



Newsletter of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County—May 2017

Dems, Media, Lose Their Minds Over Russia Probe

“Oh the humanity!”

—Reaction to Hindenburg disaster in 1937
by reporter on the scene

“Oh the humanity!” Who could ever forget that quote from the emotion-stricken reporter, whose calm report on a seemingly routine landing of the German dirigible *Hindenburg* suddenly turned into one of the great news stories of the century as the giant hydrogen-filled airship erupted in a massive ball of flames right before his eyes. His reaction was totally understandable and could never be confused with hyperbole.

But what of the Democrats and their faithful allies in the mainstream media these days, who have gone absolutely stark-raving mad over President Trump’s firing of FBI Director Jim Comey? They’re acting as if “the Tuesday night massacre” has put an abrupt end to life as we know it. Listen to some of these hyperventilating lunatics: Chris Matthews on MSNBC referred to it as “a whiff of fascism.” “ABC and CBS went into full panic mode,” writes analyst

Scott Whitlock, saying that the “networks used dramatic music and visuals, comparing the firing to Richard Nixon during the darkest days of Watergate.” Other networks echoed these dire warnings. CNN legal commentator Jeffrey Tobin warned alarmingly, “I have not seen anything like this since October 20, 1973, when President Nixon fired Archibald Cox, the Watergate special prosecutor. This is something that is not within the American political tradition. This is not politics as usual. This is not normal.”

I’ll tell you what’s not normal: this relentless effort on the part of liberals to convince American voters that Donald Trump colluded with the Russians to deny the election to Hillary Clinton last year without one scintilla of evidence to suggest that such collusion ever took place. Shortly before Comey’s ouster, Hillary was saying that his interference in the election was one of the main reasons she lost and Dems were parroting her. Now he’s their champion!

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Actually what’s going on here is rather easy to see. The Dems are engaged in a clever misdirection operation put in place long ago and initially designed to deflect public attention away from the very damaging Hillary Clinton email-gate scandal during the 2016 election cycle. Since then, this operation has morphed into an excuse as to why she and the Dems lost, as well as a potential means of hindering and hammering the president and his party for years to come, especially if they succeed in their calls for a special prosecutor. For the Democrats, it’s not necessary to prove that the Trump campaign “colluded” with the Russians; the “appearance” of collusion in the collective mind of the American public alone is a worthy enough goal, and the appointment of an independent special prosecutor is all they need to ensure that the investigation will drag on forever.

There is clearly no need for a special prosecutor and Republicans should hold their ground in refusing to appoint one. The only crimes revealed in this sordid affair were the indisputable unmasking of American citizens at Trump Tower and the subsequent leaking of their names to the media, which are felonies. And since the Dems are so interested in “appearances,” that illegal unmasking along with President Obama’s unprecedented order allowing that information to be disseminated far and wide as he was on the way out of the door of the White House, strongly suggests that this was being intentionally done to his political opponents.

Strangely, the Dems and their lapdogs in the mainstream media aren’t interested in this aspect of “Trump Tower Gate,” for which there is irrefutable evidence of a crime, but instead continue to exclusively focus on the mirage of collusion for which there is not an iota of proof. All we

know is that Gen. Flynn talked to the Russians. Big deal. Every senator and congressman at one time or another on both sides of the aisle has done the same. That doesn’t give us all a solid reason to strongly suspect that they are colluding with the Russians to throw our elections, as the hyperventilating Dems and their media mouthpieces want us to believe. Besides, a while back, while she was secretary of state, Hillary’s charitable/influence-peddling/money-making Clinton Foundation did a deal with the Russians that enabled them to control of 20 percent of our uranium deposits and the Clintons to pocket millions! Collusion perhaps? Don’t be silly. That’s what the Dems call helping the world’s poor and destitute.

As for Comey, it was obvious that he had to go. Months earlier he got in front of all of us and laid out a solid, *prima facie* case for referring Hillary’s illegal private server shenanigans for prosecution, and then declined to do so on the grounds that while she was “extremely careless” she was not “grossly negligent.” Someone please explain to me how a secretary of state can be “extremely careless” about handling classified documents without being “grossly negligent”? In addition, since when is it up to the FBI director to pass judgment on the legal innocence of Mrs. Clinton? His job is to refer the case to his boss, the Deputy Attorney General, not give an assist to the Dems’ nominee for president of the United States. That’s politicization of the nation’s top law enforcement agency, pure and simple and the man had to be relieved. And by the way, according to published reports, President Obama was communicating with Hillary on that illegal, private, bathroom-secured server of hers using a pseudonym! Now there’s a case of Watergate proportions that is crying for a criminal investigation.

—Tom Mullings

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Unmasking Obama

By Sid Dinerstein

April 24, 2017



Richard Gere has made a lot of wonderful movies. But he might be most remembered for one very few people saw. (No, not *Pretty Woman*.) In 1997 Richard Gere made a movie called *Red Corner*, about an American lawyer arrested and tried in China. It's surreal; secret courts, simultaneous trials, unknown judges. Only the Communists could devise such a system, right? Wrong. As soon as I learned about FISA warrants, Susan Rice, and

unmasking I knew I was watching a rerun. *Red Corner* is now the Rule of Law in the good old US of A. Download the movie to see where our government has taken us.

In 1978, long before 9/11, Osama, Iraq and ISIS, we passed the Foreign Surveillance Intelligence Act (FISA) to allow our spy guys (spooks) to obtain wiretap approval under very stringent and controlled circumstances. (Rand Paul was probably still in school.) Clearly the growth of electronics meant the world was more dangerous and if we didn't listen to them they would listen to us. Of course, as Lord Acton told the world: "Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely." My own updated version is: "Once the (government) genie is out of the bottle, you'll never get it back in."

Fast forward to 2009. And instead of the feckless Jimmy Carter in the 1978 White House we have the Saul Alinsky protege, Barack Obama. President Obama found all the genies. Once upon a time the United States was a Constitutional Republic. That meant that the Rule of Law was sacred and all the officials and agencies worked for "We the people." President Obama had a different vision. He turned us into a Banana Republic, where all the officials and the agencies work for the (Democratic) Party. Remember Lois Lerner turning the IRS into a political weapon? How about the EPA taking control of your farm because a puddle was found? The FBI could indict (Republican) Petraeus but not (Democrat) Hillary. Clapper could lie to a congressional committee and know there was no price to pay. And let's not even talk about Benghazi. It will take President Trump years to drain this swamp.

That brings us back to FISA warrants and their enablers, the NSA and Susan Rice. We're at the very tip of the wiretap iceberg but, unbeknownst to most, on the right track. President Trump, one of the most intuitive people we will ever know, realized that he had been wiretapped. Lacking the standard presidential filter, he just blurted (tweeted) it out. In other words he released his own genie knowing he could

never take it back. The media and Dems (but I repeat myself) screamed, laughed, pointed fingers and generally dismissed President Trump as delusional (again). Republican Congressman Nunes, Chairman of the House Intelligence Committee (Is there really such a thing?) saw the classified documents, told the President and drew an Ethics complaint—but not before his Democrat counterpart, Congressman Schiff, saw the same documents. Nunes recused himself, which may give us Trey Gowdy, and both parties committed to launch a full-scale investigation of FISA, the NSA, all the Russian connections, and, of course, Susan Rice, Carter Page and "unmasking."

Who and what? Let us go in reverse order and start with "unmasking." Unmasking is the new get-into-jail-free card that you're going to learn about. It works like this: A (secret) judge okays Susan Rice's request for a FISA warrant on me, citing me as a potential enemy mole. (Apparently Susan never gets turned down and my sin is using Russian dressing on my salad.) While under surveillance I play tennis with you and our unimportant conversations are "tapped." In the report to the other secret FISA agents your name is revealed, or "unmasked," in spookese. That's a felony; five years. Get it?

Now let's introduce Carter Page. Carter, a third level Trump campaign staffer, is about to be presented as Judas, Benedict Arnold, Mata Hari, Tokyo Rose, Alger Hiss and the Rosenbergs, all rolled into one. Carter's crime? He once spoke to a Russian. His bad fortune? He is all that the Dems have. He has volunteered to go before the House Intelligence Committee to "clear his name." Good luck with that.

And, of course, Susan Rice, the least credible appointee in America. All you have to know is that she started by denying everything, continued by explaining why that wasn't true. And is not represented by a lawyer but by a "crisis management" team. Who thought that the price she didn't pay for Benghazi would be extracted through FISA-gate.

We're going to stop here and let events and hearings take us to future episodes of "*Red Corner*, American style." It will not be dull or predictable. But it should be fun.

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.

Talking Points

Facts ... Alternate Facts and the Biased Media

By Larry P. Horist



After more than 50 years of public policy and political involvement, I can safely say that I have never seen so much of the mainstream media (what I refer to as the Big Seven) surrendering journalism for partisan propaganda. It has, however, been a long time in coming.

I started out in my professional life in the late 1960s—just about the time the journalism profession was stepping onto the slippery slope of political partiality. There was a new concept coming out of the journalism schools in those Days of Rage. It was called “advocacy journalism.” Rather than reporting the hard facts of who, what, when, where and how—as I learned in my high school journalism class—the new breed of young journalists was being educated in J-schools to report from a left wing anti-establishment political perspective.

Recognizing the budding problem of advocacy journalism, the Washington office of Sears, Roebuck and Co. launched a journalism internship program in cooperation with Professor Samuel Archibald of the University of Missouri. The idea was to match up undergrad journalism majors interested in politics and public policy with House and Senate offices for a summer-long internship. It was believed that actually experiencing how government operated in the nation’s capital would improve the quality of reporting. It was my responsibility to coordinate the program for Sears. Judging from the objectivity of reporting in the ensuing years, I cannot say the program was hugely successful.

Over decades of deep involvement with the news media, I saw the shadow of bias and partisanship spread over the profession like an plague. Republicans and especially conservatives had to really know how to play the game to get even a semblance of fair and balanced coverage. As a conservative Republican who managed civic organizations and ran for public office, I have my own examples of the “slings and arrows of outrageous fortune” at the hands of the news media.

The modern historic record of American journalism reveals both the drift to the left and the increasing stridency. If you study general coverage, it is easy to establish that the Brahmins of the news media hated Nixon, Reagan, Bush (43) and now Trump. They loved Kennedy, Carter, Clinton and Obama. Republican scandals, even the most minor of them, were put under the most intense microscope of criticism, while the egregious behavior of the likes of Ted

Kennedy, Gerry Studds, Barney Frank and, of course, Bill Clinton, were minimized and forgiven.

We see that today in the fact that the media focuses its condemning guns on questions of Russian ties to the Trump campaign (based on a SUSPICION of wrongdoing) while ignoring the treacherous leaking of highly classified material (a *prima fascia* felony).

The surprising election of Donald Trump seems to have snapped the last safeguards of journalistic ethics. Rather than reporting the facts, the Big Seven—including the television/radio news oracles of ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN and MSNBC, and the deified scribes of the *New York Times* and *Washington Post*—have taken on the role of prosecuting attorneys, building a one-sided case against Trump, Republicans and conservatives.

The left-wing media culture is a product of their own social, cultural and political bubble that extends from New York City to Washington, D.C., with a tether to their media and entertainment compatriots on the West Coast. What may come as a bit of a shock to most Americans is the fact that these isolated media personalities actually believe in their narrow far left vision and are convinced that it is a matter of *noblesse oblige* to educate the less enlightened, the less noble and the less honest—and even to rule over us from and increasingly powerful elitist run central government.

It is often said that politicians would be mistaken to believe their own public relations. The Big Seven fall victim of reporting their opinions and prejudices and then believing the echo as those same reports reverberate throughout their bubble.

While I dislike the term “fake news,” I do see the Big Seven as spewing out propaganda behind a thin façade of news. Very little time is actually devoted to presenting hard news. Most time is devoted to analyzing, conjecturing, hypothesizing, speculating, spinning and interpreting—and virtually always in the same philosophic or political direction.

Despite the fact that there are literally hundreds, nay thousands of stories each day worthy of news coverage, the Big Seven obsess over a few that either fit their prejudices or can be twisted to fit them. Their “expert” panelists then serve as a sort of kangaroo court to parrot the spin of the day (with apologies for the mixed metaphor).

They present an incestuous orgy of interviews and analysis with other personalities of the Big Seven. The panelists on CNN and MSNBC are mostly in-house reporters or paid “contributors,” most frequently from the *New York Times*

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and the *Washington Post*. Watching the CNN and MSNBC, one might conclude that the *Times* and the *Post* have full-time reporters and columnists whose only job is to appear on CNN and MSNBC.

The Big Seven’s media personalities puff up each other, referring to favored columnists as “legendary” and the *New York Times* as a “newspaper of record”—never appreciating that 90 percent of Americans do not know those legendary columnists and would not cross the street to get a free copy of the *Times*.

Many Americans see the Big Seven as the propaganda arm of the liberal establishment and the Democratic Party, and not without justification. But, they also may be their greatest liability. If you followed the Big Seven for the past few years, you would have been unaware that the GOP was racking up unprecedented gains all across the country. All the adoring eyes were on President Obama, the man who actually gives MSNBC’s Chris Mathews leg tingles. In their attempt to deceive the general public, they have blinded the Democratic Party to the reality of the majority of middle America.

The left-wing press was at its best in 2016. So convinced of their own righteousness and power over the public, they deluded their liberal friends into believing that they still held moral authority over the masses and that their anointed candidates, especially Hillary Clinton, would carry the day.

The ego of the Big Seven would never allow them to see how unpopular they were with the bedrock Americans. They had every warning, however. If they had looked at the ratings, they would have understood the meaning of the fact

that Fox News was more popular than CNN and MSNBC combined. They ignored polls that indicated that a large percentage of the population did not trust them to be fair and balanced.

Conservative talk show hosts dominate the radio market. Al Gore’s and George Soros’ attempt to launch a liberal network failed when their Air America came crashing down. Some years ago, there was an effort to produce a left-leaning program featuring former Democrat New York Governor Mario Cuomo and former Democrat Texas Governor Ann Richards. It fizzled. The left then hoped to resurrect one of their last successful liberal talk show hosts, Phil Donahue. The comeback fell flat.

The good news for conservatives and Republicans is that the Big Seven have still not learned the lesson of history. They still stir the pot of liberal discontent, and their current hysteria seems to reflect a determination to double down on their self destructive tone deaf relationship with the American people.

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The New Judeo/Christian Republican Club (JCRC) in South Florida

By Alan Bergstein

This past Tuesday, May 3, the Judeo/Christian Republican Club (JCRC) was born in Delray Beach, Florida. The expected gathering of 75 turned into an SRO crowd of nearly 200, with some turned away by the venue's employees for danger of overcrowding. With the total support of the local Republican leadership, the bodies and voices of Christians and Jews came together for the first time as a group to stand up to and voice their concern against the drift of this country into the deadly whirlpool of Radical Islam. All we have to do is look at what once was a free and democratic Europe, with a Judeo/Christian ethics base that is now quickly turning into a stronghold of demagoguery with the principles of free speech and democracy going down the tubes, to understand that we are obediently and politically following that same path.

We will fight as a strong, united force to help bolster Jewish and Christian causes. We will support Israel. We will stand up to protect Christians who are being attacked, murdered and raped throughout Europe and the Middle East. We will educate our own communities to understand the current immigration into this country of unvetted, mainly military aged men to undermine our democracy. Look, how within our own borders the Democrat Party is now truly being controlled by Keith Ellison, a former official of the Nation of Islam (led by Louis Farrakhan), who is a proud supporter and member of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR), which has been officially labeled by our government as a co-conspirator and supporter of Islamic terror.

It's our job to educate our citizens to the slippery slope to disaster we're in. Look no further than the well-scripted Democrat-sponsored "women's marches" around the country that have been led by hardened Islamist revolutionaries,

Linda Sarsour and her sister in hate, Rasmieh Odeh, who was recently ordered out of this country for being a terrorist. They are the role models the Democrat leadership are grooming to take over their party. Don't forget the tragedies against democracy now being waged in our universities and public schools. When one looks at the facts, there is no doubt that there is a well planned, politically camouflaged Democrat movement spreading over this country to destroy our unique base of Judeo/Christian beliefs and values.

That's why the Judeo/Christian Republican Club or JCRC was formed. It will unite those who wish to fight back and welcome all who stand for our hard fought for freedoms, including those Muslims who will support our Constitution and rules of law. We feel this new organization should be a model for each and every community, from coast to coast, to emulate. We welcome copy-cats. In fact, we'd be honored. Let us finally stand together to speak out for democracy for all, no matter what faith, ethnic background or beliefs.

And by the way, our next meeting will be held on June 19th, at 6PM at the South County Civic Center in Delray Beach.

Alan Bergstein is a popular South Florida conservative political activist who says what he thinks, no matter how many of his opponents are in front of him. He is a writer and former principal in the New York City public school system.



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News from District 89—Budget Highlights

Monday [May 8] concluded the 2017 Legislative Session with the traditional Sine Die ceremony. Session went a few days over the scheduled Friday finish as the budget still needed to be voted on. I wanted to provide you with some highlights of our 2017–2018 budget. Keep in mind that Governor Scott does have the opportunity to veto all or parts of the budget, but for now, these numbers stand.

Budget

The Florida Legislature agreed on an \$82.4 billion dollar budget that is not only balanced but puts a substantial amount towards reserves in case of a rainy day. In Florida, we are continuing to invest in our environment with \$213 million going towards Everglades' restoration and \$63.3 million going towards beach projects and restoration, which is particularly important to our local communities. We increased funding for transportation and infrastructure that will allow our state to remain competitive and accessible. We also provided more funding for vocational training to make sure our state continues to produce the best workforce in the country. This budget continues to support to our most vulnerable by increasing funds to programs such as those that assist the blind and provide after school lunches. Also, especially pertinent to Palm Beach County, we more than doubled the support we provide to substance abuse and mental health programs. This funding paired with the passage of our comprehensive sober home legislation and Governor Scott's declaration of an opioid crisis should work to help our hurting community.

Tax Relief

I am pleased that through smart budgeting, we were again able to provide tax relief to the tune of \$180 million dollars for our hard working residents. Relief includes a back to school tax holiday, cutting the business rent tax and a disaster preparedness sales tax holiday before hurricane season to stock up on important products.

Local Budget Highlights

- \$654,491: Security Funding for Jewish Day Schools
- \$100,000: Florida Association of Recovery Residences for Sober Home Certification
- \$500,000: Opioid Abuse Pilot Program for Palm Beach County
- \$300,000: Additional dollars for our State Attorney for Substance Abuse treatment industry violations, related to the substance of the Sober Home legislation we passed
- \$92,946: Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program in Palm Beach County
- \$1,000,000: Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative
- \$3,000,000: Lake Worth Park of Commerce
- \$1,200,000: Florida Atlantic University's Tech Runway

As always, it is my honor to serve you in the Florida House. If ever I may be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. I would also invite you to follow me on Twitter or Facebook for the most up-to-date information.

Bill Hager

News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

Republican Federated Women of South Florida Welcomed John Michael Chambers at their April 27 Meeting

On Thursday, April 27, the Republican Federated Women of South Florida met at the Boca Country Club and welcomed guest speaker **John Michael Chambers**. John is the author of several books, the most recent one being *Trump and the Resurrection of America*. He addressed three main points: “Identifying the Enemy,” “America’s Second Revolution—The Battle Begins,” and “Resurrecting America—Troops for Trump.” He spoke about how the polls leading up to the November 8 election were intentionally skewed in favor of Hillary Clinton, in order to discourage Trump voters and suppress his vote. He noted that this was a typical method from Saul Alinsky’s playbook, *Rules for Radicals*. He also warned about a coming financial downturn, and urged everyone to be prepared.

The next meeting of the Republican Federated Women of South Florida will be held on Thursday, May 25. Guest speaker will be **Joe Jenco**, Field Director of Americans for Prosperity. And in honor of Military Appreciation Month, **Bill Petraglia** will give a Salute to Veterans.



Author John Michael Chambers addressing the April 27 meeting of the Republican Federated Women of South Florida.

The club is also planning to host an ice cream social for the resident patients at the VA Hospital over the summer. Details to be announced

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

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 guest speaker, **Joe Budd**, gave a terrific talk about his recent election as Palm Beach County’s Republican State Committeeman, and the Republican Party of Florida election of officers by the committeepersons in January. We also heard first-hand about Joe’s impressions of the Inauguration, his involvement with the President at Mar-a-Lago, and his impressions of Donald Trump’s first 100 days in office. There were many interesting questions and answers.

Peter Cavanagh conducted the raffle for the \$25 Publix gift card, four pocket Constitutions, and a book about our Founding Fathers.

Our May 3rd meeting was also a big success. **Colonel Arthur de Ruve** 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 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.

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The 2017 NRA Convention

By Jean Alexander

My husband and I attended the 2017 Convention of the National Rifle Association in Atlanta, Georgia, this past April. We found ourselves among 80,000 NRA members and supporters of diverse backgrounds ranging from bank presidents and real estate tycoons to truck drivers and rednecks—all fearlessly patriotic and bound together as defenders of freedom and by their belief in the right of self-defense and the Second Amendment.

President Donald Trump is the first sitting president to address the group since Ronald Reagan in 1983. He spoke about his Electoral College victory in November, and attributed his win, in a large part, to the efforts of the NRA and their early endorsement of his candidacy. He claimed that “The eight-year assault on your Second Amendment freedoms has come to a crashing end,” referring to President Obama’s anti-gun-rights efforts. President Trump touted his “law and order appointments,” including Attorney General Jeff Sessions and Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, and hailed his appointment of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court as a move to restore the Court to a conservative majority.

He honored the veterans and those who paid the price of freedom in all of our wars, and noted that the NRA has been raising funds to provide 741 homes to our disabled vets. He also paid tribute to our heroes in law enforcement and to our first responders.

In contrast to his tribute, I am saddened to see what is happening on our college campuses, schools, and in the media. President Trump reiterated that we will build the wall, America will come first, and he again thanked the NRA for their support. He ended by stating that “I will come through for you, and I will not let you down!”

While a recent ABC News/*Washington Post* poll gave the president a national approval rating of 42 percent, an overwhelming 96 percent of voters who cast their votes for



him in last year’s election would do so again today. What was not widely reported from that poll was another very telling statistic: In a head-to-head rematch between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, the president would still win, 43 percent to 40 percent.

Middle America, who decided last fall’s presidential election, is still with him and nowhere, perhaps, is that better demonstrated than this year’s National Rifle Association’s annual convention.

Jean Alexander moved to Florida in 1991. She spent her professional career as a speech therapist in New York, Wisconsin, and in Florida. She has served on the board and as president of the Coral Springs Woman’s Club, has served on the boards of the Contemporary Federated Women’s Republican Club and the Republican Federated Women’s Club, and as a member of the Coral Springs Republican Club and the Republican Business Network. She lives in Parkland with her husband Zenon.

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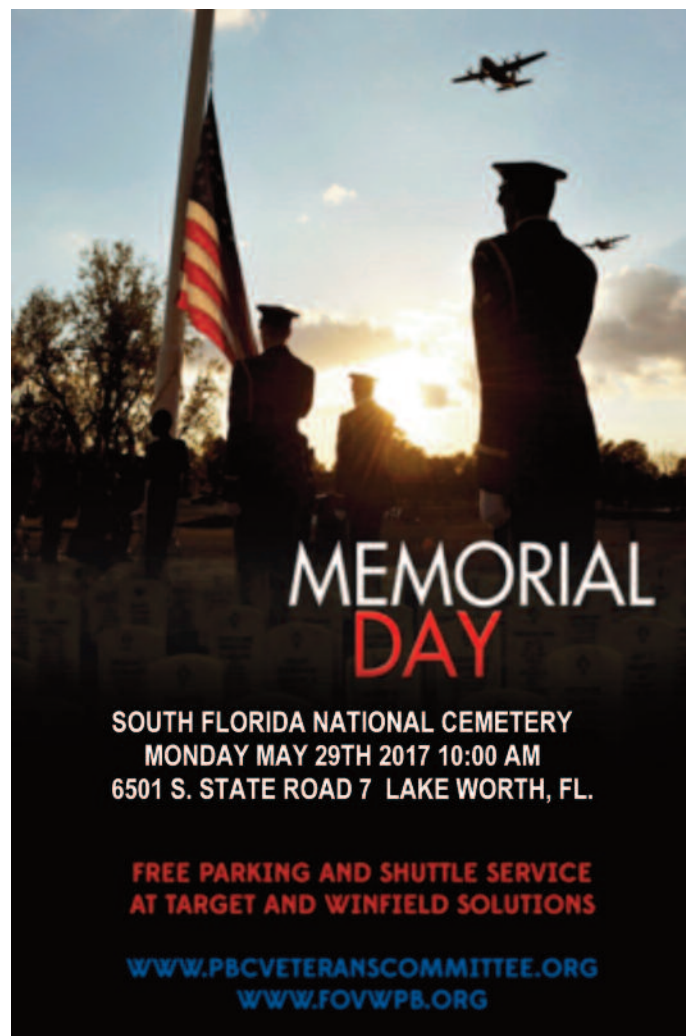
This morning, Congresswoman Lois Frankel (D-FL) was interviewed on MSNBC. The good news is that she appeared to be sober and the bad news is that she represents my district. Two months ago she held a community outreach at a wildly Leftist, high walled, security manned, gated, ID required for entrance, condo community. My eyes popped when she denounced Trump's promise of a border wall and his call for voter ID. Her local enthusiasts had no clue of her and their own hypocritical stances on these subjects.

I asked her, eye to eye, about her feelings related to the then upcoming election for Democrat National Committee chairmanship. "Are you at all concerned about Keith Ellison's leadership in Minneapolis' Jew, white-hating Nation of Islam, headed by Louis Farrakhan? Or about his leadership in that city's chapter of the Islamist, Jew hating, Council on American Islamic Relations which is a Muslim Broth-

erhood group that supports terror against Israel?" She replied that my claims of his membership in these groups was a lie, and her exact words were: "I firmly back Congressman Ellison for the post. He is a good friend of mine and he was never a member of those groups whatever they are. And Senator Schumer, who is Jewish, supports him as well. He's a good man."

The crowd wildly applauded in support of their congresswoman and simultaneously heckled me for my question. A woman seated at the next table leaned over and called me an idiot. I was trained to work with mentally handicapped children and had sympathy for these seniors who have spent their entire lives fighting to avoid acquiring intelligence or the skills to mask their lack of it.

*Alan Bergstein
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What Can We Lose?

By CS Bennett

What's at stake, many may ask? Everything, I would answer. We could lose our Republican majority in the House and the Senate, we could lose the next midterm election, and we could lose the White House in 2020. We could lose our prestige, our freedoms, our liberties, and our conservative way of life, as well. God, if only we had the White House and controlled the Senate and the House on Capitol Hill. That's right, we already do.

Amazing how we have been led to believe that all we had to do was give Congress the added numbers they needed to take over the House and the Senate and all these wonderful things were going to happen on our side of the aisle. But why are we still waiting for it to happen? There are three reasons why we are still waiting.

First, Paul Ryan and Mitch McConnell are a part of the Washington Establishment. Their interests, and allegiance lie with protecting and preserving the status quo and the powers that be. Their marching orders are provided by powerful bankers and influential elites worldwide who make up this well talked about "Shadow Government." Most of them are members of the Council of Foreign Relations and the Bilderberg Group, all globalists.

Second, our leaders are in the Republican Party for reasons that have nothing to do with the core principles our grand ole party was founded on. So, they see no need to carry on our traditions, and all that made the Republican Party a proud institution, and conservatism a proud movement.

Third, our Republican leaders do not view the left as a real threat to our way of life or a threat to conservatism. That Mitch McConnell would say that he was not going to use the nuclear option for every major legislative battle shows that he does not believe this is about a battle between good and evil, or that he does not care about it.

Anyone who understands that this is such a battle will use everything that's legal in our arsenal to push our agenda past the finish line. Besides, history has shown that the left



never passes on an opportunity to bury us legislatively when they hold power.

Truth be told, we are at war, and sadly, our Republican leadership does not see it this way. Thank God we have Donald Trump in the White House. He is doing all that he can do as president. But he needs help from the Republican leadership in Congress. As voters, we must impress upon them, and put pressure on those who claim to represent us, that they had better get with the program before we stay home in 2018 and let the Democrats regain power.

People are getting beyond frustration with the RINOS in Washington. It is time we let our voices be heard again. It is time to let them know who is top boss. And that would be "*we the people*." Paul and Mitch, you had better start listening to the people who backed your party's victory in 2016, or there is going to be hell to pay in 2018 and 2020. Support this president and start doing it now!

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Book Review

***DRAIN THE SWAMP: How Washington Corruption Is Worse Than You Think*, by Ken Buck with Bill Blankschaen. Washington, DC: Regnery Publishing, 2017. Hardcover, 256 pp. ISBN: 978-1-62157-638-9.**

As soon as I heard about this book on Fox and Friends one morning I immediately ordered it from Amazon. It arrived about 10 days later than expected which may mean it was in short supply and had to be printed when the order came in. As I read the book, I could see that it would be causing trouble in D.C. for at least a few months, maybe a couple of years.

As an attorney, I practiced law in D.C. and Maryland courts for 32 years and did my share of lobbying Congress in the 1970s through the 1990s, and I thought I knew about the extent of corruption in the Congress. But Ken Buck and his coauthor have documented a dirty laundry list of concealing cover-ups, cram-down tactics, and theft of our constitutional liberties by members of the two major parties—much of this has grown exponentially since I retired to Florida in 2003.

Buck was elected to Congress in November 2014 in Colorado's 4th District. He worked his way through college and law school, which makes me like him right away. He was employed as a prosecutor for the U.S. Justice Department and in 1990 became chief of the criminal prosecution office for the U.S. Attorney in Colorado. He was later elected three times as a District Attorney in Weld County with a staff of sixty people before running for Congress. Under his leadership crime dropped 50 percent. He was reelected to Congress in November 2016. Buck is on the Judiciary Committee and the Rules Committee.

This book reads like he arrived in D.C. with his investigator note pads in a back pack and began keeping track of criminal activity and other activity that many will consider to be criminal since he was sworn in because it was happening all around him. In the book he is beginning to offer solutions for these unexpected turns of events.

House Budgets are the biggest lie ever told according to Buck, since he found out “it was all make-believe: projections without plans, assumptions that were in some cases contradictory.” When asked by a member of the Republican Whip if he would be voting for the budget he said, “*hell no*.” The Whip asked why and assured him the budget would balance in 10 years. Buck asked how long the Whip had been in Congress. The answer was 14 years, so Buck asked if they told him ten years ago that the budget would balance in ten years and the Whip sighed, “You’re right, this budget will never balance.”

This is one of dozens of stories told in the book that you have to read to believe. Buck says he was motivated to run for Congress because he wanted to make a difference. Then he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, stage four in 2013, and his doctors told him he would be dead in

three months and with chemo he had a 50% chance of living. He underwent two months of aggressive chemotherapy and the cancer was in remission. He gives credit to God for being alive.

“Most Americans don't realize that influence in Congress comes with a price tag. Members are required to pay for committee assignments. Chairmen are required to pay for their chairmanships. The Speaker, Leader, and Whip compete for the leadership position and then must pay millions of dollars for the honor of holding the office. Lobbyists, corporations, and wealthy individuals who need something from Congress raise the money.” Buck says the important thing to know about this game for now is that “members routinely vote for defective legislation in order to please party leaders and get money for their reelection campaigns instead of doing what is right for America.”

Buck says the stakes are too high to remain silent. He wants you and me to demand change or we may lose what this country is all about.

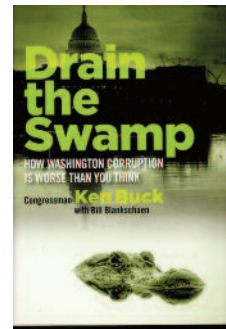
Every circumstance Buck describes will make you wince or sigh. It is difficult to convey how concerned Buck thinks we should be over his revelations, but he does have some solutions and they come back to face each one of us like he is facing the telling of the tales. You will have to read all 154 pages to see how upset you become.

If you are a perpetual doubter, the book is well documented in each of its 12 chapters, so you can check the sources. Included is a reprint of the U.S. Constitution to use in understanding Buck's arguments. Every serious politician must read this book. The book confirms what some political pundits already know and many deny.

Buck thinks the Congress will never reform itself and we voters will have to lead the way with an Article V convention. This is where the state legislatures all pass a resolution to participate in a convention to amend the U.S. Constitution. Buck thinks we need an Article V convention for imposing fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and for the members of Congress.

The Buck book does not mention the Convention of States (COS) a project by Citizens for Self-Governance. Ten states, including Florida, have passed the COS's resolution that is limited to term limits on Congress and another 10 states have passed it in one house, while 18 other states are debating this resolution in their legislatures in 2017. See <https://www.conventionofstates.com/nu> for a national update map. Recommendations: buy the book and send COS a contribution.

—Reviewed by William J. Skinner



Editor's Postscript

**What To Do About the Dems' Insufferable Partisanship:
Nuclear Strike on Legislative Filibuster in the Senate?**

By Tom Mullings

Benjamin Franklin is somewhere turning over in his grave. Why have a bicameral system?

—Sen. John McCain

I hate the above proposal for getting things done in Washington, DC, I truly do. But if it's a choice between nuking Senate Dems in order to keep President Trump's promises to jump-start our moribund economy and meet growing threats from abroad, or watching the Republican Party's conservative agenda sink into oblivion for God knows how long into the future, there are many conservatives who believe it must be carefully considered.

Partisanship has always been present in both parties and always will be, but in recent years it has increased to insufferable levels. It's so much harder to get things done up on the Hill these days than it once was, and the reason things have evolved this way is apparent. Something has changed, and although I'm no expert on the United States House of Representatives and Senate, I believe I know what it is.

In the past, both parties had more divergent points of view, reflected in the political philosophy of their congressman and senators, than they do now. Decades ago there were more liberals in the Republican Party and conservatives in the Democrat Party, and bipartisan legislation was easier to enact. But in the aftermath of the turbulent 1960s a realignment began to take shape. Conservatives began drifting into the Republican Party and liberals to the Democrat Party, until today—even though we still have our hawks and doves, hardliners and moderates—both parties are much more ideologically aligned with the right and left of the political spectrum than they have been in many years.

Many on the right think we have Harry Reid to thank for getting the ball rolling on this nuclear option stuff in America's political system. Good ole Harry. What a guy! Nobody

better at throwing monkey wrenches than him. He's the one who changed Senate rules, "removing the 60-vote threshold to advance confirmations of federal judicial nominees and executive-office appointments." Responding in kind, Republicans in 2017 are doing the same and have raised the stakes by ending the 60-vote rule for U.S. Supreme Court nominees, allowing the President's SCOTUS choice, Judge Neil M. Gorsuch, to take his seat on the bench.

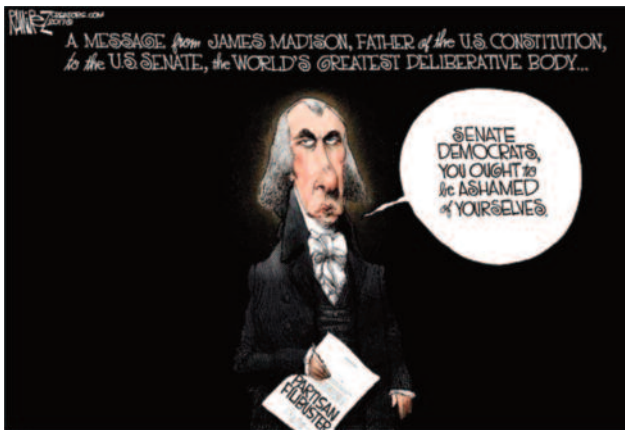


Despite widespread conservative frustration with partisan-fueled gridlock on Capitol Hill, the appeal of the nuclear option for legislation may be unobtainable in the Senate, even with the Republicans in charge, at least according to Senator Mitch McConnell, the majority leader from Kentucky who said recently, "There is not a single senator from the majority who thinks we ought to change the legislative filibuster."

Very noble of him, and I join with him in his love of the "deliberative" nature of that hallowed institution called the United States Senate and his longing for a more bipartisan way of doing things, but he and all of us in the Republican Party should understand one thing. It's not Harry Reid that started the anti-filibuster snowball rolling downhill. He just gave it a little extra nudge. The thing that really got it going on the slippery slope is the ideological realignment of the two parties in our two-party system in the wake of the turbulent 1960s that shows no sign of abating anytime soon. The mounting gridlock this has created in DC is making the nuclear option in the Senate a more attractive remedy for growing public frustration with every passing year. Besides, with the way the Dems are right now, going absolutely start-raving mad in their opposition to the President and his agenda, does anyone think this rabid gang of socialist-minded leftists will not push the nuclear button on legislation if and when they get in charge again?

To nuke or not to nuke, that is the question.

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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.
4. Serve on a Party Committee.
5. Develop a presence in the broader community by joining a Republican Club; serving on a local board or committee; or monitoring local media for relevant material.

ALL APPLICANTS FOR THE REC MUST BE A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN IN PALM BEACH COUNTY. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REC APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT ALONG WITH A PHOTO COPY OF THE FRONT OF YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD. ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED WITHOUT A COPY OF THE APPLICANT'S VOTER REGISTRATION CARD WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING REC APPLICATIONS IS 11:00 AM, 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REC MEETING.

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I am applying for the position of:



Committeeman



Committeewoman

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Republican Party of Florida Party Loyalty Oath

I, _____, swear and/or affirm that during my term of
(Name of Member – Please write clearly)

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

County/Precinct #

Date

Office: _____

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OATH OF CANDIDATE (Section 99.021, Florida Statutes)

I, _____
(PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT * -- NAME MAY NOT BE CHANGED AFTER THE END OF QUALIFYING)

am a candidate for the office of Precinct Committeeman Committeewoman Precinct Number _____,

I am a qualified elector of _____ County, Florida; I am qualified under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

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* Please print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot for persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form):

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	
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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF _____

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

Personally Known: _____ or

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