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The Humdinger of a State of the Union and the Witless Women in White

What a State of the Union Speech! I’ve never seen anything that compares to it in my lifetime and I’m not the only one. A poll taken of people who watched the address by President Trump indicated 76 percent approved as opposed to 24 percent who disapproved. And that’s a CBS poll from one of the “drive-by” channels, so you know it couldn’t be agenda driven! And how could there not be that kind of positive response from the American people given the brilliant themes of that address by the president of the United States. The results were nothing short of amazing, as will be apparent in the following in-depth review, but first a little background on how we got there.

Remember, at first there was the limited government shut-down over the Dems refusal to help the president secure the southern border. In the court of public opinion the president appeared to be losing that showdown, especially when House Speaker Pelosi withdrew her invitation to the president to give his State of the Union speech at the House of Representatives in DC, denying him that most attractive of venues to educate the public about what the crisis on our southern border was really all about. Then Mr. Trump turned the tables on her by reopening the government and forcing her to re-issue the invitation to speak before a joint session of Congress, an opportunity which he took full advantage of in one of the best political speeches I have ever heard. Never

have I seen the Democrats more flummoxed, confused, out-manuevered and uncomfortable in public. As Palm Beach County GOP Chairman Michael Barnett said, they were made to dance “like puppets on a string” and President Trump was the commanding puppet master in chief.

From start to finish the address was brilliantly crafted, structured and staged. Not wasting any time, the Sgt. at Arms announced the president and, bucking tradition, Mr Trump went straight to the podium and began his speech instead of being introduced a second time, which has always been unnecessary and irritating. Setting out his most dominant theme at the start, he appealed for bipartisanship, saying “millions of our fellow citizens are watching us now, hoping that we will govern, not as two parties, but as one nation.” A thundering standing O was the response, but not from the Democrat Women in the Chamber, dressed in white ostensibly to show solidarity with the women’s movement, but in effect making it easier to see who it was that was really opposed to bipartisanship and unity. Leading lady in white, Pelosi, tried openly at times to signal these intransigent snow-white Dems not to telegraph their blatant partisanship and resistance to everything Trump to the vast American audience looking on, but nothing could stop

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them, especially their leader, 28-year-old self-acclaimed socialist, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez from New York, who remained defiant throughout.

The president boldly called for a new standard of living for Americans in the twenty-first century, reminding viewers that his policies have launched an economic boom not seen in decades, creating 5.3 million new jobs in only two years. He said that the U.S. economy was now growing at nearly twice the rate it was when he first took office, and reeled off statistics that were undoubtedly new to viewers who got all their news from CNN, MSNBC and the Rachel Maddow Show. Unemployment is the lowest it's been in 50 years and African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American and disabled-American unemployment has fallen to the lowest levels in history. He rightfully took credit for other accomplishments in the first two years of his presidency, like the massive tax cut for working families, the doubling of the child tax credit, and the fact that more unnecessary regulations have already been cut than during any other previous administration's entire tenure. Companies were coming back to America from overseas in record numbers, and a revolution has been launched in the countries energy sector that has made us the world's number one producer of oil and natural gas. "Members of Congress," he said, "the state of our union is strong," and the only thing that can stop our economic miracle is "foolish politics and ridiculous partisan investigations."

All presidents at these joint sessions of Congress play to people's emotions with invited guests, but none more effectively than President Trump did last night. At one point he introduced a grateful teary-eyed woman he'd pardoned from prison, who'd been given a life sentence for a seemingly low-level drug-offense. As most in the chamber on both sides of the aisle applauded this poor victimized grandmother, a camera shot of the women in white revealed three of them, heartlessly huddling together in an apparent strategy session, while oblivious to the emotional outpouring of support going on all around them.

Trump challenged Congress, saying they had ten days to craft legislation to end illegal immigration on our southern



Private Herman Zeitchick (on right) helped liberate Joshua Kaufman (on left) from Hitler's death-camp at Dachau, and President Donald J. Trump recognized both men in his address to America.

border and putting the ruthless coyotes, cartels, drug dealers and human traffickers out of business. Once again, the response in the chamber from most was a standing ovation, but a quick camera close-up of presidential hopeful Kamala Harris showed her scowling and shaking her head.

"As we speak," warned the president, "large caravans of illegals are heading for our southern border and we have a moral duty to create an immigration system that protects the lives and jobs of our citizens. This includes an obligation to the millions of legal immigrants living here who followed the rules and respected our laws." Once again when the women in white booed, Pelosi tried to silence them by holding up her hand, but to no avail.

"Legal immigrants enrich our country and I want them to come into our country in the largest numbers ever, but they have to come in legally. No issue illustrates the divide between America's working class and America's political class than illegal immigration. Wealthy politicians and donors push for open borders while living their lives behind walls and guards. Toleration for illegal immigrants is not compassionate, but actually very cruel. One in three women are assaulted in the journey north. Smugglers use children to exploit our laws and gain access. Traffickers smuggle in women to sell into prostitution and sex slavery. Tens of thousands have been killed by illegals who cross our borders. Last year ICE made 200,000 arrests of criminal aliens including those convicted of 100,000 assaults, 30,000 sex crimes and 4,000 murders." Then the president reiterated his proposal to secure the border that includes, a physical barrier and many other technologies "that most people in this room voted for in the past, but the proper wall never got built."

Another memorable part of the president's State of the Union Address was when he charged that "We in the U.S. are alarmed by calls to adopt Socialism [Cortez, Gillibrand, Sanders] in our country, but America was founded on liberty and independence and not government domination, coercion and control. We were born free and we will stay free. Tonight we renew our resolve that America will never be a Socialist country."

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He ended with a final appeal for bipartisanship. “Think of this very chamber where lawmakers voted to end slavery, defeat fascism, secure civil rights and face down evil empires. Here tonight we have legislators from all across this magnificent Republic. What will we do at this moment? How will we be remembered? I ask the men and women of this Congress to look to the opportunities before us. We must choose whether we are defined by our differences or dare to transcend them. This is the time to rekindle the bonds of love, loyalty and memory that link us together as citizens, neighbors and patriots. I am asking you to choose greatness. We must go forward together and keep America first in our hearts, and freedom alive in our souls, and always keep faith in America’s destiny that one nation, under God, must be the hope and the promise and the light among all the nations of the world.”

As that finished and the chamber erupted in genuine appreciation for a truly inspiring speech and the camera backed up



for a wide-angle shot of the whole chamber, the women in white seemed to be tripping over one another in their haste to exit, no doubt oblivious to the fact that they’d been totally out-classed and hopelessly out-manuevered.

—Tom Mullings

Palm Beach County Republican Party Once Again Participates in Martin Luther King Day Parade in Riviera Beach

For the fifth straight year, the Palm Beach County Republican Party marched in the Martin Luther King Day Parade in Riviera Beach. This year’s parade was held on Saturday, January 19, and a good time was had by all!



2020—Part I

By Sid Dinerstein
January 27, 2019

I call it Part I because this is the first of numerous articles on the 2020 elections. As my readers know, I name names and make bold predictions. Anyone can hedge their bets. Today I'm going to eliminate two well known, already announced Democrat candidates, and teach an important political principle along the way. But, first, the background.

It was 2000 when an incumbent Republican sheriff (in a Democrat county) was challenged in a primary. The challenger lost the primary (barely) and then endorsed the Democrat in the general election. The Democrat won, ending the political career of the incumbent Republican sheriff. Fast forward four years. The Democrat sheriff decides to not seek reelection, leaving an open sheriff's seat. Our former Republican primary challenger jumps into the race against two hard charging Democrats. The new rules create "jungle" primaries; the top two vote getters move on to the November General Election. Guess what. The Republican finished third. Gone! Out! Political career ended. His comment: "All I needed to make the General Election was for the Republicans to vote for me, one of their own, the only one of their own." The chorus responded: "Next time, don't screw your friends." A political principle for the ages, Machiavelli couldn't have said it better.

It's 2015 and 2016 and Chris Christie, Governor of New Jersey, is seeking the Republican nomination for the office of President of the United States, ultimately losing to Donald Trump. When the *Wall Street Journal Online* asked for my opinion, I offered the following analysis: Chris Christie may be singly responsible for the reelection of President Obama and the first term election of Senator Cory Booker. I was referring to Hurricane Sandy, when Governor Christie went out of his way to praise President Obama for his assistance, two weeks before Election Day in November 2012. And I was referring to Governor Christie not appointing a viable Republican to an open U.S. Senate seat, thereby clearing the way for a Senator Booker. I made it clear. The Republicans would never reward Governor Christie with the Presidency. "Next time, don't screw your friends."

Now we're up to date. The first Democrat we're eliminating from serious presidential consideration is Elizabeth Warren, Senator from Massachusetts. Why? Because once upon a time Elizabeth decided to jump the line and give herself a career that is not available to others she pretends to care about. She wanted to be a Harvard professor, on her way to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. But Harvard professorships are hard to come by. You have to check the boxes. What boxes? The ethnicity boxes. Being White and Christian just won't cut it, even though Female is worth more points than Male. So, what's the poor woman to do? Start at another school? Work hard day and night to publish and gain the credibility necessary for a Harvard professorship? Not a chance. Not our Elizabeth. That's for the little people.

Elizabeth had an idea. She would jump the line, right over all those hard working upwardly mobile, play by the rules people who will never be Harvard professors or presidential candidates. She became a Cherokee and checked the box. Not just any box, mind you. She checked the Native-American box. She is the only Harvard professor who checks that box. And for those who want to argue she would have gotten the job anyway, know this: from the day Harvard hired her they promoted her, in writing, as a POC, Person of Color. Take that, all you unimportant White Christians. All those people on the line that Elizabeth Warren jumped will have a message for her: "Next time, don't screw your friends."



The second Democrat we're eliminating from serious presidential consideration is Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator from New York. On November 16, 2017 Senator Gillibrand staged her own presidential candidate coming out party. Presumably, realizing that her name recognition was like my refrigerator, Sub-Zero, she went right for Page 1. She agreed with a *New York Times* podcast interviewer that "Bill Clinton should have resigned the Presidency during the Monica Lewinsky scandal." *Politico* refers to Kirsten as a "top line Clinton ally." Old news, to be sure. The best response came from long-time Hillary Clinton aide Phillippe Reines, who tweeted: "Over 20 years you (Senator Gillibrand) took the Clintons' endorsements, money and seat. Hypocrite. Interesting strategy for 2020 primaries. Best of luck." Bill Clinton strategist Paul Begala retweeted the message. They could have said it better: "Next time, don't screw your friends." Especially the Clintons.

Two down, too many to go. But think of the fun we'll have. And it's not just Democrats who are politically clueless. Right, "candidates" Kasich, Romney and Flake?

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

Feb. 27 is the First Term Limits Day!

By George Blumel

Every month is a National (something or other) month. February is Black History Month, Grapefruit Month, and about 20 other titles. Every week has observances, too: National Jell-O Week for one, and there's almost 100 daily designations, including a couple of serious ones—like Presidents' Day and Valentine's Day—but mostly silly ones like Bubble Gum Day.

OK, time to get serious. Mark your calendars: **February 27** is now a most serious one: **Term Limits Day!**

Thomas Jefferson saw the potential of the country deteriorating into the swamp when he warned: *"To prevent every danger which might arise to American Freedom from continuing in office, it is earnestly recommended that we set an obligation on the holder of that office to go out after a certain period."*

Term limits are needed to ensure competitive elections that bring real-world experience instead of the professional politicians whose primary goal is reelection. Those career pols with no experience outside of politics are making laws on areas they know nothing about—except what the lobbyists tell them. Term limits bring their reps closer to the people. What better approach to draining the swamp?

I have felt strongly about this costless reform for over 40 years. Many will remember the Palm Beach County Term Limits Committee—Eight is Enough!—formed with my son Philip (now president of U.S. Term Limits) and others, including REC members. One notable member, Bill Gorman, was our champion petition-getter at well over 1,000 signed petitions to limit the County Commissioners. It passed with 70 percent of the vote in 2002. In 1992 the effort to pass term limits on the state legislature passed by 77 percent. Both have measurably improved the quality of representation we enjoy in Florida.

Why Feb. 27? February 27 commemorates the ratification of the 22nd Amendment in 1951 which imposed term limits on the president of the United States. That date was chosen among other ideas after public discussion among activists coordinated by the [No Uncertain Terms podcast](#).

On **February 27** each year, citizens are encouraged to show public support for term limits. This can be as simple as posting a pro-term limits yard sign available at the www.termlimits.com/shop. Citizens should use **February 27** to send a reminder to their federal *and* state representatives that they support term limits. Go to www.termlimits.com/legislators and use the online tool. This takes only minutes.

The battle for term limits is taking place on two major fronts simultaneously. In the U.S. Congress, a term limits amendment bill was introduced by Sen. Ted Cruz and Florida Rep. Frances Rooney. Sixty-six members of Congress have signed a pledge to co-sponsor and vote for the Resolution. U.S. Term Limits urges us to call our reps on

February 27 and ask them to co-sponsor the bills. Florida Sens. Rick Scott and Marco Rubio are already co-sponsors, as well as Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz.



There is also a movement calling for an amendment-proposing convention of states under Article V of the U.S. Constitution *limited to Congressional term limits*. Three states—Florida (of course!), Alabama and Missouri—already passed resolutions calling for the term limits convention, and it is being introduced in at least ten states during the 2019 legislative sessions.

Congress has less than 20 percent approval ratings but 90+ percent incumbent reelection rate. Why not just vote them out? Because incumbents have an enormous advantage that discourages challengers from spending the time, effort and money necessary—not to mention the abuse from the opposition. Lobbyists don't want to lose their "honest politicians" who they describe as "once bought, stays bought." So, besides the big money from special interests, they enjoy name recognition that few challengers have. The establishments support their incumbents even when they stray from Party platforms because of the odds and at least they'll vote for party leadership. Power is a goal of career pols, especially the leadership.

On **February 27** citizens can add their voices to those calling for fundamental change in our political system. Here are some other ideas to promote term limits:

- Organize a sign-waving at a busy intersection.
- Take a selfie holding a sign and post it on your social media.
- Send an email to your friends wishing them a Happy Term Limits Day and suggesting they sign the online [petition](#) for congressional term limits.
- Send pictures to termlimitsday@termlimits.com and they will be shared with one-million-plus Facebook followers.

Each of us who acts on Term Limits Day **February 27** will be helping apply additional pressure on our politicians to pass a term limits amendment. What is starting as a day of action may well result in an annual celebration of the people's victory.

I think term limits is a good healthy thing. It narrows the focus to service.
—Jeb Bush

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Ballot Integrity Update—Texas Edition From “The Backhoe Chronicles”

*By Peter Feaman
Posted on January 31*

Many of you will recall my numerous posts during the Florida Recount as more and more “new” votes were discovered after election day in Broward and Palm Beach Counties, almost all of which were for Democrat candidates. . . .

Governor Scott and others screamed “fraud”! He held on to win and now the Supervisors of Elections in those two counties are GONE, thanks to bold leadership from former Governor, now Senator, Rick Scott, and Florida’s new Governor, Ron DeSantis.

This bold action has inspired other state leaders to investigate ballot integrity and the results, so far, are astounding. Voter integrity hawks are hailing an investigation by the Texas Secretary of State that uncovered 95,000 noncitizen residents who illegally registered to vote!!!!

It is one of the largest discoveries of non-eligible voters by any one state. Conservative groups say Secretary of State David Whitley’s inquiry produced real numbers to support their years of lawsuits and research. The Democrats and left contend, of course, that voter fraud is rare.

Those of us on this post instinctively know better. Why? Common sense.

How come in almost every case, the after-election day votes are overwhelmingly for the Democrat candidate, reversing from Republican to Democrat the eventual winner?

Let’s hope this is only the beginning.

As expected, The League of United Latin American Citizens filed a lawsuit on Tuesday challenging the voter purge.

“It is the tip of the iceberg,” Tom Fitton, director of the conservative watchdog group Judicial Watch, said. “This shows the urgent need for citizenship verification for voting. The Department of Justice should follow up with a national investigation.”

Mr. Fitton operates an election integrity project. On January 4, he announced the settlement of a lawsuit with the state of California and Los Angeles County to expunge as many as 1.5 million inactive voters for their rolls.

“Los Angeles County has more voter registrations on its voter rolls than it has citizens who are old enough to register,” he said.

Chronicle fans, let that sink in for a moment.

Here is the problem:

Liberal states are moving in the OPPOSITE direction. Maryland this year became one of 14 states that allow voters to register on Election Day!!!!!!!!

They need to show only that they live in the state. Like other state’s voter registration form, the citizenship question is on the honor system.

“Every single instance of illegal voting threatens democracy in our state and deprives individual Texans of their voice,” the Texas Attorney General said. “My Election Fraud Unit stands ready to investigate and prosecute crimes against the democratic process when needed.”

The non-citizen debate reached the national level in 2014 when Jesse T. Richman, a professor at Old Dominion University, and two colleagues, began publishing estimates of thousands and perhaps millions of illegal voters.

Focusing on the 2008 presidential election, he concluded a wide range, from 38,000 to 2.8 million non-citizens, voted!!!!

Mr. Whitley’s report said that of 95,000 non-citizens, 58,000 non-citizens have voted in the past 20 years.

President Trump’s post-election assertion that millions of non-citizens voted in 2016 was roundly criticized.

Once again, maybe he is right after all.

“We know for a fact, you have massive numbers of non-citizens registered to vote in this country,” White House adviser Stephen Miller said in 2017.

Stay tuned. In the absence of honest elections, a free republic cannot survive.

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Socialism: The Failed Goal of the Democrat Party!

By Arthur DeRuve, Col. (Ret.), USAR

Hanging in the office of the Palm Beach County Republican Party is a banner which I donated. It bears the words and image of Norman Thomas, legendary leader and six-times presidential candidate of the Socialist Party of the United States, specifically saying, “There is no longer a need for a Socialist Party in America as the Democrat Party has fully adopted our platform.” Need we say any more? Not really, but I will, so as to make it clear what this means. Unfortunately, there is no understanding among too many of our young people as to what socialism is, probably because their teachers, schools and faculties are likewise ignorant of the facts. These sources of their learning, supported by an equally ignorant media, have sold the idea that socialism means freedom and equality for all. Welcome to Alice in Wonderland.

As for freedom, think in terms of the freedom that reigned throughout Europe in the 1930s and ’40s under the National Socialist Party (NAZIS). Something to envy, right? Well that is the level of equality to which socialism eventually leads. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in a lightly more polite way (tongue-in-cheek) described socialism as a system that might work “until you run out of other people’s money.” Prime Minister Winston Churchill more bluntly wanted our youth to know that “Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance and the gospel of envy. Its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery!” Today the “joys” of socialism are being heaped upon the citizens of Cuba, Venezuela, North Korea and Russia, among other nations. Would any of you left-wing fascists like a one-way ticket to one of these paradise locations?

Not only is socialism not fair and equal, fairness and equalness are contradictory terms; they cannot coexist. For example, set up a community of 100 people each with \$1 million and watch as they proceed through life. Due to differences in personalities and abilities some will prosper, some will fail. If we repeatedly reassign the money to keep the \$1 million pot equal, we are not fair to those who prosper vs. those who lost their shares due to laziness, ignorance, lack of ambition, or whatever. On the other hand, if we do not reequalize the pot periodically so as to keep it equal among all participants, one might say we are not being fair to those who do not have the credentials to compete. So what is the answer to what is best? Clearly the

answer is opportunity; each is given the opportunity to be successful but only by their own means.

Socialists believe that the government should get involved in all

phases of life to make things fair and equal. What nonsense! Let’s look at a sampling of prosperity in our country by government vs. free enterprise. The U.S. Postal Service was established in 1775 and is financially broke. The Social Security Administration founded in 1935 is financially broke. Likewise Medicare and Medicaid established in 1965 are broke. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac set up in 1938 and 1970, respectively, are broke. The huge War on Poverty, Energy Department, and Education Department have been total failures in accomplishing their goals. In private industry such results have put the failed institutions out of business; but not in government. Rather, the examples I offer—and they are but a few of what I could outline—thrive.

It is true, as I noted, that the free market has its share of failures. However, as failures occur such undertakings disappear, and are replaced by others, more successful to our prosperity and well being. Look, for example, as to its positive impact on our society’s wealth and well being, Walmart—not very old at all. It has over 4,000 stores, employs nearly two million people, sells more than any other store in the world, sells more than \$40 million of goods in America every hour of every day, and on and on. Nobody is compelled to shop at these stores by any government entity.

When the Democrat Party says it wants to help you, it means that it wants the power that goes with all it can control. Shame on the left-wing fascists who urge our country into socialism. Keep in mind this whimsical thought about socialism: if the government ever were to control the Sahara Desert, within two years there would be a shortage of sand world-wide. Shame on those educators, the schools, the politicians, the media, and in particular the Democrat Party, for spreading the heresy of disparaging the purity of our Constitution as delivered to us by our Founding Fathers!



Penultimate Chapter: Misuse of Discretion by Supervisors of Election

By William J. Skinner

For several years now I have been checking for double-state voters in Florida and New York voter registration lists. At the time of the 2004 election, the Florida Department of State was advertising to the general public on its website a \$5,000 reward for reporting voter fraud. I also learned that the *New York Post* published an article about the double voters in Florida and New York. I decided to find out how many were voting twice here in Palm Beach County. Arthur Anderson was elected the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) in August 2004 to replace Theresa LePore, the “butterfly ballot” designer SOE lady of the 2000 Bush v. Gore election in 2000. You can read more about this earlier research on double voters in my book.¹

During the 2016 calendar year, Kirk Wolak and I conducted several new comparisons of double voters with fresh data obtained from New York and Florida in an attempt to get the voter rolls in the three South Florida counties cleaned up. We sent these comparisons to the three SOEs. SOE Bucher responded several times to us, but took no action to remove double voters we identified. SOE Brenda Snipes in Broward ignored us as did Christine White in Dade County. We ended up testifying in 2017 in the federal case filed by the American Civil Rights Union against SOE Brenda Snipes in 2016. That case is still alive in the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta and will be scheduled for oral argument in Miami in March 2019. When it will be decided is not sure, but probably the late summer or fall. This article will bring you up to date on some of our related activities to protect the vote.

Skipping back to September 10, 2018, it was time to send new data based on then current voter rolls concerning the November 2016 election to Susan Bucher, SOE in Palm Beach County, so I wrote to her in a certified letter, return receipt requested, to once again provide her detailed data^{2,3} this time about 119 double voters in her County and two other states—Ohio and New York. I was hoping she had finally received proper advice about cleaning the voter rolls of people who voted in two states by using the Florida Statute 98.075 (6). Bucher did not respond, the November election came and went, so I sent her a reminder letter on December 17, 2018. There was finally a response dated January 2, 2019 which I received on January 9, the letter to me was postmarked, January 7, 2019.

In Bucher’s January 2, 2019 letter, SOE Bucher responded saying, in part:

Florida law does allow a supervisor to receive information from “other sources”; however, the public data that you reviewed from other states, first name, middle name, last name and date of birth are less than what we would consider preponderance of the evidence, as

required by Florida law. I understand that your efforts were an attempt to be helpful to the process, but we are unable to rely on the data you provided. We usually match to more data points, such as driver’s license number, social security number, national change of address, that is not available to the public.



I also added to my Public Document Request by asking:

Also, your letter mentions “preponderance of the evidence” as a standard you use is required by Florida law. Could you please cite the source of that standard if it is in a statute, rule, procedure, guidance or other format and provide a copy that would be part of Request No. 7, above.

So, on January 9, 2019, I sent a response to Bucher reiterating my requests for documents enclosing a check for payment of 50 percent of the estimated charges for researching and providing the documents. All of this was done to make sure some action would be taken by the SOE’s office to determine if these voters were going to vote again in two states.

At this point, we all know now, SOE Bucher was about to be or was suspended from office by newly-elected Gov. Ron DeSantis. She was accused of not having proper equipment to recount ballots, for being very late with the recount, and other matters in the performance of her duties. SOE Bucher first said she would appeal to the Florida Senate to be reinstated, then days later she issued a written resignation from office, claiming she could not get a fair hearing in the Senate.

These personnel changes prompted me on January 23, 2019, to write the newly-appointed SOE Wendy Sartory Link to revive my Public Documents Request a week after she was appointed to become the Palm Beach County SOE. Mrs. Link responded by email on January 29, 2019, telling me that Robin Rorapaugh would be in touch with me. I was contacted by Ms. Rorapaugh and set up February 4, 2019 at 11:00 AM to see her. I spent an hour discussing the circumstances, receiving some of the documents requested, and got promises for more information to follow.

One thing I have learned in this work is the major obstacle to getting official follow-up to citizen reporting of suspected double voters by the SOEs in Florida is the reliance on Bucher’s faulty reading of the law as stated in the quoted paragraphs above from her letter of January 2, 2019. This is what I am calling a “misuse of discretion,” or making up the law as you go along.

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As far as I can find there is no “preponderance of the evidence” standard in Florida Statute 98.075 and unless the old or new SOE can show otherwise, a citizen’s report should be investigated by the SOE. The hearing process set out in F.S. 98.075 is a perfectly good process to use and does not require the use of social security numbers or driver’s license numbers. During my earlier exchange with SOE Bucher in 2016, she flat out stated that Supervisors have no authority to “investigate” voter fraud. But she was wrong then and still is wrong if she would read:

104.42 Fraudulent registration and illegal voting; investigation.—

- (1) The supervisor of elections is authorized to investigate fraudulent registrations and illegal voting and to report his or her findings to the local state attorney and the Florida Elections Commission.
- (2) The board of county commissioners in any county may appropriate funds to the supervisor of elections for the purpose of investigating fraudulent registrations and illegal voting.

Bucher overlooked the following part of F.S. 98.075 at paragraph 6 in misusing her discretion:

- (6) OTHER BASES FOR INELIGIBILITY.—If the department or supervisor receives information from sources other than those identified in subsections (2)–(5) that a registered voter is ineligible because he or she is deceased, adjudicated a convicted felon without having had his or her civil rights restored, adjudicated mentally incapacitated without having had his or her voting rights restored, does not meet the age requirement pursuant to s. 97.041, is not a United States citizen, is a fictitious person, or has listed a residence that is not his or her legal residence, the supervisor must adhere to the procedures set forth in subsection (7) prior to the removal of a registered voter’s name from the statewide voter registration system.

Nowhere does F.S. 98.075 say only government sources of information can be used to removed voters from the voter rolls. “Sources other than those identified” may be government sources, but the “other than” means there are other possible sources expected.

The problem is that Bucher misused her discretion to avoid doing what the law tells all SOEs to do. She made up her own law. Bucher decided she should only take information from government sources. Rorapaugh and I discussed this on February 4, 2019. I explained how and why I disagreed with Bucher’s discretion. I told her F.S. 98.075 was self-executing as far as “due process” was concerned and there no legal problem with doing the hearing for each person who contested the notice given properly under this statute. If a hearing is requested and it is conducted right, the voter will get “due process.”

In addition, there is no Florida law giving an SOE discretion to consider only government sources of information.

F.D. 98.075 is specific and can be read and understood by someone with a high school education in my opinion. I asked Ms. Rorapaugh if she needed a ruling from a judge or a new version of the law from the legislature that she and the SOE personnel could understand better. Rorapaugh agreed she should see what happens with the 119 double voters from New York and Ohio.

Rorapaugh, a middle aged, nicely presenting lady, impressed me as a competent second-in-command at the SOE office. She explained she had only been employed here a couple of years after a 17-year career in a federal government position. Rorapaugh advised she would obtain from the Secretary of State any documents that define what county SOEs should be following.

Rorapaugh advised she learned that New York state had joined the multistate Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) group last year so that might provide an opportunity to get better cooperation during 2019 for 20-plus states to reduce double registrations.

Susan Bucher had personally controlled all Public Document Requests during Rorapaugh’s time there and Bucher also handled discussions with citizens who wanted to report voter registration problems, Rorapaugh told me. She added that SOE Link would be appointing a Public Documents Officer to handle requests. She said violations would be referred to the State Attorney. I suggested that previous referrals to the State Attorney were not processed by the Palm Beach County State Attorney and that a more certain and thorough avenue for handling the double state voters would be giving the hearing under F.S. 98.075.

Rorapaugh said there has never been a hearing after notice for double voting during her time of employment at the SOE office. I asked if there was a standard list of questions for the hearings and who would handle the hearings. Rorapaugh suggested it would have been Bucher, but no such hearings have been held.

Although I am preparing a more detailed analysis of some of the documents I was provided on February 4, 2019, I want to report here that Rorapaugh explained that before the PBC SOE sends a notice under F.S. 98.075 (7) procedure, they undertake several preliminary steps. These steps start with checking the voter’s address with the post office system. Readers can learn more about the use of the post office by looking at F.S. 98.065 that describes what are also federal requirements for cleaning voter rolls.

Among the documents for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 I was provided two completed forms titled “Certification of Eligibility Records Maintenance” and “Certification of Address list Maintenance Activities” for each year. These are labeled DS DE#117 (rev.07/2011) /R1S-2.041. F.A.C. and DS DE#118 (rev.07/2011)/R1S-2.041. F.A.C. You can find these forms on the Department of State website.

These forms show reasons for removal from the voter rolls. One such reason is “Listed residence is not his or her

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legal residence.” For 2016, 45 people were removed for this reason; 33 removed in 2017; and zero were removed for this reason in 2018.

During 2016 through 2018 no hearings were requested. This means after checking addresses and sending notices by mail to offer a hearing by spending more than \$40,000 postage and notice printing over three years, nobody asked for a hearing. So much for uncovering double voters using the government sources of information that contains drivers’ licenses and social security numbers. It looks like the process results in spinning wheels without accomplishing any results. There are people removed under F.S. 98.075 because dead people do not respond; felons did not respond to hearing notices up to the November 2018 election because the constitutional amendment had not been voted on until then.

But remember, if someone in New York or Ohio buys a house in Florida and registers to vote in Florida and does vote in Florida, and also in their original state, that is voting more than one ballot in any election. Another potentially applicable statute is:

104.18 Casting more than one ballot at any election.— Except as provided in s. 101.6952, whoever willfully votes more than one ballot at any election commits a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Snipes and Bucher have now resigned from office. The two new SOEs of Broward and Palm Beach Counties, Peter Antonacci and Wendy Link, are both lawyers who will read and understand the election laws. Hopefully they will get a handle on the process to clean the voter rolls in 2019. The process must start now. But we must remain vigilant. Our government is one that the founders said requires an educated citizenry to function properly. Abraham Lincoln said our government was “of the people, by the people, for the people,” so we need to participate fully. We should not leave it to the discretion of a few election officials.

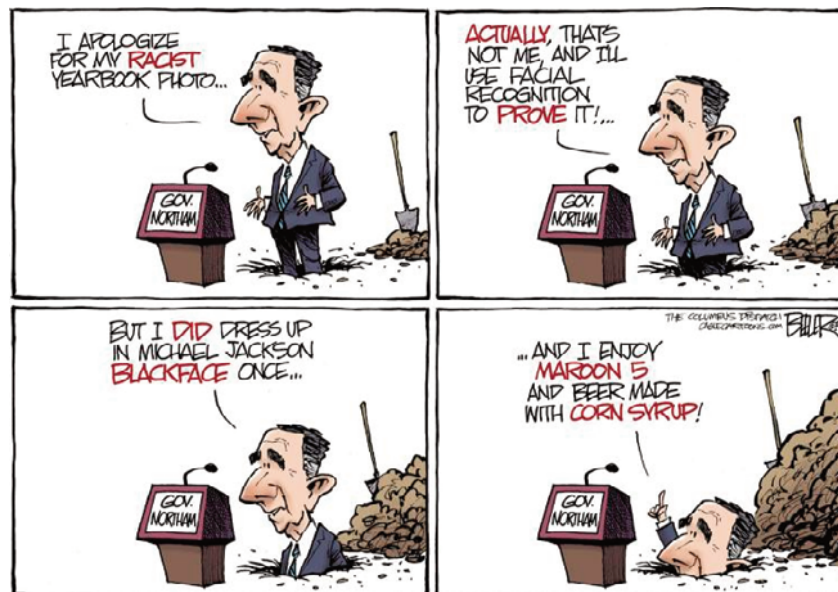
Start reading the election laws and determine if officials are following the law. These SOEs needed to be counseled by more people than those who took the time to provide their input in recent years.

In that spirit, you need to know that the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Election has recently submitted a list of legislative priorities to the Florida legislature for action. Item No. 3 on this list is to restrict the voter registration rolls for use only for political purposes. Do you understand this could mean many different things, including prohibiting citizens from having access to the voter registration rolls? If you want a copy of the SOE’s wish list to the legislature, send me an email to request it to: billskinnerlw@aol.com.

Notes

1. SOUTH FLORIDA ELECTION LAW HANDBOOK, Xlibris Publishing, 2014 or contact me directly to get a signed copy.
2. This included FN, MN or Initial, LN, date of birth, addresses in both states, registration to vote date in both states, and other data. This same information was accepted by the Florida Division of Elections in the 2006-2008 time period as “legally sufficient” and the Florida Division of Law Enforcement was asked to investigate the voters by interviewing some of them. Before completing the investigation, FDLE ascertained that the Palm Beach County States Attorney would not prosecute the cases for voter registration violations because “they did not vote in the same election”, and the agency declined to finish the investigation.
3. The Excel files sent to SOE Bucher in 2018 contained 23 columns of data for each voter, but no social security numbers or driver’s license numbers. These two points are not essential to give a double voter notice that their “eligibility to vote” in Florida is in question and to provide each of them a “due process” notice and hearing in which the voter can explain where their voting residence is and clear up where they are going to vote in the future.

Bill Skinner retired from law practice after 50 years. Since becoming a member of the Republican Executive Committee of Palm Beach County in 2003 he has been re-elected a committeeman since. Skinner received the Jean Pipes Award for the active man volunteer in March 2018 by the REC.



Talking Points:

When Did Assimilation Become so Bad?

Was Tom Brokaw's statement racist or is that the radical left making it all up?

By Larry P. Horist

Veteran newsman Tom Brokaw recently made news for making what were termed as racist remarks against Hispanic students during an appearance on NBC's Meet the Press. He had suggested that immigrant Hispanic students should do a better job of assimilation by learning English as expeditiously as possible.

He specifically said, "You know, they ought not to be just codified in their communities but make sure that all their kids are learning to speak English, and that they feel comfortable in the communities. And that's going to take outreach on both sides, frankly."

What appears to have been intended as helpful advice to these new or future American citizens was seized upon by the left-wing politically correct *policia* as derogatory racist remarks. Being a good and loyal guilt motivated liberal, Brokaw responded to the criticism with a series of *mea culpa* tweets that began with, "I feel terrible a part of my comments on Hispanics offended some members of that proud culture."

In follow-up tweets, Brokaw further lamented his self-inflicted indiscretion. He tweeted: "I never intended to disparage any segment of our rich, diverse society which defines who we are."

Brokaw was politely challenged by PBS correspondent and frequent panelist on left-wing media, Yamiche Alcindor, who said: "We also need to adjust what we think of as America. You're talking about assimilation. I grew up in Miami, where people speak Spanish, but their kids speak English. And the idea that we think Americans can only speak English, as if Spanish and other languages wasn't always part of America, is, in some ways, troubling."

Of course, Brokaw did not say—or even intimate—that young Latinos should ONLY speak English. Being bilingual has always been considered an asset in our diverse American culture. Why else do we teach languages in our school systems? Duh! But for the left-wing media, spin always trumps accuracy and truth.



For a time, it seemed like every left-wing Hispanic interest group and media was devoted solely to trashing Brokaw—and for a dyed-in-the-wool liberal, being criticized by minorities can be an ego-crushing and career ending experience.

LatinRebels.com founder Julio Ricardo Varela whined that the Meet the Press segment was "difficult to watch." He called it, "a punch in the gut to a lot of people. It was not only factually incorrect, it was also xenophobia in action." For a guy whose organization sounds like one of those street gangs I recall from my days in Chicago—and who administer punches to the gut that are not figurative—Varela sounds like a bit of a *copo de nieve*.

CNN's ever-present panelist, Maria Cardona expressed her "love" for Brokaw, but said he is a bit out of touch—which in liberal-speak means he is an old white guy. Or as she put it, "I'll give him a pass because he's probably not up to speed as to where things are today and age, especially with young Latinos in this country."

In an example of minority media hyperventilation, Aura Bogado, at Reveal, accused Brokaw of "arguing classic white supremacist talking points in a deeply racist rant on national television."

The National Association of Hispanic Journalists were particularly harsh on their Fourth Estate colleague. The organization's President Hugo Balta—also a senior producer for MSNBC—said that assimilation is "denying one culture for another." In other words, assimilation is a big bad thing.

How did this happen?

For the better part of 200 years, America was a culture of assimilation symbolized in words and graphics by the "melting pot." It seemed to have stemmed from the national motto with which the Founders christened America—*e pluribus unum*—which translates "out of many, one."

This was not some advertising-style slogan. It was a profound statement through which the Founders envisioned their new civic creation. It was designed to influence the culture forever more.

In these three simple Latin words, the remarkable men who crafted the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution recognized that America was a process into which newcomers could bring their backgrounds and skills and yet



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become part of one unifying culture. It was at the onset and forever to be a society of immigrants.

For two centuries, virtually every new immigrant wanted to be like an American—to BE an American. It was more than a name on a citizenship certificate. It was the embrace of the greater culture of freedom and opportunity. America was the place where they could provide their labor in return for the hope of a better life for them—and especially their children. They were eager to learn American history and speak English—often needlessly apologizing for their foreign accent.

They would initially gather in ethnic conclaves for a generation or two. That is why my hometown of Chicago was often called the “city of neighborhoods”—each with its unique ethnic composition. But the first settlers were more than willing to watch their children move away—physically and socially—into the greater American culture. That was assimilation. That was the melting pot. After a generation or two, their ethnicity was homogenized by inter-ethnic marriages and their ancestry—or ancestries—just a matter of personal interest. They evolved into ethnic Americans.

The melting pot was not a one-way process. Even as the immigrant families assimilated into the unique American culture, they added a bit of their own ingredients (culture) to the pot—their food, their music, their religious customs and the fashions. All those things became part of the evolving American culture—but at the core, there remained a fixed set of dominant values.

This began to change in the last half of the twentieth century. Thanks to the political characteristics of liberal ideology, the assimilation process was resisted by a concept of identity politics and tribalization—a culture in which permanent ethnic identity takes precedence over assimilation.

The melting pot is replaced by a bucket of rocks—a white rock, black rock, brown rock, red rock and yellow rock—never to congeal into a common culture, but to be ever more managed as competing forces within our national boundaries. The political management of these political competitors is the foundation of power of the radical authoritarian left.

Many on the left and in their media echo chamber like to blame President Trump for the acrimony and divisiveness in

today’s America. While it is arguable that his acerbic and pugnacious personality have not been a positive contribution to national unity and harmony, the wellspring of tribalism, goes back decades and is largely the resolute of the modern progressive movement and its emphasis on identity politics.

Since the 1960s, the left has been engaged in the I-win-you-lose game with the race card in constant play. They push aside the obvious overwhelming harmony and tolerance of the American people to create false enmities. They speak against various and sundry “isms” while creating their own class of stereotypical enemies—white people (especially we older men with our “toxic” genes), people of faith, business people and almost anyone who is rich and does not donate to left-wing causes.

Throughout American history, progressivism has been associated with elite superiority, racial intolerance and the white supremacy of leaders like Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt.

The noble American experiment in democracy and freedom will fritter away culturally, socially and economically unless we can reverse the current trend and restore our greatest feature—assimilation, the acceptance of a unified culture based on commonly shared values. At this juncture, it is not looking good.

So, there ’tis.

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The Left's Hypocrisy

By *CS Bennett*

There seems to be an abundance of liberal righteous indignation going around the country at this time in our history. One might think the leadership of the Democrat Party has suddenly found religion and, along with it, a conscience. We all know what is going on in Virginia with its governor and the controversy about the Al Jolson-like blackface he wore back in his medical school days. The uproar on the left since that issue surfaced has been loud and clear . . . we cannot tolerate any form of racism, past and present.

My question: Where was this indignation and faux disgruntlement when actor Ted Danson appeared in blackface? Where was the uproar over comedian and television host Jimmy Kimmel and comedian Sarah Silverman and Jimmy Fallon, who all appeared in blackface at one time or another? As always, the leadership of the left are quick to jump out in front of an issue when it comes to preserving the sacred image of their party and policies, even when it means throwing their own under the bus.

But remember, the left is very selective when it comes to certain slights and embarrassing situations. Let us take the case of the late Senator Robert C. Byrd. This man was a recruiter for the KKK (Ku Klux Klan) when he was in his 20s and 30s. He was such a devoted Klansman that he rose to the title of Kleagle and Exalted Cyclops. This man not only wore the garb of a racist terrorist group but he believed in their message, and as a disciple of that group he spread that message. Yet he was welcomed into the Democrat Party with open arms as a U.S. Representative. He even became the longest-serving U.S. Senator, at one point in time.

So, where was the outrage? If anything, the leaders of that party closed ranks and defended Robert Byrd. But what are we to expect. This is the same political party that actually booed the Almighty God when this particular party platform subject was brought up for a vote at their convention. It doesn't get any better for the Democrats. They are the ones responsible for slavery, for Jim Crow laws, for segregation, and for the rise of the KKK. Their party, especially its southern wing, lynched, beat, tortured and raped Blacks and did likewise with any Republican who supported them.

To this day, the Democrat Party has yet to take responsibility for their nefarious and evil past, nor have they made any effort to redeem themselves. If anything, they have cleverly, and shamelessly led their supporters into believing that it was the Republican Party who placed Blacks in bondage and were the true bigots and racists back in those



days. Yes, they bear false witness against their political opponent and surprisingly, they are still getting away with it. How's that, some may ask.

The question remains, how is it that the Black community's staunch protectors and liberators (the Republicans) are now reviled, even hated, by most in the Black community? We can thank the Democrat Party, and their blatant lies, for that and weak Republican leadership, those without a soul or interest in the rich heritage of the grand ole party. Under them, the GOP lost the moral high ground and they lost the Black vote. I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to get Blacks to return to the political party that liberated them. With the influx of illegals, and the rights they are being afforded, our numbers and our voices will dwindle until our message is muted.

In closing, we can all agree that some things in our past are despicable and reprehensible. We do a lot of stupid things when we are young. But should we hold these missteps against a person thirty or forty years later? Should we be so quick to rush to judgment? And if we do, should our reproach be to mete out equally or should we operate in a two-tier system where some are held fully responsible for their actions while others are given a pass. Our job, as law-abiding citizens, is to hold everyone accountable for their actions, but we should really think about this need to go way back in time to find dirt on those we despise. Who has not gotten a little dirt under their nails when they were young and not so wise? Who, I ask? Mmm . . . that's what I thought.

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Citizens for National Security Seminar Israel and the Middle East: Christian Perspective

On January 27, 2019 I attended my fourth seminar at the Boca West Country Club in Boca Raton, Florida. As always, I want to express my sincere appreciation to Dr. William Saxton for introducing me to this worthwhile organization. Dr. Saxton, educated and trained at both MIT (S.M.) and Harvard University (Ph.D.), is one of the founders of Citizens for National Security. Other distinguished members of the organization include co-founder Dr. Peter Leitner, whose career includes 33 years in federal government, 21 of them in the Office of the Secretary of Defense as senior strategic trade advisor, Advisory Group; Dr. Walid Phares, Co-Secretary General, Transatlantic Legislative Group on Counterterrorism; and Dr. Daniel Pipes, eminent Middle East Historian, and Founder of Middle East Forum.

With its people, contacts and experiences in the intelligence and national security arenas, and its concept of two-way dialogue with its members, CFNS offers an efficient forum and format that bring the general public into the national security mix. It also serves as a vital resource for law enforcement officials, the intelligence community, and lawmakers.

Sunday's seminar presenter was Dr. Laurie Cardozo-Moore. She is the founder and president of Proclaiming Justice to The Nations (PJTN) which educates, advocates, and activates Christians, Jews and all people of good conscience in building a global community of action and prayer in support of Israel and the Jewish people. She is Special Envoy to the United Nations for Human Rights and Anti-Semitism, representing 44 million members of the World Council of Independent Christian Churches. A home-schooling mother of five, her original "wake-up call" was the discovery of anti-Semitic, anti-Israel, anti-Christian, and anti-American content in K-12 textbooks.

In the seminar, Dr. Moore shared her view on the origins of Israel's current positioning in the Middle East, citing rights to its biblical homeland and updated aspects found in today's headlines on the age-old hatred that fuels its ene-



Dr. Laurie Cardozo-Moore

mies. From the global BDS movement to the growing rise of anti-Semitic violence on U.S. college campuses, she observed that, shockingly to most parents, much of the hatred in the form of the "new anti-Semitism" begins in the tiny seeds sown in the minds of our children by anti-Israel and biased Middle East content in K-12 textbooks and other instructional materials. Added to the current cultural mix is the alarming rise of Christian anti-Semitism in the form of "replacement theology," which has grown in the U.S. from a fringe element to a false doctrine being taught by increasing numbers of pastors in churches across America. Her message at the seminar was factual and eye-opening and what follows are some interesting facts gleaned from her informative talk:



Dr. William Saxton

- Israel has the fastest growing population in the Western World.
- Israel arrests terrorists before they blow themselves up, while we arrest them after.
- Dr. Moore promotes Judeo-Christian solidarity.
- Nowhere in the Bible does it say that Christians replace Jews, but that "replacement theology" is being taught throughout the world, and these programs reach 2.6 billion people.
- CAIR publishing content for public school texts praises suicide bombing in Israel.
- Most Americans don't know that Christopher Columbus was Jewish.
- As Americans, we owe a huge debt to our Jewish foundation.
- Most Arabs Dr. Moore's group interviewed in Israel said that if given the choice they would prefer to live under the Israeli government.
- The only way to change attitudes in the African-American community is to use the Bible.
- Her group's next initiative is to get the Anti-Semitism Awareness Act passed, a definition of anti-Semitism which would trigger an FBI investigation on campuses. Since Florida is one of the largest purchasers of school text books in the country, it's critical that we pass the ASA Act ASAP.
- Dr. Saxton has become one of those who decides school texts in Florida.

—Tom Mullings

American Humane: First To Serve

For the second year in succession, on January 24, 2019, I attended American Humane's Pups4Patriots Gala Dinner at the beautiful Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa on South Ocean Boulevard in Manalapan. This organization does wonderful work and its efforts are truly beyond measure. "Since 1916, American Humane has been First to Serve those who serve our country by helping support our nation's veterans and the military animals who work for the cause of freedom. Through [their] Lois Pope LIFE Center for Military Affairs, [they] reunite war dogs with their handlers, rescue abandoned shelter animals and train them to become life-saving service dogs for veterans, advocate for these heroes."

As I did last year, I was honored to attend this year's dinner with my good friend and fellow patriot, Steve Laine and his friend Denise Fallabella. Steve served aboard a U.S. Navy submarine in the 1940s and is the former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture during the Gerald Ford Administration in the mid-1970s.

Thursday night's dinner honored five of the organization's Pups4Patriots service dog graduates and their veteran handlers. The program "provides lifesaving service dogs to veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress and Traumatic Brain Injury at no cost to the veterans, saving lives on both ends of the leash!" This year's honored graduates are shown below.

The Honorary Chair and keynote speaker for the evening was Robert L. Livingston, a distinguished former Republican Member of Congress from Louisiana. Also addressing those in attendance was Thomas Kearney, Rear Admiral USN (Ret.), who commanded the *USS Alexandria* (SSN 757) from June 2003 to December 2005 and currently serves on American Humane's board of directors..

As a veteran scout dog handler with the United States Army in the Vietnam War, this organization has added special meaning for me, and as a proud owner of two golden retriever rescues, I was particularly pleased to see that two of Thursday night's honored service dogs were golden retrievers.

Incredibly, in a 15-minute auction, American Humane raised \$1.3 million from the audience, and on behalf of Steve, Denise and myself, we salute this wonderful organization that is doing so much good for our nation's veterans who have sacrificed so much for our country.

Currently, more than 91 cents out of every dollar spent at American Humane goes directly into their life-saving programs. For more information contact Mari Harner at marih@americanhumane.org or call American Humane's Palm Beach office at 561-537-5887.

—Tom Mullings



This year's honored graduates were (left to right): U.S. Air Force veteran John Mathews and service dog Sasha, U.S. Marine Corps veteran Jeff DeYoung and service dog Cappy, U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Jose Villalva and service dog Starr, U.S. Army veteran Cassandra Langr and service dog Cappy, and U.S. Air Force veteran Dorothy Dow and service dog Annie.

Voting Felons Can Be HUGE GOP Supporters

*By Alan J. Huber, CFP
Director, Freedom From ObamaCare*

Florida joins a growing list of states restoring voting rights to felons who are U.S. citizens.

This is a great Republican opportunity. Ex-cons are the group most hurt by illegal immigration because they must compete with the illegals for the low-level jobs that illegal immigrants traditionally obtain.

Felons even with voting rights restored are ineligible for most jobs requiring professional licensing, bonding, or positions of trust. This leaves entry-level jobs such as: driving, dishwashing, waitstaff, janitorial, fast food, mechanical repair, construction, etc.

If given the opportunity, the ex-con proves their worth after a number of years and becomes a loyal, trusted employee. This is because it is very difficult for felons to up and change jobs with their criminal history.

The illegal can never be as valuable as the ex-con to the employer, because no matter how long the illegal works at the job, they are STILL illegal. Every day they work, they and the company they work for are breaking the law, so mutual trust is not achieved.

Democrats cannot support illegal immigration and ex-cons at the same time. An ex-con without a job WILL go back to prison. Republicans have proven that they are better at creating jobs.

The Republican Party must reach out to the ex-con community and enlist their help with immigration issues. Remember, the 2018 Florida Governor and Senate races were decided by 34,000 and 10,000 votes respectively, ONE MILLION new voters PLUS their family members will swing the state, UNLESS they are welcomed into the Big Tent.



Alan J. Huber is a Certified Financial Planner TM and Director of Freedom From Obamacare. During the 2018 midterms, Freedom From ObamaCare was the only group discussing the improvements the Trump administration made to health care choices, which was not publicized by the media. They are expert in non- Obamacare insurance plans and always willing to help Republican officials.

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Mort's Meanderings

MORT's meanderings.

Don't mess with . . .

The CONSTITUTION: It is perfect and doesn't need any diddling by people who are no where near as worldly, smart or as articulate as were the Founding Fathers.

The STARS & STRIPES: Perfect again. Don't change a thing and don't view our national symbol as something that needs improvement or needs creative messing with.

The National Anthem: At the recent Super Bowl, Gladys Knight gave the perfect rendition of that difficult yet, magnificent poem, set to music. She sang it as it should be sung, true to the original tune and without vocal histrionics. That was the absolute gold standard rendition of that most sacred tune. It doesn't need gimmicks; It takes a singer to do that; not a clown.

The Pledge of Allegiance: Same goes for the 'Pledge'. Like the Gettysburg Address, it says volumes in the most clear, concise language and blessedly, it is brief. Don't mess with it.

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MORT's meanderings.

The U. S. House of Representatives has turned into the French Parliament.

No term limits. They can give themselves pay raises. They go home in the middle of the week; return in the middle of the following week. They avoid difficult tasks. They rebuff the President and his administration at every turn, for no good reason other than to display their pure political opposition. They are molasses-slow to address problems but, quick like lightning to pass knee-jerk legislation without regard to taxpayer cost or possible unintended consequences. The Democrat Members, under the thumb of Loony-tunes Nancy Pelosi, are unified in unreasonable hatred of the duly-elected President of the United States. The new wave of Democrats plan massive, punitive taxes on successful Americans and are gung-ho to institute everytime-failed Socialistic policies of redistribution of wealth. These Newbees are glassy-eyed in their anticipation to indict, convict, impeach and otherwise destroy every Republican currently seated in the House. They are also, eager to shove the private sector out the door and to remake an entirely new Federal Government with unprecedented controls over all aspects of public life, including single-payer health care with predictably skyrocketing costs while delivering dubious-at-best, health care. They will increase the national debt by many more Trillions, without a care or a clue as to how if ever, it will be addressed or reduced. **Liberty, aw revoir.**

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Campus Corner

Opinion: FAU Should Stop Forcing Student Organizations to Attend Their ‘Leadership’ Conferences

From political bias to the endorsement of false facts, FAU’s Lead and Serve conferences are not about leadership, nor do they promote diversity.

Ross Mellman
Managing Editor, University Press
 January 23, 2019

As a leader of a bipartisan student organization called Right on Campus, which creates political opinion magazines, I was required to attend WeLead: Diversity Matters Student Leadership Symposium in Spring 2018.

WeLead is a seminar on diversity and was something I was actually looking forward to attending.

We are lucky to study at Florida’s most diverse public university. With over 30,000 students and hundreds of faculty members, we have the opportunity to learn from people of differing races, cultures, ethnicities and beliefs.

Yet, during my attendance at WeLead, an event that is advertised to promote diversity, I was shocked to find out that the focus of the conference was taught entirely from one political perspective, from the keynote speaker right down to the smaller “breakout” sessions.

My first experience at WeLead opened my eyes to how politically biased their conferences are

It did not take long for me to realize that WeLead wasn’t focused on diversity or inclusion at all.

The first event of the conference was a keynote speech from Rosa Clemente, a self-described activist and former Green Party vice presidential candidate.

Shortly after her speech began, she went on an anti-Trump rant that berated white women who voted for Trump and called Republicans racists. Clemente taught us that if you do not agree with her political beliefs, you must be a racist or bigoted person.



FAU holds the WeLead conference in the Spring semester. Illustration by Joey Sena.

While I was well aware of how divisive the political atmosphere from the 2016 election had been, I was hoping that if her speech were to be political it would be one about putting aside our differences and coming together as fellow Americans.



My hopes could not have been more contrary to the speech that she gave.

Perhaps FAU wasn’t expecting Clemente to give such a bigoted speech, but even a quick review of her social media gives away her hateful nature.

One month before her speech at FAU, Clemente posted a picture on Instagram featuring a coffee cup with “WHITE TEARS” written on it in bold lettering. The caption says “. . . you crazy white supremacist pedophile loving Trump supporters can sit down, shut the fuck up and put your tears in this cup.”

And two months before that post, she had uploaded a picture on Instagram of a poster that reads “Fuck the US Military.” More recently her retweets have even included disgusting rhetoric that I feel is anti-Semitic, such as “Fuck Zionism,” which is a movement supporting the independence of Israel.

This means our school either did not bother to do any research about who they were inviting to speak, or knew whole-heartedly just how hateful she is and thought she would be great for a speech about promoting diversity.

“The committee does not control the content of any particular speech, and does not select speakers on the basis of political ideology,” Joshua Glanzer, the FAU Media Relations representative said about the speaker selection process.

Yet it seems evident that the university is well aware of Clemente’s political ideology since the current WeLead 2019 website describes her as “one of the most raw, honest, political, social and cultural voices in the country.”

I suppose I was unaware that Clemente’s unrelenting bigotry qualifies her to be “a cultural voice in our country,” as FAU so claims. I reached out to Rosa Clemente for comment, but she did not respond as of publication time.

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I'm not the only one who is disappointed

It should be noted that conservative students weren't the only ones who took issue with the content of Clemente's speech.

"Clemente was speaking about a lot of issues with left-leaning viewpoints, and although I agreed with her on parts, it has no place at a forced diversity conference held by the school," Hannah Schimko, a sophomore marketing major and the social media director for FAU Young Democratic Socialists of America, said.

"The event should be nonpartisan" she added. "It's an event about diversity, not politics left or right."

A student who ran one of the "breakout" sessions at WeLead after Clemente's speech, who chose to remain anonymous, called her keynote speech a "disgrace."

"FAU sanctioned a bigot to speak at an event that the school hosted and forced students to attend. By extension, the university was foisting hateful rhetoric on us," he said. "It was mildly surprising to see how many people, including staff, agreed with her. It was sad, disturbing, and utterly disappointing to see so much hate accepted in public."

The smaller sessions ran by FAU faculty and students were just as one-sided

During iLead, a different conference that is advertised to focus on leadership in Fall of 2018, I attended a breakout session titled "Healthy Leaders." I soon found out that the true intention of this session was to promote political correctness—as opposed to actually encouraging awareness about how to live a healthy lifestyle.

Shortly into the presentation, which was conducted by FAU faculty who were not physicians, we were told irresponsibly that one's body mass index (BMI) has no reflection on whether or not they're healthy. We were additionally told that you can be healthy at any size.

These were irresponsible statements that are undeniably opposed to commonly accepted facts within the medical community.

The American Heart Association's website asserts that "for every additional unit of BMI, there was a slight increase in blood pressure readings and in the thickness and size of one of the heart's main pumping chambers," which leads to heart problems.

The idea that BMI has no reflection on one's health was taught to us in our session about preventing "fat shaming"—which we were lectured on for almost an hour.

I reached out to Jill Rubin, a coordinator from the Women and Gender Equity Resource Center who was one of two presenters during the Healthy Leaders seminar, but she did not respond in time for publication.

During a breakout session at WeLead, the presenters encouraged us to introduce ourselves. They told us we should begin our introduction by stating "what gender we identify as."

This appeared as yet another instance of forcing students to abide by politically correct terminology that aligns with left-leaning viewpoints.

I reached out to Lead and Serve, who are involved in organizing both iLead and WeLead, but they did not respond in time for publication.

The university should be using the event's focus on diversity to challenge multiple viewpoints not just one

FAU anticipated "the possibility . . . that attendees may be exposed to views that are controversial or contrary to their own deeply held beliefs," Glanzer said. "As an institution of higher learning, we always encourage students to challenge those ideas, while treating members of the university community and our guests with respect and civility."

But is a speaker who berates students and calls them bigots for supporting a candidate that they disagree with truly teaching us to treat others with "respect and civility"—and is a political tirade really the right way to challenge students deeply held beliefs?

If FAU wants to challenge conservative students' beliefs—which they have every right to—then they also have an equal responsibility to challenge liberal students' beliefs.

I reached out to the Center for IDEAs, formerly known as the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, who was involved in selecting Clemente, but they did not respond in time for publication.

If FAU wants to keep their conferences politically biased, then our attendance should not be mandatory

As a defender of free speech for all people, I have absolutely no problem with having Clemente speak on our campus.

If FAU wants to host a conference that is politically biased—one that promotes groupthink rather than true diversity of thought—I am completely ok with that.

But if they are going to do this, the mandatory attendance of all student organizations should not be required. Better yet, they could make their next WeLead conference, on January 26th, actually embrace diversity by having speakers who teach from different political perspectives.

The diversity of our students extends farther than just our differences in skin color. FAU's political thought is also diverse, as indicated by the plethora of different political student organizations that we have on campus.

If the opinions of our students are so diverse, then the curriculum and speakers present at iLead and WeLead should be too.

Attendance rules for student organizations

Attending both conferences requires major time commitments that have strong penalties if you do not attend.

FAU requires two members from all registered student organizations to attend an iLead conference each semester. The conferences take place on either Friday or Saturday and

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Open Jew and Israel-Haters Are Now in the U.S. Congress

They are African-American, Democrat, women and Muslim. No one dares speak out.

*By Alan Bergstein
February 1, 2019*

The entire membership of the Democratic Party, if they had any sense of conscience, morality or decency would have urged its House Leader, Nancy Pelosi, to rethink and rescind her appointment of newly-elected African-American/Muslim/radical congresswoman, Ilhan Omar (D-MN), to a coveted seat on the all-important House Foreign Affairs Committee.

In fact, there is no doubt that Pelosi cleared the assignment with that group's chair, Eliot Engel, who is among five Jewish Democrat members of that group. Brad Sherman (D-CA) did not utter a peep at the announcement and Ted Deutch (D-FL) with his usual wide-eyed smile, when asked to comment on this matter, uttered these meaningless words, "Let's continue the proud bipartisan work of the committee in promoting American values and defending human rights around the world, standing firmly with our allies and against our enemies."

Wasn't Teddy Boy aware that Omar openly supports the BDS movement against Israel? That she has called Israel an "apartheid regime that has hypnotized the world?" That she has called upon her lord, Allah to heap punishment on the Jewish state?

Should Jewish Democrat voters who supported Hillary and her party by the tune of 71 percent in the last election be a bit concerned about the seating of newly elected Democrat congresswomen such as Omar, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib, Deb Haaland and Ayanna Pressley, all of whom are terror supporting and anti-Semitic, who would openly torpedo America's support for the state of Israel and wreak havoc on domestic Jewish issues?

Are we viewing the origin of Jew-hating feminist "Brown Blouses" rather than the "Brown Shirts" of Nazi Germany who were in the forefront of the Holocaust?

And let's take a look at the Anti-Defamation League, to all intents and purposes, an ACLU supported by Jewish dollars that had not one word on its web page about Omar's appointment. On the other hand, it deemed fit to post an angry letter from its CEO, Jonathan Greenblatt, to both Dem leader Nancy Pelosi and her counterpart, Republican Kevin McCarthy, demanding they censure and strip Iowa Republican House member Steve King of his committee seats and censure him for his alleged pro-White Supremacy remarks. But Omar's open, unquestioned hatred for Jews and Israel apparently are of no concern to the ADL. She's a combination of many protected species: a woman, a Muslim, a Democrat and to boot, an African-American.

And speaking of African-American Congresspeople who are Jew haters, we wonder why the ADL never repudiated or called out the Black Congressional Caucus for having as its guest, in 2005, Louis Farrakhan, who posed for a photo-op with a joyous crowd that included then Senator Barack Obama?

Are we to assume that black and Muslim Jew haters are exempt from the wrath of the ADL. You got it!!!

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are roughly seven hours long. One person may not represent more than one organization. If an organization does not attend, they may not be able to utilize funding or campus space.

Here's what happens when you don't attend their mandatory conferences

Student organizations that were not able to attend an iLead conference were sent this message. Many organizations that fully attended were sent this message by mistake due to errors in recording their attendance.

You are receiving this email because we have found that your organization is NOT in compliance and still has requirements, per Regulation 4.006, to fulfill. Your organization may not be able to request space on campus, utilize funding or complete the Annual Budgeting

process for 2019/2020 until the following items below are completed.

Your organization has NOT completed the following requirement(s):

___ Member(s) did not attend the iLead Conference and must attend WeLead January 26, 2019.

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Club News

Trump Club 45 Thanks You For Your Support!



Approximately 2,500 Donald Trump supporters came together for our January monthly meeting this week at the grandstands of the Palm Beach Kennel Club in West Palm Beach! Frequent Fox News guest Dan Bongino was the keynote speaker and delivered a tremendous speech in full support of our President, Donald Trump! Dan is a former New York City cop and was a Secret Service agent for 12 years. His latest book, *Spygate*, gives a true synopsis of the whole Russian Collusion hoax. Thank you Dan!

The overriding purpose of Trump Club 45 PBC is to support our great President and make sure we do our part to get him re-elected in 2020. More than two thousand of us meet on the second Monday night each month in the grandstand area of the Palm Beach Kennel Club. Our meetings are always free to everyone. Past speakers have included Jim

Jordan, Ron DeSantis, Dick Morris, Sebastian Gorka, Stephen Moore, Pastor Mark Burns, Ashley Moody, Karen Giorno, Roger Stone, Col. Mike McAlister, and others.

We wish to thank all of our many volunteers who work so hard to make these great events happen. We also want to thank all of our members and supporters for their enthusiastic support and participation in our meetings.

If you haven't been to one of our meetings before now, we encourage you to attend. Put us on your calendar. Remember, second Monday night of each month, 7:00 PM.



Dan Bongino with Trump Club 45 PBC founders (left to right): Sue Snowden, Larry Snowden, Linda Stoch, Sherry Budd, and Joe Budd.

The Republican Federated Women of South Florida Welcomed Dick Morris

The Republican Federated Women of South Florida were delighted to welcome political commentator and author Dick Morris to their January 24 meeting at the Boca Country Club. Dick regaled the audience with tales of his time working for Bill Clinton, and answered questions



Newly-elected Board of Directors (left to right): Tracy Caruso, outgoing President Rosemary O'Mara, Linda Johnson, Ann Carro, Cheryl Mullings, and Lisa-Marie Beché.

about the political situation today. His latest book, *50 Shades of Politics*, was available for sale.

We also conducted elections at this meeting, and proudly elected Linda Johnson as president, Cheryl Mullings as First Vice President, Tracy Caruso as Second Vice President/ Membership Chair, Lisa-Marie Beché as Secretary, and Ann Carro as Treasurer. Outgoing founding President Rosemary O'Mara was thanked for her leadership and her efforts in establishing the club.



The next meeting of the Republican Federated Women of South Florida will be on February 28, with special guest speaker former Congressman Mark Foley.

Book Review

***Magna Carta, The Birth of Liberty*, by Dan Jones. New York: Penguin Books, 2015. Softcover, 272 pp. ISBN No. 9780143108955.**

This book is about a most important subject: Magna Carta, to this day, “admired as a foundation stone in the Western traditions of liberty, democracy, and the rule of law.” I like the author, Dan Jones, and have read other books by him, namely *The Plantagenets* and *The Wars of the Roses*. The former tells the story about early kings of England while the latter chronicles their fall and the rise of the Tudors, who succeeded them. Reading both before digging into *Magna Carta* was useful in that it gave one an idea of historical context for the revered document that many regard as the birth of western liberty.

The Magna Carta document itself “is dry, technical and difficult to decipher and should be of interest only to serious scholars of the thirteenth century, yet it is one of the most hallowed documents in the world, revered from the Arctic Circle to the antipodes and written into the constitutions of numerous countries.” Why it is regarded with such reverence is the story of this book. By the way, the entire text of Magna Carta is included as an appendix in the back of the book. I read it and as the author says, it’s “dry and technical,” but there to peruse if you care to.

Magna Carta was a peace treaty between John, the third Plantagenet king of England, and his barons, who feared the king’s tyrannical power and sought to restrain it. The charter agreed to at Runnymede in June of 1215 threatened that the barons would withdraw their support for the king if he failed to live up to his promises in the document. In essence, it was an attempt, if you will, to force the king to give up some of his omnipotent power and “that fateful day in the meadow at Runnymede over eight hundred years ago

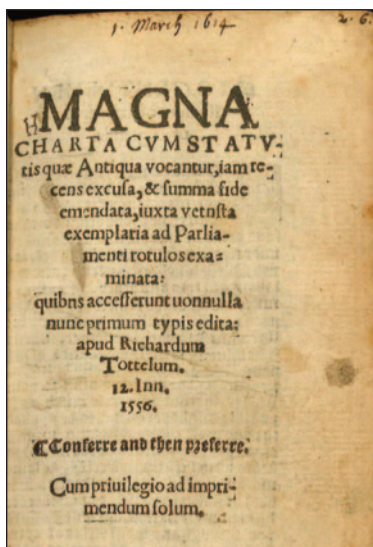
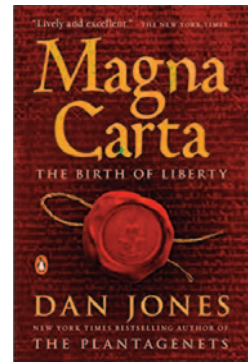
has become, in a sense, year zero in the story of the struggle for freedom from tyranny.”

And tyrannical those times in England in the early 1200s certainly were. Back then “the king made the laws,” but with the advent of Magna Carta, “he had to obey it as well. For the first time in English history, a mechanism was created that allowed the community of the realm to override the king’s authority, when that authority was abused.”

Amazingly there are four surviving copies of the original Magna Carta document still in existence today. One is at the British Library, another at the Lincoln Cathedral, and a third at the Salisbury Cathedral. I’ve seen the fourth copy, which is at the U.S. National Archives in Washington, DC. It was purchased at auction for over \$20 million in 2007. Fragile, it thus “sits, dimly lit, as the physical and metaphorical starting point for the history of American freedom. It is captioned with a quotation from President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who claimed that “the democratic aspiration is no mere recent phase in human history. . . . It is written in Magna Carta.”

In 1687 the Magna Carta was published in the American colonies for the first time and over a hundred years later in 1775, “Massachusetts adopted as its symbol an American patriot holding a sword in one hand and the Magna Carta in the other.” As Americans, it is important that we all have an understanding of why they did that and reading Dan Jones’s book, *Magna Carta, The Birth of Liberty*, is a great place to start.

—Tom Mullings



Editor's Postscript

The Threat of Sino-Russian Condominium

By Tom Mullings

“Analyzing threats to American interest, the most dangerous scenario would be a grand coalition of China and Russia.”

—Dr. Zbigniew Brezinski, 2017

“The China-Russia relationship continues to deepen and broaden with negative implications for the United States.”

—Robert Sutter, Professor of Practice of International Affairs at the Elliott School of George Washington University, November, 2018

During much of the Cold War, the greatest existential threat to the United States was thought to be an alliance between the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China based on their mutual communist ideology. Many in the West believed that just such an alliance existed, but as the decades passed, fewer and fewer observers held to that view. For one thing, animosity and distrust, borne of centuries-old historical disputes, boiled over into a brief border clash between the two communist giants in 1969, which resulted in thousands of casualties among their soldiers. But whether a formal alliance existed back then or, for that matter now, doesn't really matter. The fact is that the two countries share a mutual ambition to increase their own power and influence in the world, and believe that the only way to realize those goals is by jointly cooperating in an effort to weaken the power and influence of the one country capable of thwarting those ambitions—the United States of America. Call it what you will, the two great powers, at the very least, are engaging in a marriage of convenience at our

expense, and the danger to us is on the rise as the military might of China increases with every passing year.

According to multiple media outlets including the BBC and *The Guardian*, China, Russia and Cuba are reopening a joint military base at Lordes, Cuba, which is near Havana. *The Guardian* reported during a recent visit to Latin America, Russian President Vladimir Putin: “. . . signed agreements to establish positioning stations in Argentina, Brazil and Cuba for Glonass, Russia's answer to the United States' global positioning system (GPS). He also made a surprise stop to discuss placing a Glonass station in Nicaragua, where president Daniel Ortega called Putin's first visit to the country a “ray of Light.” The goal of Putin's visit to Cuba, Nicaragua and Argentina was to “strengthen geopolitical connections with Latin America in response to the United States' attempt to isolate Russia,” Alexei Pushkov, the chairman of the foreign affairs committee in Russia's parliament, tweeted after the trip.

Also “reportedly China signed an agreement in 2000 with the Cuban government to use Cuba's satellite intercept facility at Bejucal, the facility, located near the Russian facility at Lourdes, [where] in addition to other infrastructure, a possible missile launching platform is present.” Given our

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recent exit from the Reagan era Intermediate and Short Range Nuclear Weapons treaty due to Russian violations, if there really is a possible missile base there, any ramped-up Sino-Russian activity would be most alarming.

In an article penned three months ago, highly-respected Georgetown University Foreign Affairs Professor Robert Sutter wrote that “Presidents Xi and Putin met in September for the third time [in 2018]. The two leaders spend more time together than any other two world leaders [and] the values and outlook of [those] authoritarian leaders in Moscow and Beijing converge in opposition to U.S. interests and goals.”

Back in the 1950s, the Soviet Union was the senior partner, while Communist China played the role of junior partner in their relationship, but today, their roles have reversed

and China leads while the Russian Federation, the truncated successor to the U.S.S.R., follows. Increasingly they are moving as one to confront us, and all other foreign policy challenges to our security pales in significance compared to the threat arising from growing Sino-Russian cooperation. That cooperation is occurring all over the world and it is incumbent upon the United States and its allies to work together to forestall the alignment and spoil the ambitions of the world’s two greatest dictatorial powers.

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Photo from the Sun-Sentinel, "A billboard praising President Donald Trump off southbound Interstate 95, just south of Oakland Park Boulevard, on Friday. (Carline Jean / South Florida Sun Sentinel)"



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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 registered Republicans who live in their precinct and serve as the Party's liaison to the Republicans within that precinct. REC members are expected to maintain contact with Republicans living in their 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/or 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.

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1. Expected to donate financially to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County
2. Attend REC Meetings
3. Organize your precinct and carry out the policies and programs of the Party within your precinct. Active participation in the various programs of the Party is expected.
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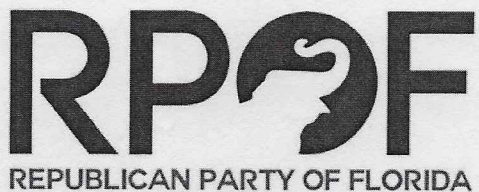
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Please return your REC Application to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County Headquarters,
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 500, West Palm Beach 33401 Phone (561) 686-1616



Republican Party of Florida Party Loyalty Oath

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office I will not actively, publicly, or financially support the election of any candidate seeking election against:

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- (2) A registered Republican in a non-partisan election except that this provision does not apply to judicial races under Chapter 105, Florida Statutes.

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

Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

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