you could get, and looked ridiculous—but that's the way the Dems are. When you want to portray masculinity you give the folks "pajama boy," and when you want to impress voters with your military credentials you give 'em presidential candidate Dukakis on the tank looking like Alfred E. Newman with his head sticking out of the turret.

Hopefully, we've heard the last of Pajama Boy, Big Bad James Comey. He's a lying leaker, has sullied one of America's greatest institutions, and needs to just be gone from the political stage in America.

—Tom Mullings

Memorial Day in Boca

At 9:00 AM on May 29, 2017, the traditional Memorial Day Commemorative Ceremony was held at the Boca Raton Cemetery in East Boca to honor and remember our veterans, of whom “All gave some . . . Some gave all” for our country in her time of need.

Presiding over the solemn ceremony was Susan Haynie, Mayor of the City of Boca Raton. She gave a brief address to those in attendance, paying tribute to those who have selflessly served and sacrificed in America’s armed forces. Also speaking and paying tribute to the nation’s veterans were, Bill Conder, Commander, American Legion Post #277;

Michael Byer, Vice Flotilla Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Auxillary, Flotilla 3-6; Barbara Palladino, Regent, Estahakee Chapter, NSDAR; and Cadet Commander Kelly Jackson, NJROTC Boca Raton Community High School.

A flag folding demonstration was performed by the Boca Raton Community High School NJROTC Honor Guard, that was most informative about our country’s flag and quite popular. I’m sure, with all who see it performed.

Mayor Haynie gave a proclamation honoring those who have fallen in our nation’s wars and presided over the solemn Presentation of a Ceremonial Wreath. When it was

his turn to speak, Cadet Jackson gave a most poignant Salute to our Fallen Comrades.

Seeing Michael Byer, the local Coast Guard Commander at the morning’s ceremony, made me think of my father, who served in the Coast Guard in WWII aboard the ill-fated *USS Alexander Hamilton* that was sunk off the coast of Iceland by a German U-boat in January of 1942. The *Hamilton* was one of 7 seven Secretary Class cutters built, only one of which still survives: the *USS Taney*. Today the *Taney* is a museum in Baltimore, and as I listened to Commander Byer deliver his address, I couldn’t help

but to think back fleetingly to its dedication in Baltimore Harbor that my dad and I attended together many years ago. After the dedication, we boarded the vessel, an exact copy of his own ship that went down in the war, and I’ll never forget him showing me where he was when the torpedo struck and his passage thru the doomed ship—a reenactment, if you will, that I suspect very few sons of war veterans get to experience.

All and all, it was a wonderful morning full of solemn remembrances, both personal and otherwise, and heartfelt thanks to the veterans of America’s armed forces who gave their lives, to whom we owe so much.



Boca Raton City Council (left to right): Scott Singer, Andrea O’Rourke, Mayor Susan Haynie, Robert Weinroth, and Jeremy Rodgers.



Staff Sgt. Sean Johnson, the son of REC member Linda Johnson, served two tours in Afghanistan with the Special Forces. He was in town and attended Memorial Day services in Boca Raton.

State Representative Rick Roth Gives a Legislative Update to the Republican Club of the Palm Beaches

On May 24, 2017 at the Airport Holiday Inn in West Palm Beach, State Representative Rick Roth (District 85) gave a legislative report to constituents after attending his first legislative session in Tallahassee. It was a most impressive presentation, strongly suggesting to those who voted him into office that they are more than just adequately represented in the state's capitol. The new State House member gave the impression of a man of high integrity who is enthusiastically dedicated to mastering the process in the state legislative body and doing a good job for the people who placed their confidence in his leadership.

And at the luncheon those leadership skills were on display for all to see. His briefing as to what happened at the session, what he voted on and why was concise, to the point and easy to understand. The overwhelming first impression I got of Rep. Roth was that here was a straight-talking guy of high character who is honest as the day is long. I also like the idea of putting a farmer in the State House. It reminds one of colonial times during a much more agrarian era when so many more planters, such as Washington and Jefferson, were in office than today.

Mr. Roth has lived in Wellington for 37 years, but grew up in Belle Glade. His biography notes that "He is the President of the 5,000 acre Roth Farms east of Belle Glade, and has been producing vegetables and sugar cane there since 1976. Although never holding public office, Rick has been involved in politics for years, including fund-raising for Governor Bob Martinez, and he has held a variety of leadership positions with the Florida Farm Bureau Federation and the Florida Fruit & Vegetable Association and is on the board of the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida."

In his update, Rick's enthusiasm for his job in Tallahassee was most apparent, and in his approach to his first session he tried to be "calm, careful and to learn the process." The basis of that process is the committee system and, unusual for a freshman congressman perhaps, he was assigned to four of the five committees he requested, including an Education Subcommittee and an Agricultural Com-

mittee. In studying the legislative process in operation he learned that when one favors killing a proposed bill because it is "bad legislation," it needs to be done in committee "before it gets to the floor" so you "don't leave fingerprints." Out of every 3,000 bills, only a few hundred get passed, and those that do get to the floor usually do pass. During this session he spoke on the floor three times and got two bills passed, which is "good for a newbie." One of the two was the Certificate of Need bill. This bill "allows a teaching nursing home to add a teaching hospice on site." He spoke against HB743 Steriod ban on Racing Greyhounds, which passed the house, but died in the Senate. He also spoke for EAA Reservoir and said that "no one likes this bill. Proponents wanted to use private farm land. Opponents wanted to fix Hoover Dike or store water north of lake to clean. The fight will continue next year."

Rick reported that among the major legislation sent to the Governor this session were eight of the ten bills he supported. "All of these proposed bills provided significant changes in policy," he said. Among the eight pieces of legislation he supported that passed were the following:

1. Enterprise Florida and VisitFlorida—CONFORMING LEGISLATION—HB5502—**#1 Tough Decision**
 - a. Transparency and Accountability on how money is spent
 - b. EFI—\$16 million recurring—minimum funding to maintain
 - c. VF—\$25 million recurring
2. HB 7069—Choice and Accountability in Education **Different Approach**
 - a. Increase public school funding by over \$200 million.
 - b. Additional \$233 million for teacher and principal bonuses.
 - c. Additional \$140 million to turn around lowest performing schools

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State Representative Rick Roth gives a legislative update to the Republican Club of the Palm Beaches as Club President Fran Hancock looks on.

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3. Tax Relief for Floridians—2 amendments to Constitution—**Big Impact**—on 2018 ballot for voters to decide.
 - a. permanent 10% cap on annual non-homestead property tax increases—HJR21
 - b. increase the Homestead tax exemption by \$25,000 to \$75,000—HB7105
 - c. \$180.3 million in tax cuts—HB7109
4. Self Defense Immunity—HB245—**#1 Best Decision**
 - a. provides that when a prima facie claim of self defense is raised in a criminal pretrial immunity hearing, the burden of proof shifts to the prosecutor seeking to overcome the immunity claim.
 - b. House prevailed on compromise language—“Clear and concise evidence” is a lower standard than “Beyond a Reasonable Doubt”
5. Prayer in Schools—HB303/SB436—**Religious Freedom** Authorizes public school students and personnel to express religious viewpoints and engage in certain religious activities without discrimination; enforcement under Religious Freedom Restoration Act.
6. Sober Homes—HB807—**#1 Local Bill**
 - a. Authorizes State to investigate and prosecute patient brokering offenses.
 - b. Requires DCF to conduct background screening for owners and employees of substance abuse service providers
 - c. Provides fines and penalties

7. Controlled Substances—HB477—**#2 Local Bill**
 - a. provides that the unlawful distribution of specified controlled substances which proximately cause death is murder; prohibits possession of more than 10 grams of specified substances.
8. Transportation Network Companies—HB221 (UBER and LYFT)—**Innovation**
 - a. Service agent in the state
 - b. Fare requirements
 - c. Driver requirements to be independent contractor
 - d. Zero tolerance policy for drug and alcohol abuse.
 - e. Requirement for driver background checks
 - f. Non-discrimination policy by drivers

This bill preempts local government regulation by creating statewide regulations. The goal is to encourage innovation and technology companies to do business in Florida.

There’s a new state representative in Tallahassee whose decency and fierce determination to speak frankly and honestly to those who expressed their faith in him last November and give them his best comes shining through the first time you hear him speak. I’ve seen many of these budding politicians come and go over the years and know full well that the road to elective office is paved with good intentions, but after hearing Representative Rick Roth give his first legislative briefing to the folks back home I’ve got an overwhelming feeling that this decent, intelligent, likable grower from the Glades will go far.

—Tom Mullings



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Don't Believe Hyperbole, Hysterics from Budget Critics



One of my all-time heroes is Winston Churchill. He's widely credited with having said, "A lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on." In the digital age, this phenomenon, which once took days or weeks, now takes mere hours or minutes.

To know this is true we only need to look at the hyperbole and hysterics coming from the special interests and their allies in the news media surrounding the passage of the Florida legislative budget. If you can believe it, one newspaper even argued that Gov. Scott should veto the budget because it offered kids in failing schools hope, and because voters shouldn't be able to choose another \$25,000 homestead exemption on their property taxes.

I wish I were joking but I'm not.

But rather than indulge in the same scare tactics employed by some opponents, I'd like to just tell you exactly what the budget does and doesn't do. None of what I'm about to tell you is half true or somewhat true—it's all completely true.

First, this budget was subject to the most open, transparent, and transformational budget rules in history. No more secret projects at the last minute, no more stuffing university budgets with pork, and no more tricks to hide future spending. And contrary to media hysterics, virtually every bill included in the budget negotiations was introduced, vetted, debated, and even voted on in committee for weeks or months prior to the budget.

Second, this budget refuses to mortgage our children's future. This year we were faced with billion-dollar-plus shortfalls in the next two years. Due to our fiscal responsibility, we turned those billion-dollar budget shortfalls into billion-dollar-plus surpluses. We also set aside another \$3.2 billion in reserves, and we did it all without raising taxes.

Third, not only did we protect the future without raising taxes, we actually cut taxes. We added another \$25,000 homestead exemption on the ballot in 2018, and we saved

homeowners over \$500 million in property tax increases that some in Tallahassee wanted to use to pay for more pork.

Fourth, this budget puts a record amount of money—\$24 billion—into K-12 education. In addition, all highly effective teachers will get a \$1,200 bonus and effective teachers will get an \$800 bonus. And the very best and brightest teachers will get a \$6,000 bonus. And yes, children in the 115 failure-factory schools will get the opportunity to attend a new school, in the same neighborhood, with a proven track record of giving kids a hope and a future.

Fifth, this budget eliminated hundreds of millions of dollars in member pork-barrel spending, and I personally encourage the governor to go forth and veto additional pork projects he feels waste taxpayer money.

Sixth, this budget rightsizes Visit Florida to \$25 million and places strict accountability requirements on an agency that threw away tens of millions of your taxpayer dollars and even contracted to advertise to visitors in Syria. Yes you read that right: Syria. This budget also eliminates corporate welfare and bureaucrats unfairly picking winners and losers. No more Enterprise Florida board members, who pay \$50,000 for those seats, handing out your money to their friends or multibillion-dollar corporations getting taxpayer handouts to compete with your local businesses.

This year's budget does this and so much more. From funding to clear out the backlog of sexual-assault testing kits to fully funding the KidCare program, to making feminine hygiene products tax exempt, this budget is tough on waste, generous to our kids, and prioritizes real people.

For some, however, this wasn't enough. It is this exact same logic and thinking that has put this country \$20 trillion in debt and enriched insider elites at the expense of the hard-working, play-by-the-rules majority of we the people.

Well, we have news for them: Not anymore. Not with your money. And not on my watch.

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AmericaFirst Event on D-Day Honors Veterans

On a rainy evening in Boca Raton, AmericaFirst hosted a Military Tribute to honor America’s veterans. Veterans from all the wars in which the United States has participated were represented: World War II, the Korean War, the Cold War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the Iraq War, and the Afghanistan War.

The dinner event, held at the Boca Raton Marriott on the anniversary of D-Day, was organized by Margi Henschien, who founded AmericaFirst to “raise awareness about our Founding Fathers’ principles of liberty and freedom.” Emcee of the event was Sid Dinerstein, former Chair of the Palm Beach County Republican Party. Also in attendance were Boca Raton Mayor Susan Haynie; Michael Barnett, current Chair of the Palm Beach County Republican Party; and Carla Spalding, candidate for U.S. Congress, District 23, running against Debbie Wasserman Schultz. Speakers included Col. Arthur de Ruve (U.S. Army, Ret.), who described his experiences as a Cold Warrior facing the Soviets in Europe.

Peter Feaman, Florida’s Republican National Committeeman, spoke about his father’s service as a pilot in World

War II, and how this inspired Peter’s son to attend the U.S. Naval Academy and then become a proud Marine.

World War II veteran Bill Schwartz, gave an emotional talk about his experiences as part of the first wave of troops to land on Omaha Beach in Normandy on D-Day, noting that more than 2,000 Americans lost their lives that day, including 82 percent of the men in his unit. Mr. Schwartz, who had just celebrated his 93rd birthday, also spoke glowingly of the Honor Flights, which take World War II and Korean War veterans to Washington, DC, for the day to visit their memorials in the nation’s capitol, and urged all veterans to take advantage of this experience.

As a surprise, at the close of the event, Stanley Tate, founder of Florida’s Prepaid College Program and one of the developers of Trump Tower, stepped to the podium and said that he had spoken with President Trump earlier in the day and told him he would be attending AmericaFirst’s Military Tribute that evening. Mr. Tate reported that the President asked him to pass along his regards and his thanks to the veterans.



Decorated World War II vet Bill Schwartz, talked about his experiences as an infantryman in the first wave at Utah Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944.



Col. Arthur de Ruve gave an emotional talk about his service in Europe during the Cold War.



AmericaFirst organizer Margi Henschien.



REC Secretary Cheryl Mullings enjoying the evening with French artist Duaviv and his wife Magella.

TRUTH MATTERS!

Learn the Difference between an Actual “Treaty” and an “Executive Promise”

By Annie Marie Delgado

Yes, Obama attempted to screw America and President Trump is reversing a bad decision. Read on.

In December 2015, nine months before the end of his presidency, Barack Obama signed the Paris Accord. The United States did not. In order to ratify it as a treaty, two-thirds of the Senate had to approve it. Obama told us it was not a treaty, but an executive agreement between himself and other nations. The Paris agreement was an agreement only with the Obama Administration, and an unratified treaty, in which case it had no effect. The Constitution’s separation of powers prevents the President from binding the country unilaterally. Our system does not divide authority into spheres controlled exclusively by the Senate, House and President. It requires combinations of offices to work together.

Obama’s counterparts in Paris knew he lacked the support to bind our country. In fact, they watered down the wording of the agreement to support Obama’s agreement that it does not require ratification. Examples: they changed the word “shall” to “should” in many places in order to avoid calling it a treaty. The negotiators choose between a treaty that would bind the United States and the promise of an outgoing president. Any claims that Trump or the United States “is going back on it words” is disingenuous. Only Obama gave his word, and the other parties in Paris helped design the agreement to throw our Constitution out the window. Obama ignored his constitutional duty to submit treaties to the Senate. In fact, a statement from the Obama White House said it all when the White House signaled it would bypass the Senate no matter what, by saying, “I think it’s hard to take seriously from some members of Congress who deny the fact that climate change exists, that they should have some opportunity to render judgment about a climate change agreement.”

Under the agreement Obama signed, the UN would have called the shots on what we did within our own borders to protect the climate. They would have also had the power to punish us through embargoes and trade agreements.

Under Obama’s agreement, China, the world’s major polluter, is ALLOWED to increase their emissions where the United States cannot. India is hinging its participation on billions of dollars of foreign aid.

The agreement was less about the climate and more about other countries gaining financial advantage over the United States.

This was a United Nations program that gave foreign leaders in Europe and Asia more say with respect to the United States economy than we do. It would have handicapped the United States economy—it was a deal that would have punished the United States, while imposing no obligations on the world’s leading polluters. China would

be allowed to build hundreds of additional coal plants, but we cannot, according to the agreement. India would be allowed to double its coal production by 2020, but we have to get rid of ours. Even Europe is allowed to continue construction of coal plants, but we cannot.

Obama’s requirements in the Paris Accord would cost the United States economy nearly \$3 trillion.

By 2040 our economy would lose 6.5 million industrial sector jobs, including 31 million manufacturing sector jobs.

It would decapitate our coal industry which now supplies one-third of our electric power.

It imposed unrealistic targets on the United States for reducing our carbon emissions, while giving countries like China a free pass. China would actually be allowed to INCREASE emissions until 2030.

Obama committed \$3 billion to the Green Climate Fund—which is about 30 percent of the initial funding—WITHOUT being authorized by Congress.

We are \$20 trillion in debt. U.S. taxpayers should not be paying to subsidize other countries’ energy needs.

The United States is already a Clean Energy and Oil & Gas Energy Leader. We can reduce our emissions and continue to produce American energy without the Paris Accord. America has already reduced its carbon-dioxide emissions dramatically (who remembers those yearly emission tests). The United States is the leader in oil and gas production.

For anyone who thought the Paris Accord was all about clean rivers and air, it is not and never was.

The agreement funds a United Nations climate slush fund underwritten by the American taxpayers.

—Posted on Facebook, June 5



News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

Republican Federated Women of South Florida Welcomed Honored Veterans at their May 25 Meeting

The Republican Federated Women of South Florida honored veterans at their May 25 meeting at the Boca Country Club. Veterans in attendance were: **Celeste Ellich** (Navy), **Arthur de Ruve** (Army), **Tony Di Perna** (Marines), **Andrew Lloyd von Gelt** (Marines, Navy, Army), **Tom Mullings** (Army), **Bill Petraglia** (Army), **Alan Bergstein** (Army), **Mort Kuff** (Army), and **Steve Laine** (Navy). We were especially proud to welcome two World War II veterans, Mort Kuff and Steve Laine.

The evening started out with a wonderful rendition of *God Bless America*, sung by **Ann Bathelder**. Army veteran and retired NYPD detective **Bill Petraglia** enumerated the many American cemeteries abroad where our fallen servicemen and women are buried, from Normandy in France, to

the Philippines, to Mexico, to Belgium, to the United Kingdom, and many more. **Sam Bierstock** next gave a video presentation of a song he wrote to honor our World War II veterans, *Before You Go*, which has received more than 20 million hits on YouTube. Our final speaker was **Joe Jenco** from Americans for Prosperity, who spoke about AFP's many programs, including Concerned Veterans for America, which advocates for veterans issues, and their Grassroots Leadership Academy.

The club is planning to host a Bingo/Ice Cream Social for the resident patients at the Community Living Center of the West Palm Beach VA Hospital on Saturday, July 15.

For information about the club, please contact President **Rosemary O'Mara** at rosemaryo625@aol.com.



Veterans honored at the May 25 meeting of the Republican Federated Women of South Florida (left to right): Celeste Ellich, Arthur de Ruve, Tony Di Perna, Andrew Lloyd von Gelt, Tom Mullings, Bill Petraglia, Alan Bergstein, Mort Kuff, and Steve Laine.

News from the Judeo/Christian Republican Club

Friends,

The next meeting of the Judeo/Christian Republican Club will be held on June 19th, at 6PM at the Palm Beach County Civic Center located at 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. It is on the east side of Jog Road, about 1/2 mile south of Linton Blvd. There is no charge for the meeting. Bring your friends, both conservative and liberal. We will have two outstanding speakers.

As a (pleasant) result of our last meeting being SRO we have booked a larger hall for this event to more comfortably accommodate the attendees. There will be an open (really democratic) Q & A from the floor. It is suggested that you arrive early.

Thanks,
Alan Bergstein



News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

Republican Club of Kings Point April 5th and May 3rd Meetings

Our April 5th meeting was a big success. **Colonel Arthur De Ruve** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Paul Koppleman**, accompanied by **Fran Lemon** on the piano, led us in the singing of *God Bless America*.

Our May 3rd meeting was also a big success. **Colonel Arthur DeRuve** led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Violet Darling** accompanied by **Fran Lemon** on the piano led us in the singing of *God Bless America*. Our guest speakers **Jacobo Goldstein**, **Alex Paul**, and **Alan Bergstein** gave terrific talks about the successes of the Trump administration, how Europe is changing with the influx of immigrants, and how European Union leaders are selected and what they do, and what is happening right here in Palm Beach County. **Bill Hartnett** conducted the raffle for the \$25.00 Publix gift card, and the winner was **Wilma Cohen**. Also raffled were five pocket Declaration of Independence and Constitutions.

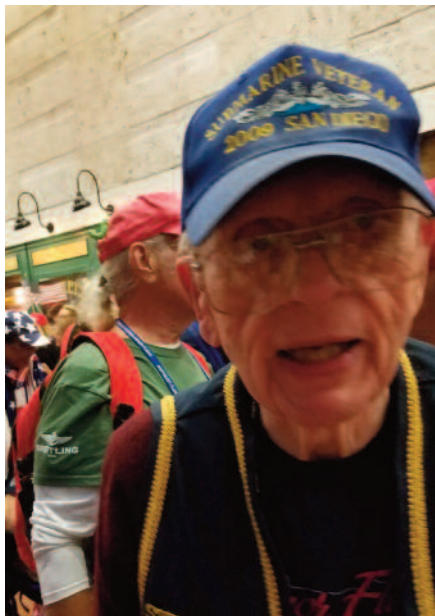
We hope to see you all at our next meeting on Wednesday, June 7th, 2017 at 7PM in the “Social Room” of the main Clubhouse, by the East End Café. Don’t forget, everyone will have a free chance to win a \$25.00 Publix gift card. We don’t charge dues and there is no admission charge. We do accept and appreciate donations. Please remember that we meet the first Wednesday of each month.

Members of our Kings Point Community are welcome to attend our regularly scheduled Steering Committee meetings (the Monday following the regular 1st Wednesday evening club meeting) at 7 PM in the Classroom next to the theater entrance at the main clubhouse. Your participation and input are important to us.

Paul Tocker—President, 561-235-0840

Jonathan Winson—Vice President, 561-600-0416

Two Local Heroes Honored on May 20 Honor Flight



On Saturday, May 20, two local heroes participated in the Southeast Florida Honor Flight, which takes World War II and Korean War veterans to Washington, DC, for the day to visit their memorials. Pictured here as they arrived back at Palm Beach International Airport that evening are Steve Laine on the left (Navy, World War II) and on the right, Alan Bergstein (Army, Korean War) with his “guardian” for the day.

Letters

What Memorial Day Has Become

My Dear Friends,

I'm writing this on Memorial Day, 2017. The papers are sadly filled with ads featuring sales on this sanctified day. For many, it is a beach day for franks, hamburgers, family cookouts. But to me it is a day for celebrating our liberties. And for mourning, more than just a bit, for those whose lives were given to gift us our freedom to celebrate. But my memories go far back to my childhood.

As a seven-year-old kid, I sat in the auditorium of Brooklyn's PS 97 and listened to our principal, Mrs. Rauch tell us that things would be alright. We would be safe. It was Monday, December 8th, 1941, the day after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. We stood, pledged allegiance to the flag and all sang the National Anthem all together. She was right. We won the war, defeated our enemies and went on with our lives.

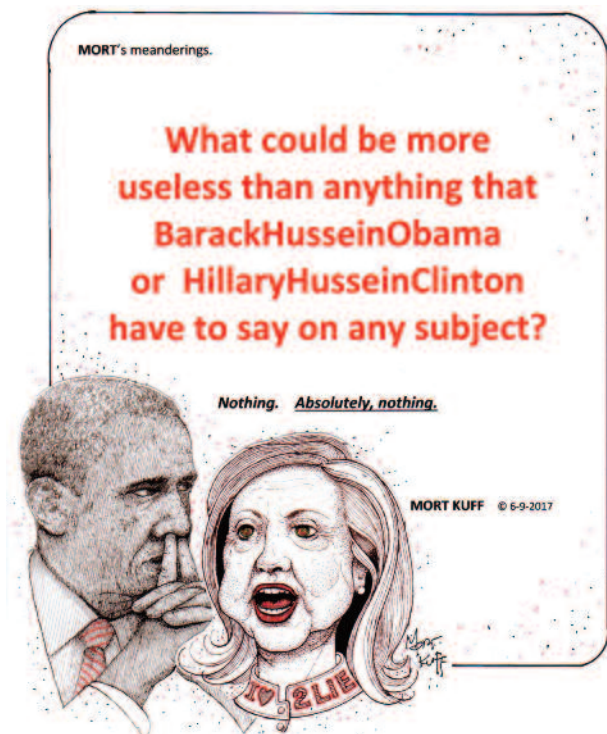
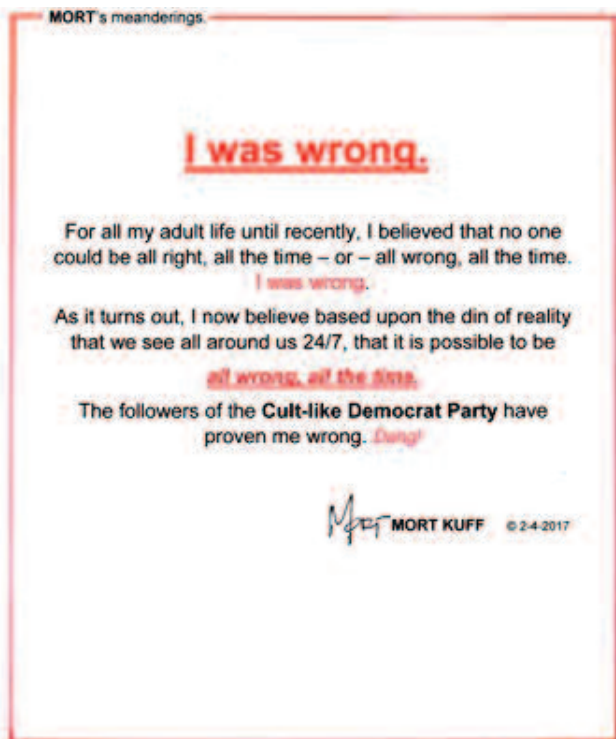
But my neighbor, Joey Pinto, whose family owned the Thunderbolt in Coney Island, was killed in the Pacific. Each day, leaving my house I'd see the gold star flag hanging in his family's window. I would never talk to him again, watch my older hero play stickball in the gutter, or have him pat my head when he placed me in the front seat of the roller-coaster whenever he spotted me walking down Stillwell Avenue to the beach. He gave his life for me and you.

Yet, today, I see pictures of young men and women burning our flag, smashing windows of businesses and overturning cars in order to tear down what millions of our military paid for with their lives, limbs and sanity. We are a screwed up nation now. We have a growing, political element focused on destroying our freedoms, our Constitution, and our way of life. Our nation no longer has the unanimity we had back during WWII. Just how many of our snowflake college kids would show up at their draft offices to register if a military Selective Service were reinstated? Would they don uniforms, bear arms, and fight for the freedoms they are now exploiting? Or would their parents hire ACLU lawyers or send their offspring to Canada to wait for a president in the manner of Jimmy Carter back in 1977 to pardon them, welcome them home, offer them cups of hot chocolate and have them benefit from those who sacrificed so much so they could behave like domestic terrorists?

So, this Memorial Day, I sat with many friends in the outdoors. As a proud veteran I saluted as a high school military honor guard paraded the colors, pledged, sang our nation's National Anthem, and thought of Mrs. Rauch and said a silent Kaddish for Joey Pinto as I do every Memorial Day. This was a true holy day.

Alan Bergstein
May 29, 2017

Mort's Meanderings



The National Popular Vote Project

By *CS Bennett*

As usual, Obama, George Soros, and the Democrats are up to no good. I do not think anyone on our side of the aisle has any doubt that the left is unhappy with losing. Under Barack Obama, they have lost governorships and members in both houses of Congress, and that includes politicians at the state level. But unlike establishment Republicans, liberals do not quit. They retreat and dream up schemes, and schemes that are meant to usurp the United States Constitution. Their latest scheme is one few Americans are aware of. But this is the one scheme that could bring down the Republican Party and the United States Constitution, and more importantly, what they are doing is legal. It is such a threat to our core political process that we must act on it and with a great sense of urgency. So, I am sounding the alarm about this movement.

This movement, financed by George Soros, and spearheaded by Barack Obama, is called the “National Popular Vote.” Now, as we all should know, the Founding Fathers created the Electoral College so that no one state, or no group of states, with large populations, could control the rest of the country by winning elections because they were the largest population centers. This process has worked for us since the beginning of this great republic. The Electoral College allows each state to nominate a certain number of “electors” who cast the ultimate vote for president (instead of individual voters).

We can all thank the media for playing up the popular vote when we never, in our history, elected a president by this process. So, in the minds of those who know no better, when their presidential candidate loses, they cry foul, then direct their anger at the Electoral College. As we speak, liberals are quietly working behind the scenes to change this process. They are steadily beating the drum that the Electoral College is flawed and that the only true way to ensure that every vote counts is to make the popular vote the standard by which we elect presidents. And they plan on doing this via a compact with the states.

The measure they are seeking to enshrine into law would kick in only if states representing most of the nation’s 538 electoral votes decided to make the same change. Simply put, supporters of this movement are focusing on convincing state-level legislators to require their electors to cast ballots for whoever wins the *national* popular vote. The effort works as a compact—it only takes effect if enough states whose total electoral votes surpass 270 pass bills agree to participate. What this means is this: high population states, such as California and New York, could win the next eight to ten presidential elections because they have the largest populations. Is it any wonder why Obama was trying to flood the United States with illegals and then making them citizens?

Opponents of the measure, typically Republicans, know the contract could force a state to cast its electoral votes for a candidate who lost the state but won the national popular



vote, and would lessen the influence of smaller rural states. The Framers of the Constitution shared a similar discussion during the drafting of the document, choosing the electoral college system over a direct popular vote due to fears that it would favor candidates from larger states.

Now, just what is our Republican leadership doing to stop this? I have heard stories that some of our congressmen and congresswomen say they are monitoring it. What? There is someone spreading gasoline around your house, and they have a lighter in hand, and you are just going to monitor it? You must be joking, I thought. But sadly, the Republicans seem not to think this a big enough issue. They have no plan to fight this, and no strategy to defeat this compact movement. This is why it is up to you, the voter, to lean on your elected officials and let them know that they had better come up with a plan to stop this movement in its tracks. To think that some of the states that are run by Republican governors are considering signing onto this abomination is unthinkable.

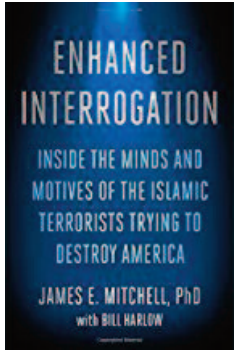
My friends, this National Popular Vote effort is now 61 percent of the way toward its goal of legally bypassing the Electoral College established in the U.S. Constitution. Once they get another four or five states to sign onto this compact, it becomes law. And with it, your right to have true representation is taken away from you forever. Liberals hope to have this compact signed and sealed by the 2020 presidential elections, or even before that. Let’s not fall asleep on this one. We cannot afford to.

This is more proof that we cannot work with Democrats whose core mission is to destroy us. That leaves us little choice but to defeat them. and defeat them we must before they destroy our party and this great republic, which they seem to be hell bent on doing. God, bless you and God bless America. Sound the alarm. This may be the last chance we have to.

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Book Review

***Enhanced Interrogation: Inside the Minds and Motives of the Islamic Terrorists Trying to Destroy America*, by James E. Mitchell, Ph.D., with Bill Harlow. New York: Crown Publishing Group, 2016. Hardcover, 310 pp.**



In April, as reported in these pages, I went to the Colony Hotel in Palm Beach to hear author Dr. James E. Mitchell speak, and his talk was a real eye-opener. As part of the price of admission at that event, those of us in attendance received a copy of his book, *Enhanced Interrogation*, and after reading it I can attest that it definitely lived up to the promise conveyed by the author in his address

that day on the island. Without question, it was one of the most fascinating books I have read in recent years, and I read about 75 of them a year.

Dr. Mitchell, a retired Lt. Col. who served 22 years with the United States Air Force, has a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of South Florida, and from August 2002 through January 2009 the CIA turned to him to help develop their enhanced interrogation program designed to elicit information from captured high value al-Qa'ida leaders. This was right after 9/11 when the fear of further pending catastrophic terrorist attacks in the country was being felt by every American—and with good reason, as it turned out.

Dr. Mitchell helped develop the enhanced interrogation techniques, including waterboarding and “personally applied” those “techniques” as an interrogator, questioning “thirteen of the most senior high-value detainees in U.S. custody, including Abu Zubaydah’ Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, commander of the *USS Cole* bombing”; and Khalid Sheikh Mohammad (KSM), the mastermind of 9/11. The author found the enhanced interrogation techniques (EIT) he developed for the program distasteful, and his graphic description of those intense events in the book makes it easy to understand why, but in employing them he felt he was balancing his sense of morality against the cost of innocent lives.

And what Dr. Mitchell did at those CIA black sites around the world did in fact save American lives, by uncov-

ering pending terrorist attacks and preventing further bloodshed. Unfortunately, President Obama ended those EITs by executive order on January 22, 2009. Most of the pushback against those techniques originates from the left and has done a disservice to men like Dr. Mitchell, one of the true heroes of the 9/11 era who should be admired not denigrated. As he implied in his book “there is the blinding effect of emotions. Generate enough outrage at the authorities, and monster[s] who killed three thousand people” become pitiable victims. “If your goal is to smear the agency’s interrogation program and the people involved you must attribute salacious and damaging motives to them.”

Because of this, Dr. Mitchell believes we are less safe today than we were before 9/11, and let’s let him tell us why:

al-Qa’ida is still plotting catastrophic terror attacks against the U.S. and trying to acquire unfathomably destructive nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons. We have largely stood by with our hands in our pockets while [Islamist] terrorists who have vowed to kill us and destroy our way of life rob hospitals of radiological material and dig up discarded chemical weapons in the desert. How long will it be before those lethal items are incorporated into improvised explosive devices and used to attack us? Americans have hard decisions to make. As a nation we need to decide which is more important, bestowing the rights of American citizens on foreign terrorists or gathering intelligence to save American lives by stopping upcoming terror attacks. To those who would say, ‘We can do both,’ I ask, ‘How many intelligence reports have we gotten out of KSM since he lawyered up at Gitmo in 2006?’ Answer: not one[!]

Dr. Mitchell is a great American, and the enhanced interrogation program he developed and applied to elicit information from senior al-Qa’ida leaders helped keep us safe in our country’s darkest hour following the horrible unprovoked attacks of September 11, 2001. We owe him quite a debt of gratitude, and I would highly recommend his book to anyone interested in finding out about the real story behind *Enhanced Interrogation* from an insider who knows what he’s talking about.

—Tom Mullings

Editor's Postscript

The DEEP STATE Strikes Back

By Tom Mullings

Deep staters. They know who they are. They're arrogant, unelected, but agendized people who undermine the democratic process of America, while hiding in the labyrinth of the bureaucracy in Washington, DC.

Have a look at the first one brought to the surface in the photo below. Her name is Reality Leigh Winner. She's a 25-year-old federal contractor from Augusta, Georgia, who was recently arrested "after Justice Department prosecutors said she printed a copy of a classified report and mailed it to an online news outlet." This marks the first leak prosecution under the Trump administration. Ms. Winner reportedly has confessed to investigators that she made copies of the classified material, an NSA document, and sent it to the news outlet. Betsy Reed, editor of the news outlet, *Intercept*, claimed that they have "no knowledge of the identity of the source" of the pilfered document. If convicted, Ms. Reality Winner will in short order become a reality loser (pun intended) and spend some time behind bars. "Exceptional law enforcement efforts allowed us quickly to identify and arrest the defendant," said Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein. "Releasing classified material without authorization threatens our nation's security and undermines public faith in government. People who are trusted with classified information and pledge to protect it must be held accountable when they violate that obligation."

And so they should be. Unfortunately, Ms. Winner is but the very tip of an iceberg. So who are these people and what is their agenda? Most of these deep staters are Obama holdovers and career bureaucrats inside our government who have one thing in common—a burning desire to nullify our recent election and get rid of our legally elected president. Actually there is one other thing these people have in common: they all justify what they're doing to undermine President Trump as "the [morally] right thing to do." A



Reality Leigh Winner, aka "Loser"

while back, Robert Reich, the Secretary of Labor under former President Bill Clinton, praised these despicable individuals as part of the "resistance." "The resistance is growing inside federal departments, coming from federal workers charged with implementing Trump's agenda," he said.

But not all of these deep staters are operating below the radar. They're most prominent leaders are in the open. Democrat Sen. Chucky Schumer, for example, is doing everything he can to aid these bottom dwellers, "blocking the Trump agenda" and holding up legislation proposed by the majority party at every turn. Then there's former President Barack Obama, leader of the deep staters, and why shouldn't he be, what with his unassailable credentials as the foremost "community organizer" in the country, bar none. After leaving office, the "Anointed One" took up residence in D.C., telling everyone that he was hanging around because he "wanted his daughters to finish the school year with their chums." Later he stopped pretending and bought the place, leaving no doubt about what he was really doing—community organizing.

What these lefties are really all about is "insurrection." They're furious about the outcome of last year's election and determined to change it any way they can. Ms. Winner was reportedly upset about President Trump's withdrawing the United States from the Paris Climate Accord. The nerve of that President, upsetting unelected Ms. Winner's personal political agenda like that!

In closing, I've got one thing to say to all these bureaucratic bottom feeders doing their best to undermine the President of the United States who they disagree with and we elected. Go ahead and keep up all your illegal leaking. Where Ms. Reality Winner will probably soon be going, she could use some arrogant, like-minded, holier-than-thou company.

Tom Mullings is a decorated Army infantry combat veteran of the Vietnam War, who served as a scout dog handler with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was one of the three original incorporators of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, and is a long-time Republican Executive Committeeman from precinct 5154 in Palm Beach County.





Republican Executive Committee Membership Application

The Republican Executive Committee (also known as the REC) is the governing body of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County. The REC elects the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Party. Members of the REC also approve the Party's constitution; Rules, Policies & Procedures; and budget.

Members of the Republican Executive Committee represent the registered Republicans who live in their precinct. They serve as the Party's liaison to the Republicans in their precinct. REC members are expected to maintain contact with the Republicans living in your precinct and to keep them informed as to what is going on in the Republican Party. This can be done through E-mail or other means like regular mail, phone calls and walking your precinct. The REC is the basis for our grassroots efforts and we rely on REC Members to organize and develop their precincts, recruit new volunteers, recruit candidates to fill vacancies on the REC, find sign locations for Republican candidates, register new Republican voters and work to get out the Republican vote in their precincts during elections. The role of committeeman or committeewoman is essential to Republican Party's and our candidates' success in Palm Beach County.

REC Committeeman & Committeewoman Duties and Responsibilities

1. Expected to donate financially to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County
2. Attend REC Meetings
3. Organize your precinct and carry out the policies and programs of the Party within your precinct. Active participation in the various programs of the Party is expected.
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I, _____, swear and/or affirm that during my term of
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office I will not actively, publicly, or financially support the election of any candidate seeking election against:

- (1) The Republican Party's nominee in a partisan unitary, general, or special election that includes a Republican nominee; or
- (2) A registered Republican in a non-partisan election except that this provision does not apply to judicial races under Chapter 105, Florida Statutes.

I further swear or affirm that, in a contested Republican primary election, I will not support the nomination of one Republican candidate over another in my capacity as a Republican County Executive Committee member unless the Party has voted to endorse under RPOF Rule 8. This provision does not preclude me from supporting in any manner my personal Republican candidate of choice in a contested Republican primary election, provided I do not express such support with public reference to my title or office within the Republican Party of Florida.

Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

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STATEMENT OF PARTY (Section 99.021, Florida Statutes)

I am a member of the _____ Party; I have not been a registered member of any other political party for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which I seek to qualify; and I have paid the assessment levied against me, if any, as a candidate for said office by the executive committee of the political party, of which I am a member.

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Signature of Candidate	Telephone Number	Email Address	
Address	City	State	ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____ **day of** _____, **20** _____.

Personally Known: _____ or

Produced Identification: _____

Type of Identification Produced:

Signature of Notary Public
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public
