



## Newsletter of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County—June 2018

### Israel Loves President Trump—The U.S. Embassy Moves to Jerusalem

*By Marion Frank*

Everyone who travels to Israel has memorable experiences. There is truly something for everyone in that tiny piece of land in the Middle East, surrounded by enemies. My husband and I just returned from a historic trip to the Holy Land with Judge Jeanine Pirro from Fox News, Tom Trento from the United West, Clare Lopez from Center for Security Policy, John Guadano (President of Understanding the Threat), Laura Loomer (young independent journalist), and 100 other America/Israel loving patriots. This was not an average tourist trip. We went to places tourists generally don't visit. Our mission was to see with our own eyes what Israel has to do on a daily basis to survive with terrorists on every border, come home and spread the truth while inviting everyone to someday make the trip to Israel.

The trip was timed to coordinate with Jerusalem Day and the 70th Anniversary of the State of Israel. It was pure bliss that we would also be in Jerusalem to celebrate the opening of the U.S. Embassy.

Early on during our trip, we were in Haifa being briefed by a Brigadier General from the IDF about how they handle the terrorists from all sides, and he started to talk about the Iran deal just as President Trump got on TV to announce the U.S. was getting out of that Iran deal. Our timing was

amazing. The general said it is both great news and terrible news. Great because as Benjamin Netanyahu told us two weeks before, Iran lied in order to make the deal, as they already have a nuclear program up and running, so exposing and getting the U.S. out is a good thing. It's bad because Iran will attack Israel hard through their proxies of Hamas and Hezbollah. The IDF will be ready.



The following night, we were asleep in our hotel in Tiberius overlooking the Sea of Galilee when at 3 AM we were awoken by an incredibly loud explosion. I thought we were being attacked. For the next thirty minutes, we heard F-16's flying over our heads, but no sirens, so we didn't need to take shelter. The next morning we found out what had happened. Iran's Hezbollah terrorists shot off 24 missiles from Syria into Israel. The Iron Dome stopped five of them from entering Israeli airspace. The other 19 fell inside Syria. Because Israel always fights back harder (I think

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that's where Trump learned his moxie from), they made several air bombing runs into Syria and took out the entire arsenal of missiles that were going to be used. That loud explosion we heard was from the F-16's flying so low over the sea, then rising up to go over the mountains in the Golan Heights on their way into Syria, and it caused a sonic boom.

On our way into Jerusalem, we started to see signs everywhere that said, "Israel Loves Trump," "Trump Make Israel Great," and "Trump is a Friend of Zion," along with rows and rows of American and Israeli flags. We pleaded with our bus driver to let us stop at the soon-to-be new U.S. Embassy in East Jerusalem. It wasn't on the itinerary, but it's hard to say no to a hundred screaming adults. The bridge leading up to the embassy building was lined with the flags and Trump signs. There was also a flower bed in the colors and shape of the American flag. We instinctly gathered around the flag and began singing the American and Israeli national anthems. This was the defining moment of our trip.

The next day we celebrated Jerusalem Day with children from all over Israel. This is the day set aside to commemorate the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City in the aftermath of the June 1967 Six-Day War. Kids joyously paraded around the city with their Israeli flags. Their love and respect for their country should stand as a lesson to all Americans.



The next day, parades continued as the country celebrated its 70th anniversary of becoming the State of Israel, and later in the afternoon, the opening of the U.S. Embassy. Although we didn't get to go in, we were only about two miles away, and it felt awesome to be so close.

The first day of our trip, we visited three *kibbutzim* and the city of Sderot that are next to the Gaza Strip. These areas are within the 15-second warning area. When a missile is deployed from Gaza, they have 15 seconds to get into a bomb shelter. Each house and every building has its own bomb shelter. You wonder why people chose to live in such a volatile area. These Israelis love their country and want to preserve it and defend it. While we were there, all was quiet, but only three days later, the Gazans got started throwing kites with incendiary devices that started fires in the agricultural fields, lobbing missiles into the areas we had just visited. The Iron Dome stops some of the missiles, but not all. The fighting still continues as I write this. It is, after all, the month of Ramadan and the terrorists are extra restless because they don't eat while the sun is up.

We left Israel confident knowing that this tiny country has the desire and ability to defend itself from enemies all around. The biggest threat still remains Iran. Israel needs the support from its greatest ally, the United States. If you haven't gone already, everyone, no matter your race or religion, should make the trip to see the Holy Land with their own eyes. Everyone needs to see the miracle that is Israel.



## Kanye and Me

By Sid Dinerstein

May 27, 2012

I never met Kanye West. I doubt I ever will. You would be amazed how little I know about him. I know he's married to a Kardashian, though I don't know which one. I know he's a very successful musical artist, though I can't name a single one of his songs. I know he thinks President Bush (43) "doesn't like black people." And I know he thinks Taylor Swift didn't deserve every Grammy she received. I recently learned that Kanye West has 27 million social media followers. That's a big deal. So how do I get to write an essay that puts Kanye and me on the same page?

You see, Kanye did in one week more than I could do in twenty years. In Florida Republican circles I'm known as the "outreach" guy. I have worked to bridge the gap (cavern) between the Republican Party (of Lincoln) and the solidly Democrat urban minorities. I'm a recognized Charter School Advocate. I'm the current Chairman of the Haitian Education Community Association (HECA). I'm the former eight-year Chairman of the Palm Tran Advisory Board, a public transportation oversight appointed board. I have advocated for conservative and constitutional policies without pandering to dependency positions. I have had some success. Our County Republican Executive Committee has a sprinkling of Black, Asian and Hispanic members. I have a local presence in print and television political news stories. And yet, Candidate Donald Trump was still bogged down in single digits from the black community in the 2016 election.

I speak about leading Black Conservatives: Tim Scott, Allen West, Clarence Thomas, Ben Carson, JC Watts, Star Parker, Kay James, Michael Steele, Mia Love, Niger Innis and Diamond and Silk. Still the needle doesn't budge. We never reach the critical mass. Once, around 2003, I spoke at a Charter School dinner attended by the staff and parents. And this is what I said: "We White Conservatives alone cannot educate your children. If the black community does not join with us in the ongoing fight for School Choice your children will continue to be left behind." Sadly, I was right then and I'm right now. Here in Palm Beach County we have 20,000 Charter School students, mostly minorities. Their families still vote for the Democrats that keep trying to close their children's charter schools. We have two blacks on our seven-person school board. Neither fights for charter schools. We have one black County Commissioner. He's a charter school board chairman; when he's not promoting school board taxes that exclude all charter school students. The Congressional Black Caucus? 100% opposed to all forms of school choice. Ditto for President Obama and the NAACP.

And then along came Kanye. "I like the way Candace Owens thinks. I love Donald Trump." Kanye West freed himself and maybe millions of others. In one week black male support for President Trump doubled, from 11% to

22%. The wrath of the monolithic black dependency nation, led by Maxine Waters and Snoop Dogg, came down on Kanye. The black equivalent of a Fatwa was put on Kanye's head as the Crips were told to hurt him. Kanye doubled down. He reminded us that President Obama couldn't make Chicago safe in eight years. He said that he wasn't a Democrat or a Republican. His theme: Think for yourself. He might as well have made the cross in front of a vampire. President Trump called for a "What have you got to lose?" summit. He invited Snoop Dogg. The genie is out of the bottle and it's not going back in. All of a sudden everyone is allowed to question the Democrats' hold on the urban communities. Homes without fathers, schools without literacy and neighborhoods without security can be questioned, debated and, one day, reformed.

So for those of you who have a closer relationship with Kanye West than I do, here's a summit agenda he may want to take to the White House:

1. Trump Scholarships for hard-working serious students, to use at the school of their choice;
2. Concealed carry permits for law-abiding citizens in high-crime inner cities;
3. Bring Rand Paul's prison sentencing reform work to a successful conclusion;
4. Keep illegal immigrants from taking black jobs;
5. Reward responsible fatherhood.

It's a win-win-win. Blacks get a better life. Republicans win more elections. And Democrats get to remake their party. Thanks, Kanye.




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## Big Sugar Robs America with Politicians' Help

By George Blumel

“Congress needs to stop meddling in farming. As legislators start their work on the next farm bill, they should focus on removing federal intervention in agriculture.” So begins a Heritage Foundation commentary on agricultural policy. Former American Farm Bureau Federation president Bob Stallman dismisses the claim that farmers couldn’t survive without subsidy money. “Why does the livestock industry survive without subsidies?” he asks. “Why does the specialty crop [fruit and vegetable] industry survive?”

Let’s look at what the *Wall Street Journal* calls “arguably the worst farm subsidy,” the U.S. Sugar program.

A few years ago, in a letter published in the *Wall Street Journal* I disputed a sugar industry spokesman’s assertion that “sugar policy operates at no cost to the government.” In fact, I pointed out then—and it is worse now—there is a huge cost for the protection of U.S. sugar companies. An Iowa State University study found that the federal sugar program costs U.S. consumers roughly \$3.5 billion a year. The Department of Commerce estimates that for every sugar-growing job saved through high U.S. sugar prices, approximately three manufacturing jobs are lost. Other studies estimate that between 17,000 and 20,000 jobs are lost each year. *Investors Business Daily* in an editorial stated “This New Deal-era framework of barriers on sugar imports and of price supports for domestic sugar is a racket that benefits only a few, in particular the Fanjul family of Florida.”

The Big Sugar guy claimed there is no cost because the U.S. government does not directly subsidize sugar. But its tariff policy raises the price of sugar, so U.S. consumers pay the subsidy in the form of much higher sugar prices and job losses. Further increasing sugar prices is the subsidy of ethanol that FedGov mandates it be added to gasoline. Ethanol is made from corn and the increased demand raises its price, making corn syrup more expensive, a main competitor of sugar.

The two-tier tariff on imported sugar gives countries a quota. They can export sugar into the U.S. at a relatively low tariff up to the amount of the quota, after which a much higher tariff is levied, raising the price of imported sugar well above the world price, allowing U.S. sugar farmers to sell their sugar at prices well above world-market prices. U.S. sugar prices are more than twice Canada’s which explains why big candy companies moved there.

The president of the last major manufacturer of gumballs in the United States, Ford Gum & Machine Company, said he could double his workforce if he could pay fair market prices for sugar.

The benefit, of course, goes to the domestic sugar producers that are mostly large, profitable companies which, not so coincidentally, **contribute huge sums to politicians of both parties**. So, you could say that the benefit goes also

to the career politicians who take Big Sugar’s money to finance reelection. (Term limits on Congress, anyone? [www.termlimits.org](http://www.termlimits.org))



*... the case for free trade is not immediately obvious to many, and where truth is difficult to observe, politics and demagoguery tend to thrive. Unfortunately, politics holds more sway over trade policy than do the principles of economics and moral philosophy. —Daniel J. Ikenson, the Cato Institute.*

Rep. Virginia Foxx (R, NC) is attempting to reform the U.S. sugar program with an amendment to the farm bill that would limit the damage—like ending the part that allows the Agriculture Department to buy surplus sugar and sell it to ethanol companies at a loss. Virtually everything FedGov does is counter-productive! The *Journal* editorial says that Republicans are struggling to get the votes for her bill, “in part because they have added a modest work requirement for food stamps, which eat up about 80% of farm bill dollars. This is a worthy policy change, but Republicans would have more credibility on reforming welfare for *people* if they did the same for politically powerful agribusiness.” Corporate welfare.

Former Agriculture Committee Chairman Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana explained, “Every time Hoosiers see sugar listed as a food ingredient, they are paying more than they need to because of the current federal sugar program. . . . Government intervention to keep prices high for a small group of powerful farming interests violates the free market concept of the American economy.” It is corporate welfare plain and simple—paid for by consumers of products containing sugar.

The sugar example of government interference in markets is duplicated numerous times in the farm bill as well as in virtually every other government intrusion in the economy. See this critique: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/opinion/fl-op-farm-bill-taxpayer-costs-20180515-story.html>

### Unfair Trade

President Trump complains about our trading partners that prop up their industries with subsidies and tariffs calling it “unfair trade.” Our sugar program would fit that description, wouldn’t it?

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## What Do We Do About Voter List Cleaning?

*By William J. Skinner*

The case in Broward County—*ACRU v Snipes*—ended in a decision in favor of Snipes. The case was appealed to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta where it may be for two years. The appellate briefs are to be filed on or before June 11, so we can learn more once both sides have filed their papers.

In 2016 Kirk Wolak and I attempted to get the South Florida Supervisors to use our data of two state registrations and double votes in the Presidential Primary election to invoke use of F.S. 98.075 to clean the voter lists. We sent three email requests for public documents generated from use of our data to multiple recipients at the three SOE offices in August and September 2016 and in February 2017. Dade and Broward ignored all three emails and Palm Beach’s Susan Bucher delayed and did not do anything in 2016. She claimed in a *Palm Beach Post* interview that she obtained the New York data in 2017, but found only a few double voters. She never responded to the public documents request or in any way advise us what she did about the dual state voting. The statute requires the SOE to act on the “information” received in SEVEN days to determine voting eligibility. The director of the Division of Elections was copied on all of this email correspondence.

While still in the summer of 2016, we learned that ACRU had filed the above suit against Snipes and we volunteered our testimony if ACRU wanted it. Wolak and I plus two other people we know from Broward and Hillsborough Counties were asked to testify and we all did so.



Kirk Wolak and I have recently analyzed the 2016 General Election and show the results in two tables in this article. One table shows the number of dual state registrations and the smaller table shows the number of actual two state voters in the 2016 General Election. Many of Florida’s 67 counties have the potential of double voters. South Florida counties have the most severe potential. Table A gives the number of dual registered voters in Florida Counties and New York State. The total number is 122, 280. Only 948 of these people voted in the same election in both states on November 8, 2016.

Secretary of State Ken Detzner received a Certified—RRR letter describing this situation on April 17, 2018 in Tallahassee from me. No one has responded to us to advise whether they want the detailed data files.

The Voter Fraud Coalition group that I chair was asked to review the situation and report to the REC Board on June 25, 2018. A meeting has been held by some of the Voter Fraud Coalition and a report will be submitted, but the REC Board must make some decisions about how it will be involved. Otherwise, the individuals who have brought this information to your attention are on their own.

The REC Voter Fraud Coalition has asked the PBC REC Board to advise us how it wants to proceed with this data to stop voter fraud. If the REC wants to proceed we are ready to provide what assistance we can.

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**Table A. Same Registered Voters in Florida (2/2018) and New York (10/2017) Per Florida County. Counted in March 2018.**

**Based on FN, MN, LN and Date of Birth**

ALA	1,205	GUL	14	NAS	200
BAK	12	HAM	10	OKA	109
BAY	307	HAR	31	OKE	542
BRA	21	HEN	35	ORA	10,065
BRE	3,471	HER	1,477	OSC	3,958
BRO	14,780	HIG	352	PAL	15,947
CAL	4	HIL	7,482	PAS	3,386
CHA	1,381	HOL	9	PIN	4,876
CIT	747	IND	1,200	POL	3,176
CLA	605	JAC	32	PUT	147
CLL	2,359	JEF	8	SAN	304
CLM	171	LAF	4	SAR	2,911
DAD	11,944	LAK	2,080	SEM	2,259
DES	68	LEE	4,792	STJ	1,174
DIX	24	LEO	987	STL	2,961
DUV	2,838	LEV	83	SUM	1,073
ESC	565	LIB	2	SUW	60
FLA	1,212	MAD	18	TAY	13
FRA	17	MAN	1,858	UNI	5
GAD	35	MRN	2,079	VOL	3,310
GIL	19	MRT	1,198	WAK	30
GLA	27	MON	2,491	WAL	100
				WAS	28

**Table B. Registered Voters and Nov. 2016 Voters in Florida and New York.**

	County			
	Broward	Dade	Palm Beach	All Florida
Total Registered in FL and NY	14,780	11,944	15,947	122,280
Total Voted in FL and NY	92	110	96	948

May 18, 2018—Tables A and B on Presidential Election November 2016 counted in March 2018. —WJS



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Facts are stubborn things. We have disclosed some facts about double state voting and we either collectively as the REC do something about stopping it or assume it is okay to vote in two states. Nobody has ever compared how much double voting goes on in all the states. Doing these comparisons requires a knowledge of how to do it which few people have. However, any business or agency with data

savvy could do what we have done. So far the level of interest in this voting problem is not generating much excitement. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is tasked with the job of monitoring this and other voter fraud situations.

If you are learning about these activities for the first time from this article and want to know more, please contact me at 561-433-1170 or BillSkinnerLW@aol.com to join in the discussions.



**DAY 1**  
**Thursday, June 28th**

 **★ FLORIDA ★**  
**GUBERNATORIAL DEBATE**  
 6:30pm-7:30pm: Nationally Televised

**Spin Room**  
 7:30pm-8:30pm

**Statewide Candidate Receptions**  
 8:30pm-10pm

**Chairman's Sponsors' Reception**  
 10pm-Midnight

**DAY 2**  
**Friday, June 29th**

**★ Speaker Series ★**  
 10am-6pm (Time Subject to Change)

**Confirmed Speakers:**

 Dan Sotgiro	 Jason Chaffetz	 Dinesh D'Souza	 Rand Paul
 Candace Owens	 Kayleigh McEnany	 Deneen Borell	 Matt Schlapp
 Tom Borell	 Grover Norquist	 David Webb	 Charlie Kirk
 Dick Morris	 Stephen Moore	 Nick Adams	<b>More To Come!</b>

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## *Talking Points:* **It Is Clearly a Trump Economic Boom**

*By Larry P. Horist*

No doubt now. . . . The new economic numbers are out, and they are spectacular. The growth in the economy is accelerating. Last month, more than 223,000 new jobs—almost 50,000 more than economists had projected. The inflation rate has held steady at around 2 percent.

The unemployment rate is down to 3.8 percent—a level not seen in decades. And, a lot of those years were pre-recession. That means the current rate is even better than in past “good times.”

Significantly, unemployment dropped in 305 of the 338 major urban areas characterized by chronic unemployment—especially in minority communities. Both the Black and Hispanic unemployment rates have reached historic lows, although inner city minority unemployment remains above national averages.

The current dollar Gross Domestic Product—America’s economic growth has run over 3 percent for the past quarter and hit 4.2 percent in the most current report—a level that critics not long ago said was totally unattainable in the short run. In fact, they predicted that the GDP would not even reach 3 percent in the foreseeable future.

You must give the #NeverTrump Democrats and the media credit for persistence. Even after the Trump presidency has been in office for a year and a half—and been in the transition period for another two months—the unbridled left keeps insisting that all this spectacularly good economic news is merely the continuation of the Obama policies.

Of course, as each day goes by and the numbers keep improving across the board, the #NeverTrump folks are losing credibility—a credibility they never deserved in the first place. The economy is actually in better shape than most people may realize because the anti-Trump press uses every shoddy journalistic gimmick to spin negativism into every bit of good news. If job creation is higher than expected and unemployment is at record lows, the press will dwell on slower progress in increasing income levels or the number of people who have fallen off the unemployment rolls during the Obama administration but still need jobs—and even those numbers are improving.

Interestingly, during the limp Obama recovery (the slowest in history) the same media that uses these lagging indicators against Trump totally ignored the numbers of people dropping out of the job market and the stagnant wage levels during the Obama years—pay levels that were well below what was referred to as living wages.

Under Obama economic policies, the nation never achieved a 3 percent growth in the Gross National Product in any of the 96 months Obama was in office. That lower growth rate meant that America could not reduce unemployment significantly and could not generate sufficient tax revenues to avoid an \$18 trillion increase in the National Debt. The American economy had straight-lined in critical condition.

Before addressing the specifics of the Trump economy, it may be useful to review the old projections. At the time Obama won approval of the extraordinarily expensive “stimulus package,” he publicly promised that the economy would hit a six percent growth rate within six months. The Obama administration assured the public that his namesake Obamacare would not only reduce premiums and medical costs but would not impact negatively on the general economy. Both claims proved to be untrue.

We should also remind ourselves that the Democrats and the media—in flagrant partisan fearmongering—predicted that the election of Donald Trump would crash the stock market. In fact, it rose on the news of Trump’s election. Just the prospect of promised tax cuts and a meaningful program of deregulation was sufficient to cause an immediate anticipatory rise in stock values.

The Trump economy was born.

What ended on Election Day were the economic policies of the Obama administration that had kept the American



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economy in suspended animation in the two percent growth range and the removal of the fear that a President Clinton would continue in the Democrat/Obama tradition.

To say that the “good news” economy was merely a continuation of Obama policies denies a number of central facts. Trump and the Republicans made fundamental changes to those Obama policies that had been largely ineffective over the long haul. Almost immediately, the election created a pervasive air of optimism in the business sector. The psychological effect on the economy is a well-established reality. If the markets believe the business environment will improve in the future, it creates an immediate positive reaction.

Such anticipatory reaction was also seen in the “consumer confidence” indices. When the public “feels” more confident in the future of the economy, they spend more. It is a form of self-proving prophesy. The fact that polls show that two-thirds of the public now believe the nation is heading in the right direction—as opposed to the two-thirds who believed it was heading in the wrong direction at the end of the Obama administration—is part of the psychological effect.

But it is the substantive policies that eventually drive the market. The promise of things to come will only go so far. The tax cut was a major stimulus. The Democrats’ claim that the tax reductions were gifts to the rich is so untrue as to be contemptible. To make that bogus claim, the left argues that cuts in corporate taxes merely benefit the millionaires and billionaires—those one-percenters that socialist Bernie Sanders despises so much.

First, we must understand that businesses never really pay taxes. It is merely a pass-through expense to the consumer. While we talk about the impact of tax increases affecting prices on gas and cigarettes, we seem to forget that the same applies when we buy a shirt or hire an accountant—or even rent an apartment.

Tax cuts in the competitive business marketplace produce two positive results—lower prices and more hiring. Yes, some can go to executive bonuses or buying back stock, but competition eventually requires price adjustments and more workers. Businesses that fail to respond with lower prices and higher employment will suffer from a loss of market share.

The tax law also did something else to power the economy—something not done under Obama. Trump did away with the tax policies that discouraged major businesses from repatriating trillions of dollars held overseas. That is another source of taxable revenue and a case for domestic investment—meaning capital improvements, lower costs and more jobs.

We also tend to think of business as multi-national corporations when, in fact, the majority of job creation happens at the small business end of the continuum. If you convert employment statistics to a graph, it would be a very lopsided bell curve. The Republican tax cut has been a boon to small business—both in reducing the tax burden on the business AND on the personal returns of the moms and pops who run them.

The second major Trump initiative has been a drastic reduction in cumbersome and expensive “red tape”—otherwise known as regulations. Democrats specifically, and the left in general, have never met a regulation they did not like, and they did not wish to impose. They earned America the unfortunate appellation of “regulation nation.”

The cost burden of regulation on major corporations is enormous—and we consumers pay for it. It is particularly destructive on small businesses that cannot survive the increased costs. They lack funds for complex and inconsistent compliance requirements. Excessive regulation destroys small businesses and discourages startups. Since small business is the backbone of the American economy, the impact of regulations is more destructive—albeit less obvious—than on the major corporations.

Deregulation is happening largely out of the lens of the media. They may occasionally report negatively on the concept or highlight some deregulation they can spin into a seemingly negative story, but they simply cannot follow the volume of regulations being eradicated by scores of Cabinet members and senior staff. And yet, many business leaders see deregulation as a more effective stimulus than the tax cuts. The unburdening of tens of thousands of excessive regulations produces savings that, like tax cuts, translate into price reductions and more hiring.

This is a complete reversal of the Obama approach to regulation that was hindering economic growth. This is clearly a Trump effect. In his earliest days in office, Trump ordered that a minimum two regulations be lifted for every new regulation that is imposed. At one point, the actual ratio was the elimination of 16 regulations for every new one. Thousands of regulations have been removed without much, if any, negative impact on health or safety despite the caterwauling from the left.

No matter what you may think of Trump’s personality and character, or whether you think he is the victim of a witch hunt or a culprit about to get his comeuppance, he owns the improved economy. There is no amount of media spin that can keep that truth away from the public forever. As Lincoln wisely noted, “You cannot fool all the people, all the time.”

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## How Can Republicans Win Back the Black Vote?

By Frances Rice

The perennial question posed during every election season is: How can Republicans win back the black vote? As a retired Army lieutenant colonel and chairman of the National Black Republican Association, I can tell you there are clear steps to take.

But before we can get to solving the problem, it is necessary to first understand the root cause.

Contrary to conventional wisdom, the Republican Party has never turned its back on black Americans. It continuously conducts black voter engagement, as is done for all identifiable groups, including Hispanics, rural Americans, the middle-class in “fly-over country,” young voters and women.

The root cause of the refusal of most black Americans to vote for Republicans rests squarely with the Democrat Party establishment (which includes the media and much of the education structure) that has convinced most blacks that the Republican Party is a racist party. Every election cycle, Democrats go into black communities and preach hatred against Republicans and get blacks to cast a protest vote against Republicans—not a vote for Democrats.

This has been overtly detrimental to blacks. To read details about how the race-mongering by Democrats harms blacks, see Walter E. Williams’ *The True Black Tragedy*. See also *Why the Left Can’t Let Go of Racism* by Shelby Steele.

Even though only about 25 percent of black Americans live in urban communities targeted by Democrats, the false narrative that Republicans are racist is broadcast to the rest of the country by the liberal press that functions as the propaganda arm of the Democrat Party.

Progress is being made with the educational campaign to set the civil rights record straight and recapture the rich civil rights legacy of the Republican Party, which is the mission of the National Black Republican Association (NBRA).

The Republican Party of Florida is at the forefront of this educational campaign and is the home state for the NBRA that was founded in 2005 in the West Palm Beach headquarters of Christopher Ruddy, CEO of Newsmax Media, at the behest of former Republican Party of Palm Beach County Chairman Sid Dinerstein.

When Democrats and the media are confronted with the strong Republican voting record for blacks, the fiction to explain it is that everyone switched parties in the 1970s, which did not happen.

It does not make common sense to believe that the parties switched sides after: Republicans fought the Civil War to end slavery; amended the Constitution to grant blacks freedom (13th Amendment), citizenship (14th Amendment) and the right to vote (15th Amendment); and championed every piece of civil rights legislation from the 1860’s to the 1960’s, including voting more for the landmark 1964 Civil Rights Act than did Democrats. For an extensive, fact-filled history of civil rights and where Republicans and Democrats stood, read Kevin D. Williamson’s *The Parties Did Not Switch Sides—Update: The Republican Party is the Party of Civil Rights*.

When addressing economic issues with black voters, it is essential that Republican leaders recognize that the party’s conservative message of low taxes, smaller government and prosperity through free enterprise does not resonate with the average black voter.

Why?

First, a far higher percentage of black Americans are employed by the government than other races or ethnicities. So when they hear that Republicans want to reduce taxes and the size of government, they hear that Republicans want to take away their jobs. And of course, the media is quick to spread that word.

Second, according to a report *The State of Working America*, among racial and ethnic groups, black Americans had the highest poverty rate, 27.4 percent, followed by Hispanics at 26.6 percent and whites at 9.9 percent. Therefore, when poor blacks hear that Republicans want to reduce



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taxes and the size of government, they hear that Republicans want to take away their welfare checks.

Notably, according to a Heritage Foundation report, since the War on Poverty began under President Lyndon Johnson, welfare spending has exploded to sixteen times its original size, and the cost has risen to a staggering \$22 trillion—three times more than what the government has spent on all wars in American history.

That report finds that massive welfare spending has not led to a drop in the poverty rate. Another finding is how misleading it is to think that Americans are not better off today. Noted is the fact that a household receiving \$50,000 in welfare benefits would still be classified as poor, if its pre-welfare income fell below the poverty line. Statistics show that 80 percent of America's poor households have air conditioning, two-thirds have cable or satellite television, half have a personal computer and 43 percent have access to the internet. Virtually all have smartphones.

Given the above information, it can be concluded that a winning message for Republicans to deliver to black Americans, as well as all Americans, is being very explicit about how tax cuts and deregulation result in more jobs and higher wages for everyone. Under the Trump Administration, these

actions have resulted in historic low black unemployment and rising wages.

Republican leaders would also do well to emphasize the prison reform, school choice programs and the faith-based initiative implemented by President Donald J. Trump—all issues that *do* resonate with black voters.

Worth noting is that, according to the most recent U.S. census data, there are nearly 325 million people in the United States, and the voting age population exceeds 235.2 million, with African Americans comprising 12.5 percent. Since it is estimated that about 10 percent of blacks align with the Republican Party, that means that there are about 2.9 million black Republicans. That's not a miniscule amount. But it can be a lot more.

The issues of why tax cuts help blacks, along with prison reform, school choice and faith-based programs need to be pointed out to black voters to counter the false narratives coming from the Democrat media establishment.

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## The Jury is In, Mr. Comey, and It Doesn't Believe You

*By Elad Hakim  
May 24, 2018*

It looks more and more likely that one or more people spied (or at least tried to spy) on the Trump campaign and that this was done for political purposes. While there is no “tangible” evidence/proof that the campaign was successfully infiltrated (yet), some of the same people who have accused the President of collusion are now in the middle of one of the biggest spy scandals in history. One of these people is James Comey, the disgraced former FBI Director.

President Trump recently issued the following tweet: “I hereby demand, and will do so officially tomorrow, that the Department of Justice look into whether or not the FBI/DOJ infiltrated or surveilled the Trump Campaign for Political Purposes—and if any such demands or requests were made by people within the Obama Administration!” the president tweeted Sunday.

This tweet was due to “reports that an FBI informant communicated with at least three members of his campaign—Foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos, Trump aide Carter Page and campaign adviser Sam Clovis.”

Trump then went on to quote former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, who discussed the issue of an FBI informant Tuesday during ABC’s *The View*. “‘Trump should be happy that the FBI was SPYING on his campaign.’ No, James Clapper, I am not happy. Spying on a campaign would be illegal, and a scandal to boot!” Trump tweeted.

Based on these serious allegations, the Justice Department instructed its inspector general to investigate these claims. If true, this would be one of the biggest scandals in history.

Enter James Comey, the former FBI Director! Yes, that James Comey. The one who was fired from the FBI. Yesterday, Mr. Comey sent out two tweets:

“Facts matter. The FBI’s use of Confidential Human Sources (the actual term) is tightly regulated and essential to protecting the country. Attacks on the FBI and lying about its work will do lasting damage to our country. How will Republicans explain this to their grandchildren?”

“Dangerous time when our country is led by those who will lie about anything, backed by those who will believe anything, based on information from media sources that will say anything. Americans must break out of that bubble and seek truth.”

Here’s the thing, Mr. Comey. Nobody gives a damn about what you say because you have no credibility to speak about facts, truth, and/or honesty. In case you forgot, some of your “less than honest” conduct/remarks is/are highlighted below:

**1. We don’t know who paid for the Steele dossier.** All the evidence suggests that the Steele dossier was financed by groups opposed to President Trump and/or the DNC. James Comey knew about this and failed to disclose it to President Trump until after President Trump was elected.

**2. James Comey and the FBI thoroughly investigated the email server scandal before deciding that no probable existed and that no further action was necessary.** In actuality, Mr. Comey’s true motivation relative to the email scandal was set forth in his recent book, where he stated: “Assuming, as nearly everyone did, that Hillary Clinton would be elected president of the United States in less than two weeks, what would happen to the FBI, the Justice Department, or her own presidency if it later was revealed, after the fact, that she was still the subject of an FBI investigation?” It is possible, Comey acknowledges, that “my concern about making her an illegitimate president by concealing the restarted investigation bore greater weight than it would have if the election appeared closer or if Donald Trump were ahead in all polls.”



**3. James Comey never leaked any classified information, as the memos contained redactions and notes indicating that certain information was classified.** Based on Mr. Comey’s own testimony, this does not appear to be true. “Yet while testifying before Congress last June, Comey admitted that he gave some of the memos to a friend, with the instructions to leak it to a reporter in order to force a special counsel to be appointed. In other words, Comey may have leaked classified information to a friend in order to facilitate news coverage in his favor and instigate an endless internal investigation of the Trump administration.”

Mr. Comey’s tweets are an embarrassment to him and to the department that he once led. His tweet telling the American public to “break out of that bubble and seek truth” is demeaning and reflects a level of arrogance that is loathsome. As a lawyer, Mr. Comey should be well-aware that one of the most powerful ways to attack a witness’ credibility is to show that he/she lacks candor/honesty. Once this happens, and if the lack of candor is extreme, jurors simply disregard what the witness says because they don’t believe him.

Congratulations, Mr. Comey! We, the American public, are the jurors. You have no credibility in our eyes, we don’t trust you, and we don’t want to hear from you because we don’t believe anything that you say!

Oh, and you were fired, remember?

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## What Is It Going To Be?

By *CS Bennett*

On the surface, it may appear that we, the defenders of liberty and freedom, are headed towards another victory in November against the defenders of government dependency, intrusion and regulations. Republicans were behind the eight ball in early polls this year. Some had us down by as many as 17 points. And now we are ahead by as many as 6 points in most polls. That is a 23-point swing in just a matter of months. This is simply amazing. What was once the threat of a Blue Wave has now turned into what is now a possible Red Tidal Wave. So, what can go wrong, you might ask?

Infighting, and missteps, that is what can go wrong. Since the dawn of the Trump era, the Republican Party has undergone a Renaissance, or rebirth. The party is becoming more prominent, as its membership rolls continue to swell. Membership in it is becoming much less a stigma, and taboo, in the Black community. And what it stands for, versus what liberalism stands for, is becoming much clearer and accepted. More and more minorities are joining our side and speaking out. And that is a good thing. Destroying the Democrats' grip on the Black community is a good thing, as well. More successful Blacks, who are lovers of freedom and liberty, equates to less urban strife and criminality. That is a message we should be pursuing and promoting.

Because of the policies of Trump, the economy is roaring, the unemployment rate is as low as its been in decades, and our standing in the eyes of the world is one of great respect again. We are also close to being energy independent. And we are slowly bringing back manufacturing jobs. People are keeping more of their hard-earned money, thanks to the tax cuts, and the overall consensus is that this country is on the right track.

The problem the Republican Party must take seriously is the infighting beneath the surface. It can destroy us in a way the Democrats would love to but never could. There is still a battle for power and domination of the party between Establishment types and the conservative faction of the party. There remains the rift between party leadership and



Black conservatives, who feel like second-rate citizens within the party. And then, there is the uneasiness some Black Republicans have with rising Black media stars, such as Candace Owens, Lucretia Hughes and Kanye West, whom motives, and core conservative beliefs, they question. I say let their voices be heard since they have the potential to bring more Blacks into the fold.

If the Republican Party is going to survive its own success, it will have to come to terms with the discord that threatens to undo all of its accomplishments. It must make clear what the party stands for, and what it will not tolerate, or stand for. It must work to unify the membership. And its leaders have to start focusing on bringing in more minorities and stop treating them as a lost, and unworthy, cause with little value to the party. To this I say, learn the history of the Republican Party, my compatriots, and learn why it came into existence, and for what purpose. Then do what it takes to embrace its original core principles, which were as noble a cause as Moses and the Exodus from Egypt, and return this party to the proud and grand ole party (GOP) it was once before. Only then will our success, and relevance, last for many generations to come. . . .

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### Prayer Gathering Prior to June 13 REC Meeting

The Palm Beach County Republican Executive Committee Christian Catholic Committee will host a committee meeting including a prayer gathering at the Palm Beach County Governmental Center at 301 N. Olive Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. We will meet in the courtyard outside of the lobby. If it is raining, we will meet on the 6th floor in the area outside of the auditorium. Our prayer gathering will be from 6:00 to 6:30 pm on Wednesday, June 13. The Republican Executive Committee (REC) meeting will be from 6:45 to approximately 8:00/8:30. All Republicans are welcome to the committee meeting/prayer gathering and to the REC meeting. RSVPs are welcome, but not required. For more information, please contact the Christian Catholic Committee Chair Richard Fauteck at [rfauteck@rocketmail.com](mailto:rfauteck@rocketmail.com) or 561-859-9704 or Ruth Field Beck, Precinct Committeewoman, at [ruthfieldbeck@gmail.com](mailto:ruthfieldbeck@gmail.com) or 561-294-5436.



## Florida's First Lady Ann Scott Speaks to FFRW Clubs in Miami

Amid the festive atmosphere at the Las Vegas Cuban Cuisine in Doral, Florida's First Lady Ann Scott met with four of the South Florida clubs of the Florida Federation of Republican Women on Monday, June 4th.

Mrs. Scott, delightful and charming as always, spoke about her life with Rick Scott, detailing their early years when money was scarce. Soon after their wedding, Rick was inducted into the Navy. She described their first apartment, where their furniture consisted of the camping equipment and sleeping bags they had received as a wedding present, while using a Coleman cooler as their first coffee table.

She related that when Rick discussed the possibility of running for office with her, she immediately said she would support him wholeheartedly, with only one caveat—she said that she did not want to do any public speaking. He assured her she wouldn't have to do anything she didn't want to do. But eight years later, in spite of her reservations, Mrs. Scott has become an accomplished speaker and a terrific asset to her husband.

Mrs. Scott talked about some of her experiences when talking to children, commenting on some of the funny questions kids sometimes ask. She recalled one child asking her "How do you marry a governor?"

Irina Vilarino, the owner of the restaurant who graciously hosted the event, recounted a story from earlier in the day. Gov. Scott had attended an event at one of her other Miami locations, and she said that the first thing he did when he arrived was to head to the kitchen and greet each of the workers. Then before the Governor left, he returned to the kitchen and thanked each one of them individually



for their good service during the event. Irina noted that these workers had not been particularly interested in politics prior to that day, but after meeting Rick Scott, they were all going to vote for him for the Senate.

The reception was attended by the Women's Republican Club of Miami, Federated; the Republican Federated Women of South Florida; the Broward Women's Republican Club, Federated; and the Federated Republican Women of North Dade. Everyone was excited to help Governor Scott become our next U.S. Senator, and we look forward to working with him and Mrs. Scott on the campaign.

—Cheryl Mullings



Members of the Republican Federated Women of South Florida enjoyed their visit with Ann Scott. Left to right: Karen Burke, Cheryl Mullings, Linda Johnson, Ann Scott, Rosemary O'Mara, and Linda Gore.



Left to right: Irina Vilarino, owner of Las Vegas Cuban Cuisine; Michele Merrell, President of the Broward Women's Republican Club, Federated; Ann Scott; Maricel Cobitz, President of the Federated Republican Women of North Dade; and Rosemary O'Mara, President of the Republican Federated Women of South Florida.

## Parkland Shooting: One Man's Impact

*By Gene Robinson*

There are times in this life when we all see something miraculous and ask, "Did I really see what I saw, and how did it happen?" That is exactly the experience that I had on Saturday afternoon at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, in the school's football stadium in Parkland. I will discuss what I meant by the above questions later in this message.

In remembrance of the terrible shooting that took place at MSD on February 14 which took the lives of 17 students and staff, an event was planned for weeks to celebrate the life of Aaron Feis, an unarmed security guard at Douglas, who gave his life while saving the lives of several students during the carnage. The event was deemed the Feis Bowl, in honor of the man who graduated from Douglas, played and coached football there, and eventually worked there for years. He was almost 38 when he died.

Before I go any further, you should understand the enormous planning and work that went into the affair on Saturday. With former Douglas athletic director Dave Grad in charge of officials, three flag football games were held from sideline to sideline, involving six teams that pitted members of the current Douglas team against past alumni players, with three games going on at all times on the field. In the end, teams that lost a game were eliminated, and the overall two teams that won all of their games then played each other on the length of the entire football field, from endzone to endzone . . . **winner take all!**

There were over 100 players from all eras since the school opened in 1990, and some of the alumni players came into South Florida from other parts of the country just to play for the day. (The accompanying photo shows some of the alumni players.) There were also well over 50 cheerleaders, some current and some alumni, on hand to keep spirits up. In addition, the large Douglas marching Regiment Band in full uniform was also in attendance, and they came into the stadium, taking their place in the stands.

Aaron Feis' family was there to address the crowd before the festivities began, to thank those in attendance for remembering Aaron, and Douglas head football coach Willis May, who did so much to get both current and past players available to honor Aaron, spoke about all those who lost their lives that tragic Valentine's Day.

Now, I know that everything I have said so far sounds pretty "cut and dried," with all the planning and hard work running smoothly for the day. But, nothing could be further from the truth, as the questions that I posed to open this note, "Did I really see what I saw, and how did it happen?" certainly required some Divine Intervention to cause the day to end perfectly.

And, let me explain, so that you will see what I mean!

The First Annual Feis Bowl was set to begin at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, and planners, plus those who worked

the event, were hoping for a huge crowd, something that would bode well for future efforts in years to come. But, at nearly 3:30 in the afternoon on Saturday, since we are experiencing our rainy season in South Florida, ominous dark clouds hung overhead, raging lightning and thunder continued non-stop, and there was a driving rain storm. As I watched the current pattern, which was scheduled to be with us throughout the rest of the day, and into the night, I began to wonder **if this event would ever happen!**

All I could do was say a prayer, asking for things to clear up, and hold off from 5 p.m. until at least 8 p.m. **Well, my prayer was answered abundantly.**

So many plans and so much work had gone into the weeks leading up to Saturday, to pull off a successful event, with help from so many people. For example, former Douglas cheerleader, Kaitlyn Robinson Dennis, took to her Facebook page for days on end, to contact all the friends and others she could, imploring them to "come out and see her cheer once again at MSD." And, Aaron's brother, Ray Feis, told me on Saturday that he did everything he could to "get the word out" about the Feis Bowl. I didn't ask him what he did, but whatever Kaitlyn, Ray and so many others did . . . **worked, and Divine Intervention took over!**

At sometime between 3:30 and 4:30, the rain, lightning and thunder stopped, the weather cleared up completely, and for a short period of time, the sun even came out. Then, at 4:45, people began to line up outside the entrance to the stadium, and they came, And They Came, **and they came** . . . until the stadium was filled to capacity, and the fence around the track and field had people standing all around the perimeter.

It never rained again, and there was no other weather disturbance for the rest of the entire night, and people stayed until the very end, enjoying the event. The LORD was at work, and it was quite evident that . . . **the impact that Aaron Feis had at Douglas High School lives on!**

GOD Bless.

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## News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County

### The Judeo/Christian Republican Club Welcomed Carl Domino and Bernard Sansaricq at its May 8 Meeting



The Judeo/Christian Republican Club had another full house meeting this past Tuesday, May 8th. Our members flocked in to hear two outstanding speakers: Carl Domino, a successful businessman, attorney and former Florida House member, and Bernard Sansaricq, the former President of the Haitian Senate.

Carl enumerated the accomplishments of President Trump and gave us a basic civics lesson on the Constitution, how Trump is following its statutes, how he is being attacked endlessly by reckless violators of our laws, and how he has not only faced them toe to toe but has accomplished so much in so short a time in office. All in spite of the assaults on his character, patriotism and family. We thank Carl for his friendship and support.

Bernard, a survivor of the Criminal Clinton family's rape of Haiti, tells what is hidden from us about their responsibility for the lack of recovery of that island from the earth-

quake that devastated it over eight years ago and the poverty that still shrouds that nation, although billions have been raised for its recovery. Bernard claims with facts, that thousands of his fellow citizens' lives have been lost through hunger and targeted killings by those surrogates who serve under Hillary and Bill. Few Americans are aware of the financial gains that have accrued to the Clintons with Bill being appointed by the UN as the overseer of all funds collected for the benefit of the Haitian community. The family controls the gold mines, the telecommunications and industries of Haiti. In other words, they rule the island, and tens of thousands of those citizens have died at the hands of Bill and Hillary. Bernard, we are with you and will support your efforts to free your people from the likes of the Clintons.

Many thanks to Carl and Bernard for a standout, informational meeting.

Our next meeting will be on June 12th at 6PM at the Civic Center at 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. To join, please go to our website, [judeochristianrepublicans.com](http://judeochristianrepublicans.com). We need each other! And by the way, our membership has climbed to 276 since our founding only 11 months ago. We have booked the entire Center (400 seats) for next year's meetings. No more SRO! Join us!!!

—Alan Bergstein, President

## CIA Stories at the Republican Club of the Palm Beaches

*Posted by Fred Scheibl on May 27, 2018*

Our May lunch featured former CIA agent Michelle Rigby Assad, author of "Breaking Cover, My Secret Life in the CIA and What It Taught Me about What's Worth Fighting For."

Telling several stories from her book, Michelle related the management of an Iraqi insurgent source during the "surge" (2006) when "nobody wanted to be in Iraq." She and her husband, also a clandestine agent, were sent there "against their will." The intelligence she gathered through the trust she engendered with the asset was significant, as women are not treated seriously in Iraqi militant culture.

Women are not treated very seriously in the CIA either apparently, as the one of the main takeaways from her talk was the gender bias she experienced throughout her career there, and she does not think it is any better today.

She was successful in spite of this challenge though, and she pointed out that there are 50 to 180 thousand applicants each year and just becoming an agent is significant, man or woman.

"The CIA is in need of fundamental changes," she said, and it "has been successful in spite of itself." Asked whether

the appointment and confirmation of Gina Haspel to lead the agency showed improvement, Michelle was not particularly impressed. "Gina" she said, "is a headquarters person" (not a field agent) and more of a "keep it together" executive than a visionary.

After leaving the CIA, she and her husband worked with producer Mark Burnett to help Iraqi Christians escape persecution. They were able to airlift 149 to Slovakia over a period of 4½ months.

Also at the meeting was Agriculture Commissioner candidate Denise Grimsley. Denise touted her lifelong experience as a farmer, but also as an executive and finance professional.

Please join us next month for our annual scholarship meeting where the club will announce the awards for the 2018–19 school year. Inlet Grove Charter School CEO/President Dr. Emma Banks will be our speaker.



**News from the Republican Clubs of Palm Beach County**

**Out and About with the Republican Federated Women of South Florida**



On Thursday, May 17, the Republican Federated Women of South Florida held their monthly meeting at the Boca Country Club and welcomed two exciting speakers. **Joe Budd**, Palm Beach County’s State Committeeman and the founder of the Trump 45 Club, talked about draining the swamp, the popularity of President Trump, and the success of the Trump Club. He described his experiences driving in the presidential motorcade when the President visits Palm Beach. **KCarl Smith**, the author of *Frederick Douglass Republicans: The Movement to Re-Ignite America's Passion for Liberty*, described how Frederick Douglass was able to elevate himself from a slave to being an advisor to five Republican presidents, and explained how to use his example to communicate the conservative message to liberals.

RFW President **Rosemary O’Mara** and 2nd Vice President **Cheryl Mullings** and her husband **Tom** had the unique opportunity to visit the artist **Duaiv** and his wife **Magella** at their lovely studio in Fort Lauderdale. The Duaivs, RFW members and enthusiastic Trump supporters, served an elegant gourmet dinner, and the highlight of the evening was a recital with Duaiv on cello, **Mei Mei Luo** of the Miami City Ballet on violin, and **Ariel Ramos** on piano.

The next meeting of the Republican Federated Women of South Florida will be held on Thursday, June 21, at the Boca Country Club, with sign-in and social at 6:00 pm and the meeting starting at 6:30. Guest speakers will include County Commissioner **Steven Abrams**, who will give a County update, and **Michael Barnett**, Chair of the Palm Beach County Republican Party and Vice Chair of the Republican Party of Florida. The cost is \$40 per person, which includes a buffet dinner. For information about the meeting or to RSVP, please contact Cheryl Mullings at 561-852-9520, or email [cherylmullings@comcast.net](mailto:cherylmullings@comcast.net).



RFW President Rosemary O’Mara (left) and 2nd Vice President Cheryl Mullings (right) with Magella and Duaiv at their Fort Lauderdale studio.

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## The Elephant in the Room

*Posted by Fred Scheibl on June 5, 2018*

Congressman Brian Mast, speaking at the Abacoa chapter meeting on Monday, June 4, confronted his critics and doubled down on his call for age limits and the ban on the sale of “gas operated, semi-automatic” rifles, such as the AR-15 and AK-47. (Actually that definition probably applies to many of rifles sold that are not single-shot bolt action devices.)

In an attempt to guide the audience down the path of his thinking, he asked a series of questions, starting with “who would keep the gun laws as they are?” (Most raised their hands.) Very few agreed with “expanding background checks,” “raising age limits,” or banning other categories of equipment, but there was support for restrictions based on mental health. He referenced the “national firearms act,” in place since the 30’s that bans the retail sale of automatic weapons, and argued most don’t think that infringes on the Second Amendment.

A self-described owner of many firearms himself, who grew up around weapons and was trained in the military, Congressman Mast supports the usual gun rights position that guns are tools and you don’t blame the tool for the action of the wielder. That said, he does object to the “lethality” of semi-automatic rifles in the hands of the mentally defective, and believes that the sale of these weapons should be stopped “at least for a while,” while we figure it all out.

Banning the sale of the AR-15 and the like would obviously lead to banning the possession of such, of course, and by some counts there are over 3 million AR-15 variants in the hands of American citizens, who are almost entirely law-abiding. That, presumably is part of “figuring it all out.”

Brian also touched on other topics, such as his support for the tax cuts, opposition to the omnibus spending bill, opposition to sugar subsidies (controversial in Florida), and his initiative to open a congressional office in the VA hospital.

He also deflected criticism he has received from low conservative “scores” from Heritage Action and Freedomworks. Heritage assigned him 46% on their “key votes” where the average house Republican is at 64%. Freedomworks has him at 49%.

“I wasn’t elected to represent Heritage Action” was his defense, and suggested that he supports President Trump in areas where these organizations do not.

To be fair, the scoring is somewhat one dimensional and a vote is not always what it seems. You really have to look at the votes and decide for yourself. Heritage Action dinged



him for example, for reauthorizing the CHIP program and supporting FAA reauthorization without the privatization they wanted. Most bills have pros and cons, and there is room for interpretation.

During the Q&A, most focused on his position on guns. Teri Hughes lit into him for blaming guns for Parkland, even though there were so many governmental failures that did not adequately deal with the shooter before hand.

Then Linda Wummer asked the question many of us were thinking—how are you going to win your base back and get re-elected? Many people in the room have been strong fans of the Congressman, worked for him in 2016, and have defended him against critics since he was elected. His current difficulties are self-inflicted. Calling for a gun ban is tilting at windmills—it is not likely to happen, and there is no upside to proposing one (if you are a conservative).

Brian is now facing a primary challenge from Mark Freeman and Dave Cummings—something that would have not have happened without this stumble. The Democrats have Lauren Baer and Pam Kieth—neither likely to draw many Republican votes, but in this narrow R+4 district, turnout in November will be key.

Politicians always break your heart at some point, and Brian has broken many over the last few months. This seat is too important to lose over a single issue though, and we have to put on our big-boy pants and consider the big picture. If you disagree with Brian only on the gun control proposal, it is painful but not likely to make a substantive difference in the debate that has already moved on. Consider what losing this seat to a Democrat will do to the Trump agenda, and maybe you will choose the pragmatic course.



## Letters

### Parkland Shooting Turns Political

Dear Friends,

The Valentines' Day shooting disaster at the Parkland high school, the sad truth be told, was turned with incredible lightning-like speed into a massive Democrat Party 2018 election kick off. With victims still on gurneys waiting to be autopsied, Congresspeople Ted Deutch and Debbie W. Schultz were already financing and organizing the survivors to begin the chant for "Gun Control," the guilt of the NRA, and the defeat of President Trump. Overnight, plans for voter registration in high schools were in place to secure future voters for The Party. Students were immediately permitted to demonstrate in the streets during school hours. David Hogg, a student at the school, who claims to be a survivor, although many kids have reported that he was not at school that day, was recruited to lead the teams of teens under the banner of the nationwide Town Hall Project founded by former Hillary Clinton staffer, Jimmy Dahman, to boost and campaign for Democrat candidates throughout the country in 2018. How did such smoothly well planned, coordinated and financed programs pop up practically overnight after that shooting? The Progressive media has yet to dig into that query. Perhaps they know too many answers and we still don't.

Let's look into the three major players in this tragic event. The shooter, Nikolas Cruz; the Broward County Sheriff, Scott Israel; and the Broward School Superintendent, Robert Runcie. Cruz was a troubled student whose major problems, criminal and mental, were covered up by the PROMISE PROGRAM, an Obama scheme brought over by Runcie from his former employer, the Chicago school system. This was a plan to reduce the reporting of in-school crimes of minority students by conspiring with the Sheriff's office to reduce the severity of the infractions and have them handled by inept school employees. This not only permitted the schools to be awarded millions of dollars as rewards for "reducing crime," but also gave youthful offenders such as Nikolas Cruz clean records, and as in his case, the legal right to purchase the weapons used in the slaughter.

The Sheriff's Department, under Scott Israel, reportedly was called to the Cruz residence over 30 times because of his disruptive and dangerous behavior. They knew all about the weapons he had at home and chose not to follow up on the claims that Cruz had threatened to shoot up the school. Even the FBI ignored repeated warnings phoned to them regarding Cruz and his threats to society. How so many major league criminologists have dropped so many balls?

There are too many coincidences regarding Democrats having a major platform against the Second Amendment and its supporters, the Conservative leaning NRA, the Republican Party and then putting into place such a well-prepared political response to the Parkland shooting. Was Cruz set up by permitting this obviously dangerously disturbed kid to have a clean record by covering up his apparent criminal violations and then waiting for him to explode and then unleash this meticulously coordinated attack on gun supporters which of course is heavy with Republicans running for office? Were Democrats just sitting back and waiting for such a calamity? Are their solemn faces at funerals and memorials and the tears they shed for so many victims, merely props to cover up shivers of joy at having tens of thousands of robot-like teens parade around the country to act as political shells for their causes? If so, their victims including Cruz, the dead, and their mourning families have paid the ultimate penalty for what? Obviously for the shameless pursuit of political gains.

Alan Bergstein  
Boca Raton

### North Korea Can Not Be Trusted

The release and timing of your Editor's Postscript in this month's Newsletter containing healthy skepticism toward North Korea could not have been more on cue. Earlier today on the other side of our planet, Kim Kyle Gwan, a long-time North Korean diplomat, singled out National Security Adviser John Bolton stating "If the U.S. is trying to drive us into a corner to force our unilateral nuclear abandonment, we will no longer be interested in such dialogue and cannot but reconsider our proceeding to the DPRK-U.S. summit."

Additionally, today, 5/16/18 was the scheduled date for the start of high-level talks between North and South as agreed to in writing last month. Hours after Gwan's remarks that meeting was unilaterally cancelled by the North.

In a report published earlier today in Pyongyang, the Korean Central News Agency said the "Max Thunder" joint exercise designed to test interoperability of air assets between South Korea and the U.S. was a rehearsal for invasion. No s--t, Sherlock.

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## Book Review

***The Great Revolt: Inside the Populist Coalition Reshaping American Politics*, by Salena Zito and Brad Todd. New York: Crown Forum, 2018. Hardcover, 310 pp.**

What really happened during the American presidential election of 2016? We've heard the Dems' story, of course. And what a story it is. A humdinger of a tall tale if ever there was one. Simply put, Donald Trump colluded with the Russians and stole the election from Hillary, when in reality she's the one who colluded with the Russians to defeat her political opponent and then invented this tallest of tall tales to frame him. So as I posed in the opening sentence of this review, what really happened in 2016? That's what this book, *The Great Revolt*, is about. Its authors do an excellent job of analyzing President Trump's populist coalition that won in 2016 on a relatively shoestring budget and reshaped American politics in a way that most people did not see coming.

The book was a collaborative effort between authors Salena Zito and Brad Todd. Ms. Zito worked for the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review for eleven years. As of 2016 she's been with the *New York Post*. In addition, she works as a political analyst for CNN and a reporter and columnist for the *Washington Examiner*. Her articles are syndicated in 20 newspapers around the country. Mr. Todd is a founding partner at OnMessage Inc., a leading national Republican advertising and opinion research agency. His clients have included many senators, governors and congressmen.

There are primarily two data sources for this book: "A geographical analysis of Trump's vote county by county and the national electorate by population tiers, and the Great Revolt Survey of Rust Belt Trump voters." The authors go into these counties and interview the Trump voters, many of whom are Democrats and most of whom voted for Democrats in the past, including Barack Obama. These are rural folks, many of them union people from Rust Belt areas of the country who feel abandoned by the Democrat Party. They come from places like Vernon County, Wisconsin; Macomb County, Michigan; Ashtabula County, Ohio; Erie County, Pennsylvania; and Lee County, Iowa.

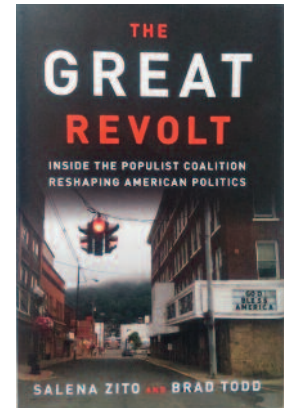
Let's pick out one of these counties—Ashtabula in Ohio, for example—and see what the authors have uncovered. This county has been solidly Democrat for decades. A majority of the voters there went for John Kerry, Al Gore, Bill Clinton and Michael Dukakis in previous presidential election

cycles. In 2012 they gave Barack Obama a solid 55 percent of their votes, but in 2016 they reversed course with 57 percent of them going for Donald Trump. What happened in Ashtabula County, Ohio is the same thing that occurred in Michigan, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Ohio and West Virginia. Millions of Democrat-leaning, blue collar workers, many of them union people, switched their political preference from donkeys to pachyderms in a remarkable turnabout that left progressive elites scratching their heads and mindlessly morphing into Trump Derangement Syndrome without a clue as to what happened.

The authors of this fascinating book know what happened, and their analysis reveals it in no uncertain terms. American citizens in these blighted areas that politicians seem to have forgotten rose up in their millions and expressed their frustration and anger at what has happened to them in recent decades. They feel like their guns are being taken away from them, their jobs have been shipped out to people in other countries, their sacred religious beliefs are being ridiculed, their love of country has been treated as if it's something to be ashamed of. In a word, they've been made to feel like "deplorables," and the "deplorables" have had enough. They see the president as a "reflection of their frustrations" and they see themselves as "part of a coalition larger than Trump," and they are right. As the authors opine, the switching of sides of these voters in the 2016 presidential election "has fundamentally altered the American political landscape for the foreseeable future. The demand of these populist voters for cultural respect, their resistance to multiculturalism at home, their siege-like defiance of the loudest voices in American corporate and societal life, and the intensity of the Left's reaction to them, will now animate not just our politics but our nation's debates about commercial and societal norms."

You've heard of Tennyson's stirring "Charge of the Light Brigade?" This book is about the charge of the "deplorables," and what a charge it was!

—Tom Mullings



## Book Review

***Frederick Douglass: Self-Made Man*, by Timothy Sandefur. Caro Institute: March 6, 2018. Paperback, 140 pp. ISBN: 978-1-944424-85-5 and eISBN: 978-1-944424-86-2.**

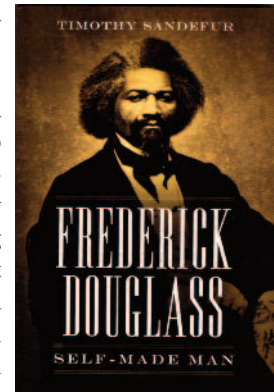
Douglass was his adopted family name. He did not know his father for sure, but suspected it might have been Captain Aaron Anthony. His mother dumped him on her sister, Katey, and Grandmother Betsey after giving him the name Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey. The family was dysfunctional like many families are now, two hundred years after his birth at the Wye Plantation in Maryland. The Wye House was owned by U.S. Senator Edward Lloyd who owned around 1,000 slaves in February 1818.

Author Timothy Sandefur is an adjunct scholar at the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C., the publisher of this book. He has written several books about economic freedom, the Constitution, property rights, and numerous articles including some on similar topics, slavery and the civil war. Sandefur is the Vice President for Litigation and holds the Duncan Chair in Constitutional Government at the Goldwater Institute. He is a graduate of Hillsdale College and Chapman University School of Law.

Grandmother Betsey lived in a small log cabin apart from other slave quarters on Anthony's Holme Hill Farm. At about seven years old, Frederick was taken to the "Great House," 17 miles away where Aunt Katey took care of him. On the plantation, slavery was thought decreed by God, and Douglass later said nobody complained about it. The book describes the techniques for keeping slaves in line that must have played on the minds of all of them. In 1818 there were about 1.5 million slaves known to be on the continent. Twenty years later when Douglass escaped by writing his own passes and moving north, there were 2.5 million. Slavery came to be "seen as a matter of nationalism and even humanitarianism."

In 1826 Aaron Anthony fell ill and his daughter, Lucretia, was to inherit Frederick. She had married Thomas Auld, whose brother Hugh Auld and wife Sophia lived in Baltimore, where Frederick was sent to live. Baltimore was the second most populous city in the country in 1826, with 80,000 inhabitants and numerous visitors and immigrants. Fells Point was a ship-building area and Hugh Auld was a carpenter who wanted to build ships. Sophie had a two-year-old son, Thomas, and Sophie read the Bible to him. Frederick heard this and asked to be taught to read. Sophie became proud of Frederick learning to read and mentioned this to Hugh, who immediately objected. He said learning to read would lead to Frederick running away. Hugh's tirade was obviously evil to Frederick who remembered it as the first anti-slavery lecture he had ever heard. When Sophie caught Frederick looking at a book later she flew into a rage.

In 1831 Frederick purchased a copy of *The Columbian Orator*, an anthology of articles, poems, and dialogues intended as a school book. "Its editor, Caleb Bingham, included several selections targeting the evils of slavery in hopes of influencing young readers; in Douglass' case, at least, it worked." The book and the newspapers taught him "rhetorical techniques of high romanticism." In 1833, Frederick



was sent back to Thomas Auld, who lived in St. Michaels, about 100 miles from Baltimore, after a family quarrel. [Today, St. Michaels is noted for its deep-water port for large yachts.] There, Douglass became miserable, he was kept hungry, and began to look to Christianity for hope when Auld professed to be converted to Methodism after attending a revival. Douglass was barred from attending Sunday school, where he had been caught teaching other slaves to read the Bible.

A year later, Auld sent Douglass to Edward Covey, "the notorious slave-breaker to whom exasperated masters would entrust troublemakers in need of taming." The description of what went on is pretty gruesome and after six months Douglass was broken. Douglass later had a Lazarus moment and decided to escape to Thomas Auld in St. Michaels by walking there. Auld was not sympathetic and Douglass had to walk back, which allowed for a spiritual awakening. Covey did nothing on Sunday, but waited until Monday to jump on and beat Douglass. But Douglass grabbed Covey by the throat and held on and they fought for two hours. Covey pretended he won, but for the second half of the year Douglass was not beaten.

The book continues in this fashion, tying Douglass' thoughts and plans in a total of ten chapters covering the rest of Douglass' life. Douglass learned to write and over his life he wrote three autobiographies describing his trials and tribulations, accomplishments and family activities. How Douglass became a Republican is very interesting, something you should want to know about if you want to be of good counsel to the blacks who should understand the differences in the 21st-century political parties in the USA.

In New Bedford, Massachusetts, he married Anna Murray, a free black woman he had met in Baltimore. He used his ship-building skills learned under Thomas Auld. They lived with a black abolitionist named Nathan Johnson who suggested the Douglass name, borrowed from Sir Walter Raleigh's poem "Lady of the Lake" in which there was a

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character named Black James Douglas, a fighter for Scottish independence. “Choosing his own name was one more step in the process of self-determination that represented true liberation from slavery.” This was about the time that French traveler Alex de Tocqueville’s *Democracy in America* was being published. The Frenchman’s book commented on the differences between the North and South because of slavery.

In the 1850’s Douglass wrote a lecture titled “Self-Made Men,” which he gave dozens of times all over the USA. Douglass found that escaping from slavery gave him a sense of pride he had never experienced before. In another speech, “What is Freedom?,” Douglass said it is the right to choose one’s work, if it means anything. He worked at many manual labor jobs, and as a blacksmith he nailed a copy of William Lloyd Garrison’s *Liberator* to a post near where he stood at the bellows to read while he worked. Garrison was America’s most prominent abolitionist. For three years in New Bedford, Douglass attended meetings of abolitionists and read every issue of the *Liberator*.

He received a preaching license from the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in 1839 and started to play a part in the anti-colonialization movement. In 1841, Douglass spoke to an audience of 1,000 in Nantucket and Garrison heard this. Garrison was awestruck and invited Douglass to speak at other meetings.

Later he got to know Gerrit Smith, an abolitionist and philanthropist, who with others founded the Liberty Party. Smith and others believe they should use America’s supreme law, the Constitution, to promote anti-slavery. As Douglass spoke he used vivid details of slavery and named names, which caused friends to suggest that he go to Europe in 1846 for a few months to be safe. In England, he addressed large crowds every night. He published a pamphlet, the *Narrative*, which gave him a measure of financial support. The British admirers presented him with enough money to buy his freedom from Thomas Auld and handed him his own deed of sale.

Back in the USA in the spring of 1847 he had been given or earned enough to start his own newspaper in Rochester, New York, under the mast of *The North Star*, at the age of 29. In Rochester, he and his family helped around 400 slaves escape to Canada. By 1851, he was convinced the Constitution was an anti-slavery document and abolitionists should use it to oppose slavery. This argument included the idea that what the Founders intended is not the law, but what the Constitution says is the law. “We the People of the United States,” must include black Americans since nothing else says otherwise.

The decade before the Civil War saw the Congress changing the law about where slavery could be established. The Free Soil Party was formed out of the Liberty Party and in 1848 nominated former president Martin Van Buren, who was no help to the Free Soilers that later folded into the Republican Party founded in 1854. The *Dred Scott* decision came down in 1857.

Douglass had an on-and-off relationship with John Brown, who plotted to take the Harpers Ferry Arsenal. Douglass decided not to take part in the plan, but later thought he might be in hot water with Federal prosecutors for a conspiracy charge when he was lecturing on “Self-Made Men” in Philadelphia. When the Federal arrest warrant arrived, the abolitionist telegraph operator held the papers until after Douglass left for Rochester. Douglass was not pursued by the Feds.

Douglass liked William Seward, an abolitionist, more than Lincoln, but Lincoln won the presidential election and Seward was appointed to the Cabinet. Douglass was mentioned for an Army Officers Commission, but nothing came of it. Douglass saw the Emancipation Proclamation as a heroic deed. He spoke to Lincoln about equal pay for black troops and Lincoln politely said no. Eventually equal pay was granted. Douglass was fond of saying the black man wanted to have three boxes: the ballot box, the jury box, and the cartridge box. These White House discussions were before the war was won by the North.

After Anna died he married a 46-year-old white woman, Helen Pitts, and had three more children. His other children did not take this well and refused to attend the wedding. The family lived in Cedar Hill, a part of the D.C. Anacostia area.

Douglass was appointed the U.S. Marshall in Washington, D.C. and later named the Recorder of Deeds. In 1886 he retired from the Recorder’s position and he and Helen spent a year in England, France, Italy, and Egypt. Returning home in 1888, he was asked to speak at the Republican National Convention. He was not a supporter of Benjamin Harrison, but he called for unity and for the party to hold to its anti-slavery origin. Douglass died of a heart attack at home on February 20, 1895. [Nobody knew CPR in those days.] He was retired from working but had earlier that day attended a meeting of people supporting women’s right to vote. Douglass is buried in Rochester.

This is an inspiring story about a consequential American man and what he did with his mind, body, and life to help his people and his country in troubling times. There is much more to learn in this 142-page paperback.

*Reviewed by William J. Skinner in memory of Ben Henry, the first black man I ever met. I was introduced to Mr. Henry at age 7 around 72 years ago before I knew about slavery.*

## Editor's Postscript

### Super Summit?

By Tom Mullings

You got to hand it to the Dems. They never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity, in this case to effect a much-needed united, bipartisan foreign policy stance in a matter of vital importance to the American people. Or to get in a dig at the source of all evil on the planet—President Donald Trump. The OPPOSITION party's take on the upcoming potentially historic summit between the president and Kim Jong Un of North Korea feels more like the latter this time than the former, but no matter which, the donkeys' words of wisdom to the nation carry more than their usual share of irony.

Lead donkey Chucky Schumer of New York, doing his best imitation of *Rambo*, thundered that Trump should demand "full, complete and verifiable denuclearization of North Korea." Ironic, not to mention amusing words, coming from the leader of a party who characterized the verification regimen associated with Obama's deal with Iran as "iron-clad," which were in point of fact anything but. In response, President Trump had it right when he tweeted "Schumer failed with North Korea and Iran, we don't need his advice!" Indeed we don't. Obama and company got nowhere with North Korea and negotiated a pathetically weak nuclear deal with Iran, whose verification procedures were an insult to our intelligence. These people agreed to Iranian demands that many suspicious sites in Iran were off limits to international inspectors and that the policing authorities had to give the clerics 30-day notice of coming inspections, which was ample time to remove incriminating evidence of cheating! Someone needs to show Chucky the definition of the word "hypocrisy" in the dictionary. His picture accompanies it!

With every passing week, as the president's list of domestic and international accomplishments grows, words of wisdom from hysterical lightweights like Chucky come across as falling evermore flat. For those of us who know what the man has said and done in the past, his words are more amusing than anything else, which is a good thing, since levity in politics is a much needed tonic to sooth angst born of double-talking politicians. So keep it up, Chucky. All of us political junkies could use a good laugh from time to time.

Only time will tell, but if there is a change of heart in North Korea it's because of genuine fear that, unlike his weak, naive predecessor, when President Trump rattles his saber he means it. And if real progress toward peace and prosperity is finally at hand on the peninsula, it will also mean that the maximum pressure of the president's draconian

economic sanctions, "which has cut oil imports and coal exports, dried up hard-currency inflows and made commodity prices spike in the country," have begun to bite and are playing a significant part in the drama as well. The South Korean media has issued reports that suggest this, saying that "North Korea used telephones, rather than global VSAT communications, to speak with South Korean delegations for the Olympics, since the state had lost access to satellite networks after defaulting on payments." In addition, Trump Administration officials have said that "the sanctions have caused North Korean gas prices to triple and have reduced the country's exports by more than \$2.7 billion."

Chucky's allies in the drive-by media think they have a winning issue in their universal condemnation of the president's insistence that he doesn't "think [he] has to prepare very much" for the upcoming summit, but as usual they're all wet. What they are leaving out of their disingenuous reporting is the fact that "after months of briefings he has studied the issue as much as he can," so there is no need for further study of briefing books.

Despite obvious efforts by President Trump to tamp down expectations for the summit, they are through the roof, which was, perhaps, inevitable given the unprecedented nature of what's unfolded so far; i.e. the first meeting of the two countries' leaders in history. Still, even if he has to walk away from this summit for the second time in a month, it will hardly be empty handed, since Pyongyang has already released three U.S. citizens who had been wrongly imprisoned in the Hermit Kingdom for years.

For now we wait with baited breath and all eyes on the People's Republic of China, since real progress toward a lasting peace on the Peninsula will only come if that's what maximum leader Xi and the rest of his Chinese Communist Party modern-day mandarins truly want.



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*Editor's note: For decades Charles Krauthammer was my favorite columnist, so it was with great sadness that I read the following piece that he wrote to the faithful readers of his column. I parted company with Dr. Krauthammer regarding his views on President Trump, but I always thought of him as one of the country's best strategic thinkers, an uncommon voice of wisdom on foreign policy, and a national treasure. For me it's a comforting thought to think that there is a special place in heaven for great Americans, and if there is, Dr. Krauthammer certainly belongs there. I wish him godspeed in the weeks and months ahead.*

## A Note to Readers

**By Charles Krauthammer**

Published in *The Washington Post*, June 8

I have been uncharacteristically silent these past ten months. I had thought that silence would soon be coming to an end, but I'm afraid I must tell you now that fate has decided on a different course for me.

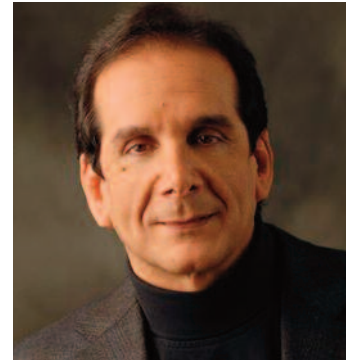
In August of last year, I underwent surgery to remove a cancerous tumor in my abdomen. That operation was thought to have been a success, but it caused a cascade of secondary complications—which I have been fighting in hospital ever since. It was a long and hard fight with many setbacks, but I was steadily, if slowly, overcoming each obstacle along the way and gradually making my way back to health.

However, recent tests have revealed that the cancer has returned. There was no sign of it as recently as a month ago, which means it is aggressive and spreading rapidly. My doctors tell me their best estimate is that I have only a few weeks left to live. This is the final verdict. My fight is over.

I wish to thank my doctors and caregivers, whose efforts have been magnificent. My dear friends, who have given me a lifetime of memories and whose support has sustained me through these difficult months. And all of my partners at *The Washington Post*, Fox News, and Crown Publishing.

Lastly, I thank my colleagues, my readers, and my viewers, who have made my career possible and given consequence to my life's work. I believe that the pursuit of truth and right ideas through honest debate and rigorous argument is a noble undertaking. I am grateful to have played a small role in the conversations that have helped guide this extraordinary nation's destiny.

I leave this life with no regrets. It was a wonderful life—full and complete with the great loves and great endeavors that make it worth living. I am sad to leave, but I leave with the knowledge that I lived the life that I intended.



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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.

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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.

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