



## Newsletter of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County—January 2020

### Huawei, 5G and China’s Drive for Global Supremacy

*(Editor’s note: What follows was based on the writings of Bill Gertz. Mr. Gertz is a national security columnist for the Washington Times and internationally recognized as one of the foremost experts on Chinese security affairs. He is also one of the most effective investigative journalists in the country, if not the world. He has written several books and you can find him online at [Gertzfile.com](http://Gertzfile.com) and @BillGertz.)*

Meng Wanzhou was the chief financial officer for Huawei Technologies Ltd., the largest telecommunications company in the world, when she was arrested by Royal Canadian Police at Vancouver International Airport on December 1, 2018, after a flight from Hong Kong, and there was good reason to take her into custody.

The company made reported profits of \$7 billion to \$19 billion in revenue in 2018, but it is not a normal company. A House intelligence Committee investigation in 2012 concluded Huawei posed a counterintelligence and security threat, but details of the company’s activities remained unpublished, allowing the company to continue to prosper.

According to Chinese expert Steven Mosher, president of the Population Institute, Huawei is “China’s largest and most advanced hi-tech company, which plays a key role in China’s grand strategy of global domination.” He points out that the telecommunications giant is not the normal maker of millions of smart phones. “It is a spy agency of the Chinese Communist Party.”

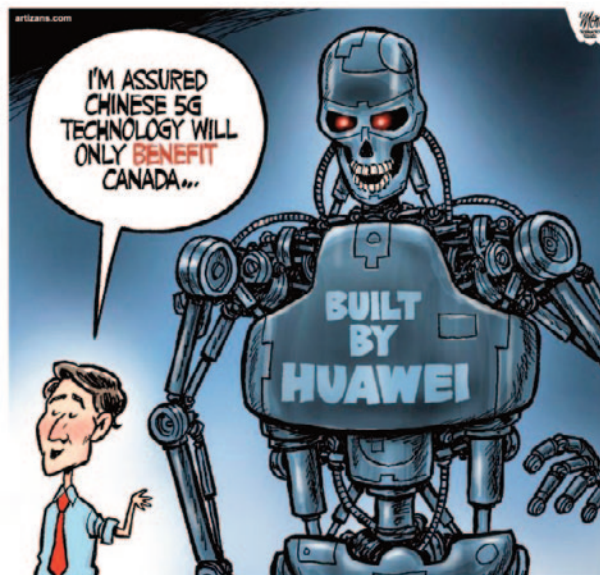
China in 2017 passed a new national security regulation that requires all Chinese companies and citizens to support the Communist Party of China’s massive intelligence network to support modernization. The “laws enacted provide government access to user data from any of their telecom-

munications or cyber companies when they want it, whatever they want, and they can do whatever they want with that,” Bill Priestap, then-assistant FBI director in charge of counterintelligence told Congress in December 2018. “They can exploit that data however they want.”

Huawei and China’s other telecommunications companies are at the forefront of a revolutionary new technology race: The effort to develop and deploy the next generation of high-speed wireless and wired data and telecommunications known as 5G. By 2049 China plans to dominate the world’s economy with advanced technology and industrial systems, and the key element of their strategy is telecommunications. Under “broadband penetration of world markets, China plans to go from 37 percent of the global market to 87 percent by 2025. In reality, Huawei is a deception operation masquerading as a company. The real purpose of Huawei is industrial espionage, intellectual property theft, and human intelligence-gathering operations, and it is focused on developing high-performance computers and cloud computing.

Gordon Chang, a China expert, sees Huawei as at the core of China’s plan to dominate the 5G telecom market that will provide high-speed telecommunications and artificial intelligence in the near future.

Huawei is also part of China’s “megaprojects,” which included taking control of the emerging Internet of Things, the network of millions of Internet-linked devices. In 2018, the congressional U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission provided details on Beijing’s drive to use 5G telecommunications technology to dominate the Internet of Things (IoT) that will be used in both peacetime and war.



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“Aside from industrial control systems, unauthorized access to health care devices could kill patients and exploitation of smart car vulnerabilities could kill drivers and pedestrians alike, among other possible misuse of data and devices that could have dire consequences,” the report warned. “The future destructive potential of unauthorized access to IoT devices appears potentially limitless.”

The IoT in the future will expand into a global information and communication infrastructure of perhaps billions of internet-linked devices ranging from biomedical devices, such as those used by doctors to monitor heart patients, self-driving cars, video cameras, smart watches, smart phones, industrial controls, to critical infrastructure such as the electric grids and financial networks. IoT is expanding rapidly and will be enhanced enormously through 5G cellular technology. These are frightening developments that if successful will provide China with state-of-the-art cyberattack tools for conducting cyber espionage, sabotage, and military cyber reconnaissance through the Internet of Things. It could literally allow them to spread their totalitarian control of China to the entire world.

Retired Air Force General Robert Spalding, a former White House National Security Council official in the Trump Administration, notes that 5G is not just a generational leap from 4G; it is a revolutionary technology that

will transform the world through high-speed internet access. It “represents the first great leap into the information age. It’s a change more like the invention of the Gutenberg Press than the move from 3G to 4G,” he said. And it will enable a massive Internet of Things. The general is calling for adoption of a strategic effort to prevent China from dominating 5G development. He warns that the United States is losing to China in the 5G race, and the information domain will be the key battleground for U.S.-China competition. He urged developing a 5G network that reflects American principles, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and fair and reciprocal markets. A joint U.S. government-private sector effort is needed to build 5G in three years. “We can jump into the information age of the future today or we can continue falling in the spiral of cyberattacks,” he said. “You have to look at 5G as part of a longer-term campaign for Chinese dominance of information technology and command, control, communications and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance against the free world. With 5G we face the juggernaut that scuttled Saddam in 21 days. President Trump, alone among all presidents, since Nixon, recognizes this and is doing his best to end the era of appeasement of kow-towing to China in the false hope that our democratic way of life will ultimately rub off on the totalitarian rulers of the Chinese Communist Party. It is vitally important for all of us in America, to unconditionally support him.

—Tom Mullings

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## The FISA Mess: Looking Back

*By Sid Dinerstein  
December 27, 2019*

“I told you so.” My devoted readers know that those are my favorite words. This post is a look backwards to 2019 (and earlier) to assess how well I did as the political analyst on the issue of FISA—the warrants and the courts.

I first hinted at Intelligence Agency abuse in December, 2016, before President-elect Trump was even inaugurated. I wrote a post entitled “The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming.” In it I asked: “Can we trust Obama’s FBI and CIA? Maybe some day, after Obama is out of office, we’ll get a trustworthy investigation into the leaks, the emails the servers and the bleaching.”

I have been fascinated by the whole FISA system for some time. I first wrote about our FISA courts and its related concept of “unmasking” in April, 2017. That’s not a typo. I wrote about the FISA warrants and courts more than two-and one-half years ago. Who knew? I did. I wrote about a Richard Gere movie, “Red Corner” (1997), which showcases the legal system in China. I wrote: “It’s surreal; secret courts, simultaneous trials, unknown judges. . . .” “Red Corner” is now the law of the land in the good old US of A. Download the movie to see where our government has taken us.” I wrote that “President Obama has turned us into a Banana Republic, where all its officials and agencies work for the (Democratic) Party. Remember Lois Lerner turning the IRS into a political weapon?” I continued that “we’re at the very tip of the wiretap iceberg, but unbeknownst to most, on the right track. President Trump realized he had been wiretapped. . . . He just blurted (tweeted) it out. . . . Republican Congressman Nunes . . . saw the classified documents, told the President and drew an ethics complaint.”

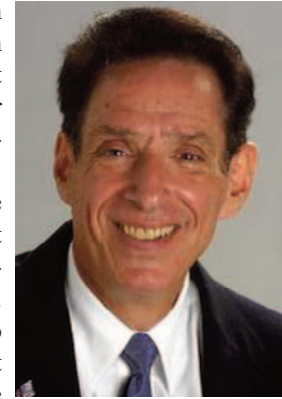
I then introduced my readers to Carter Page, whom I referred to as “a third level Trump campaign staffer.” And who, I argued, “is about to be presented as Judas, Benedict Arnold, Mata Hari, Tokyo Rose, Alger Hiss and the Rosenberg’s, all rolled into one. Carter’s crime? He once spoke to a Russian. His bad fortune? He is all that the Dems have.” April, 2017. Believe it.

And that brings us to May, 2019, and my post entitled “The Mueller Report,” where I made the following key point: “The Mueller Team . . . stopped the fourth 3-month renewal application for another Carter Page FISA warrant. (I wish they would have told everyone).” And then I identified the key failing of the FISA system, the Mueller Report and the current structure of our intelligence agencies; what I called my “Aha” moment garnered from the Mueller Report: It’s in a section entitled “The presumed innocence and independence of the uncompromised prosecutors.”

Paragraph 3b of the section states: “There is also no reason to believe that investigations, let alone prosecutions, would occur except in highly unusual circumstances.” It continues nearby: “Absent clear evidence to the contrary, courts presume that [prosecutors] have properly discharged their official duties. . . . Such matters will be subject to thorough and careful review at the most senior levels of the Department of Justice.” What could possibly go wrong?

And that brings us to the Horowitz Report. The Deep Staters thought they had another victory when the Obama-appointed FBI Inspector General indicated there was “No political bias” in launching the original Russian probe. But then IG Horowitz went on tour. And he called everyone out, in particular the smug former FBI Director Comey. Horowitz made it clear that no one involved in the Carter Page FISA warrants was “Vindicated.” The more Horowitz spoke the more the Deep Staters retreated. Comey and Brennan issued mea culpas. Lisa Page went on MSNBC to claim victim status. And, finally, the key question was being asked: What did Obama know and when did he know it?

Two huge FISA-related events will capture our attention in 2020—the Impeachment Trial and the Durham Report. The first might involve witness testimony from a broad swath of Deep State wannabees. The second may involve criminal indictments of Deep State used-to-be’s. The first is in January. The second is closer to Labor Day. Not to worry I’m all over it.




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## December Recap

December has been a very busy month. During the first week, our delegation held its final public hearing and had a joint workshop with the Palm Beach County League of Cities. I met with the Mayors and Managers of District 89 to discuss important issues related to the upcoming legislative session and I spent a morning with some fantastic four-year-olds at the Achievement Centers for Children and Families in Delray Beach. I also held a joint press conference with 211 of the Palm Beaches/Treasure Coast and Brightline to announce the South Florida Suicide Prevention and Crisis Intervention Outreach Project.

The next week it was off to Tallahassee for the final committee week before the 2020 Legislative Session begins on January 14th. It ended up being a very rewarding one as I was able to meet with young CPAs at the Florida Institute of CPAs Emerging Leaders Summit. Additionally, the following appropriation requests I filed passed their respective committees and are now eligible for consideration in the 2020 budget. Follow the links below to read more about each project:

- HB 2401—Lake Park Lake Shore Drive Drainage Improvement
- HB 2409—Riviera Beach Lake Worth Lagoon Land Acquisition and Preservation Project
- HB 3085—Boca Raton Habilitation Center—Adults with Disabilities (AWD)
- HB 3267—FFCDC Apprenticeship Training Academy & Employment Program
- HB 3523—Palm Beach State College Dental Health Services—New Equipment
- HB 4043—UF/IFAS—Demonstration of Reducing Residential Water Quality Impacts
- HB 2413—Lake Worth Beach South Palm Park Water Quality Improvements
- HB 2415—Lake Worth Beach Wellesley Drive & 18th Avenue North Lagoon Enhancement
- HB 2635—Florida Holocaust Memorial at the Capital
- HB 4041—Palm Beach County Fire Rescue Diesel Exhaust System Installation Project

HB 4195—211 Palm Beach Treasure Coast—South Florida Suicide Prevention and Crisis Intervention Outreach Project

HB 3327—Oak Street Home II—Female Teen Delinquency Prevention Program

I have received some calls from constituents about the noise barriers adjacent to I-95. I am pleased to tell you that adjacent to Lake Ida in Delray Beach, Florida Department of Transportation is designing a project to extend the existing noise barrier adjacent to Diane Drive approximately 600 feet to the south and 520 feet to the north of the present limits. Construction is scheduled to begin summer 2020. However, a noise study was also performed to assess impact to Paradise Palms residences in Boca Raton and FDOT determined that noise levels do not exceed the Noise Abatement Criteria. I have asked them if a new evaluation can be done once the construction is complete. My office also inquired about the Boca Raton Square community. Currently, there is an existing 16 ft. tall noise barrier located along I-95 which provides abatement for the Boca Raton Square community. In addition, the existing 8 ft. tall shoulder mounted noise barrier is being replaced along the I-95 northbound lanes as part of the I-95 Express Phase 3B project. This barrier system provides continuous noise abatement for the Boca Raton Square community between SW 18th Street and Palmetto Park Road. If you would like to see the FDOT—District Four Noise Brochure that further explains the state's policy on providing noise abatement, please email [mike.caruso@myflorida.house.gov](mailto:mike.caruso@myflorida.house.gov) and my staff will forward it to you.

Next month I will begin providing you with information on legislation I have filed and important bills that are moving through the House and Senate. Please be sure to follow me on Facebook and Twitter for up-to-date information. But for now, I want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah. Best wishes for a warm and wonderful Holiday Season from my team and me.

Mike and Tracy Caruso  
Beth Lerner  
Brianna Harvey

## “The Backhoe Chronicles”

*By Peter Feaman  
Florida National Committeeman*

### Election Update

JANUARY 12—I want to thank all of my supporters everywhere for their prayers, support, votes and active campaigning on my behalf. You are too numerous to mention individually but know you have my deepest thanks.

Yesterday morning I was given the honor and privilege of representing the State of Florida at the RNC for another four years.

The BACKHOE CHRONICLES live on!

So while our vision is singularly focused on the re-election of President Trump, I keep in the back of my mind, 2022 and 2024.

The coalitions that we are building now in support of this courageous president must continue past November 2020.

The policies of putting America first and putting hard-working American taxpayers first must continue.

Our struggle against the Deep State, the military-intelligence complex, the globalists, the entrenched bureaucrats and the anti-Judeo-Christian forces has only begun. This is a generational struggle that will take many elections to overthrow.

The Reagan Revolution was cut short when Bush 41 “read my lips” (no new taxes) turned into higher taxes!

Ross Perot showed up in 1992 but fell short.

The Tea Party showed up in 2010 and in many respects President Trump echoes the sentiments of the Tea Party except in one major area—government spending.

So yes, the mission right now is clear—TRUMP 2020!!!! But let us be mindful, the struggle for the heart and soul of America will continue. They may not know it yet, but our children are counting on us.

### President Trump’s Achievements (with credit to Steve Cortes as seen in Real Clear Politics)

JANUARY 3—A review of President Trump’s 2019 achievements, building on the successes of 2017 and 2018, provides context for the year and decade ahead, and reasons to expect a resounding Trump reelection next November. Here are my top 10:

1. Jobs—The stunning recent news on employment proves, more than any other metric, the success of President Trump’s growth doctrine of economic nationalism and the diffusion of power. Defying globalist skeptics from Wall Street, academia, and the corporate media, payrolls surged in America in 2019.

The best economic news of all is that the fastest wage gains now flow to those groups that formerly lagged badly in the slow-growth recovery following the Great Recession. For example, the lowest 10% of earners saw income grow

at an astounding 7% rate over the last year. Similarly, those without a high school diploma welcomed 9% wage acceleration in 2019.

2. Broadening the base of the Republican Party—2019 represented a breakout year as the Republican Party changes to a workers’ party. This new focus translates, already, into significant signs of ethnic, racial, and geographic diversity for the GOP. For example, a recent CNN poll in deeply blue California reported 32% minority support for Trump vs. current Democratic front-runner Joe Biden. Similarly, recent polls by *The Hill* and Emerson show Latino approval for the president at nearly 40%. It is difficult to overstate the importance of this kind of minority support, both for politics and, more importantly, for the overall cohesion of our society.

3. Confronting China—Though a near-term détente in trade tensions was reached, Trump proved to the world in 2019 that tariffs can be effectively deployed to force the Chinese Communist Party into a bargaining posture. The soaring economy in America demonstrated that tough trade policy can indeed coincide with growth.

4. Trade Deals with Allies—The USMCA was finally ratified by the House of Representatives this year and points to a new era of prosperity with our neighbors as the global supply chain reorients from the Far East back to the Americas. Similarly, a breakthrough agreement was signed with Japan and the new U.S.-Korea trade pact took effect in early 2019.

5. Judges—While Nancy Pelosi dithers and corporate media obsess over the sham impeachment inquest, President Trump and Senate Majority Leader Mitch Mitchell quietly pile up a historic pace of judicial confirmations. Trump in 2019 secured his 50th federal appeals court judge in only three years, compared to just 55 for President Obama over eight years. Over the long term, remaking the federal judiciary into an originalist, constitutionalist branch of government may create Trump’s most enduring legacy.

6. Reducing immigration from Mexico—Our country still needs to drastically reform its insane asylum laws and provide vastly more border wall funding, but nonetheless President Trump found a fair and effective near-term solution for border control by requiring asylum seekers to apply from Mexico rather than trespassing across our sovereign border. Not surprisingly, according to NPR, less than 1% of the economic migrants who apply actually qualify as refugees. Trump’s 2019 move, therefore, provides a deterrent and averted a full-scale crisis at our border.



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7. Al-Baghdadi Killing—The October Special Forces raid that eliminated the terrorist Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi proved that America can aggressively hunt down terrorists and dispense with enemies without nation-building and concomitant large-scale troop commitments. Some brave U.S. fighters, along with a terrific dog, highlighted that surgical strikes can protect our homeland without the massive outlays of blood and treasure employed by Trump’s predecessors.

8. The Soleimani killing—Though this took place on Jan. 2, 2020, like the Al-Baghdadi killing, this is another sign that a new U.S. sheriff is in town, for the good.

9. American energy independence—Early in the Trump presidency, America became a net natural gas exporter for the first time since the Eisenhower administration. In 2019, this trend expanded in earnest, with an astonishing 60% growth rate of liquefied natural gas exports for the year. Establishing America as an energy superpower drives domestic prosperity, particularly in heartland energy regions, and facilitates affordable energy to power the on-shoring manufacturing renaissance that has produced 500,000 new factory jobs under Trump.

10. Space Force—Establishing the sixth military service branch in 2019 was pure Trump: imaginative, bold, forward-looking, and—predictably—roundly derided by establishment critics. In alignment with his outsider perspective, Trump correctly ascertains the potential of space as a warfighting domain, and that America must dominate there. As satellites increasingly guide the behaviors of our everyday lives, the U.S. Space Force will protect our security and economy far into the future, forming a lasting legacy for this most unorthodox president.

JANUARY 2—We know that the economy is the best it has been in over a generation.

At the end of one year and the beginning of the next, it is always fun to look back at what the so-called “experts” said about the economy and what predictions they made with regard to the economy under President Trump . . . oh boy. . . .

Paul Krugman-chief economist of the failing *New York Times*: “A terrible thing has happened (Trump’s election) . . . we are probably looking at a global recession, with no end in sight.” HAHAAHAHA. . .

Hollywood filmmaker Michael Moore: He advised people “not to invest in the stock market, not now. Way too dangerous.” HAAAAHA

Steve Rattner, MSNBC economic analyst: “If Trump wins, you will see a market crash of historic proportions.” HAAAAHA

Ben White of *Politico*: “Wall Street is set up for a major crash if Donald Trump . . . wins the White House,” saying financial markets would see “panicked selling should Trump . . . deliver a shocking upset on Nov. 8.” HAAAAHA

There are many more, but, of course, you get the point. Happy New Year, Chronicle fans . . . four more years!

DECEMBER 27—Anti-Trump elites come in every size, shape and category and that includes Christians. . .

You probably heard that the editor of the magazine *Christianity Today* wrote an editorial supporting the impeachment of President Trump.

Don’t be alarmed. This Christian elitist actually admitted that he is an “elite” Christian and wrote this:

“I know hardly anyone, let alone any evangelical Christian who voted for Trump. I describe evangelicals like me as ‘elite’ evangelicals . . . and this class of evangelicals has discovered that we have family members so different they seem like aliens in our midst. These other evangelicals often haven’t finished college, and if they have jobs (and apparently a lot of them don’t), they are blue-collar jobs or entry-level work. They don’t write books or give speeches. . . . They are deeply suspicious of mainstream media. A lot of them voted for Donald Trump.”

I have a message for you, Mr. Galli, you self-proclaimed Christian elitist:

“Hey Mr. Galli, Not only did I finish college, I have a law degree and run my own business employing over 10 people. I DO write books and give speeches, I AM suspicious of the mainstream media AND I PROUDLY VOTED FOR DONALD J. TRUMP. And yes, I am a Christian.

“You remind me of certain ‘religious’ elites 2,000 years ago. They were called Pharisees. They were out of touch too, but still thought they knew better than most.

“And one last thing, Mr. Galli—the fact that you describe yourself as an elite Christian tells me you missed something pretty basic about the message of Jesus Christ—none of us are elite, we are all sinners saved only by His blood and redeemed by His grace.

So come down off your high horse, you phariseetical hypocrite, and actually talk to the people you disdain so much. Just like 2000 years ago, your blind eyes might get opened.

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Congratulations to Peter Feaman on his re-election as Florida’s  
National Committeeman at the RPOF meetings on January 11!  
We look forward to four more years! Well done, Peter!

## GOP Candidates Decry Federal Attack on Electoral Integrity

By George Blumel

In yet another example of the stark choice presented between **Rep. Lois Frankel (D-Dist 21)**, the so-called Voting Rights Advancement Act of 2019 (VRAA) is supported by the incumbent and rejected by her challengers—see their comments below.

Heritage Action opposes the bill on their [scorecard](#) as “yet another thinly veiled effort by liberals to give left-wing activists new powers to undermine the integrity of our election laws. With H.R. 4, liberals will use the power of the federal government to overturn voter ID laws and prevent states from ensuring the integrity of their own elections.”

On the other hand, the [American Civil Liberties Union \(ACLU\)](#) urges representatives to vote ‘YES’ on H.R. 4. and warns, “The ACLU will score this vote.”

The ACLU noted that H.R. 4 would end discriminatory voting restrictions like “photo ID laws, restraints on voter registration, voter purges, cuts to early voting, restrictions on the casting and counting of absentee and provisional ballots, documentary proof of citizenship requirements, polling place closures and consolidations, and criminalization of acts associated with registration or voting.”

The Democrat Party uses all the above in their election strategies. They oppose photo ID, purging the dead, felons, illegals, etc. from voting rolls. Early voting allows often fraudulent voting. Prosecution of voter fraud discourages that practice.

Rep. Frankel has six announced Republican candidates to challenge her in the August primary election. We’ve asked each one to comment on H.R. 4 in few words here and we urge all Republicans in district 21 to look at their websites to learn more about each one to make an informed decision on who to vote for.

### Aaron Scanlan

<https://www.facebook.com/scanlanforcongress>

“This bill does absolutely nothing to help minorities and their voting abilities. This will take the control of the states in their governing of their elections. It only limits the state abilities of implementing programs like voter ID. Voter ID and programs like them, only help ensure our local, state and federal elections are fair. The left have tried to exercise similar controls over the states in the past and the U.S. Supreme Court has deemed them to be unconstitutional. We already have federal laws protecting citizens against voter discrimination.”

### Liz Felton <http://electelizabethfelton.com>

“After reading the full text, H.R. 4 appears to be an attempt to circumvent presenting a valid ID when voting. My mother came from Germany when she was eleven. She learned English and throughout her life filled out all government forms in English. The U.S. currently offers many government forms in multiple languages and thanks to

Google Translate there is no such thing as a language barrier today. Removing the need for ID is not necessary to help “language minority groups.” It is rather an open invitation to any and all non-citizens to participate in our election process. I would have voted ‘no’ on H.R. 4.”



### Christian Acosta [www.voteacosta.com](http://www.voteacosta.com)

“The main purpose of H.R. 4 isn’t to protect your right to vote. That is already done by the Constitution and case history of the 14th and 15th Amendments. Section 4A of H.R. 4 clearly shows that its purpose is to expand federal control over redistricting, voter ID laws, poll closures, and voter roll updates. The ACLU report supporting H.R. 4 implies that any voting law changes are evidence of abuse. This is a dishonest approach because it ignores how many changes resulted in absolutely no discrimination. H.R. 4 provides no additional voting protections and was obviously not necessary for discriminatory voting rules to be challenged. If the current voting system is so discriminatory, I fail to see why Democrats, like Lois Frankel, want to pass a law that keeps everything the same. Every voter, of every race, should want a modern and safe voting system. Lois Frankel wants to keep our system old and stagnant . . . and endanger your right to vote in the process.”

### Michael Vilardi [www.vilardi2020.com](http://www.vilardi2020.com)

“I believe in strong voter ID laws. Anyone can get a library card so there is no reason for anyone not to be able to show photo ID at the polls.”

### Victor Garcia da Rosa

<https://victorgarciadarosaforcongress.com/>

“I oppose H.R. 4 and any hidden agenda the left will put forth under the guise of election integrity. H.R. 4 is an attempt to circumvent election integrity. In the end, it will open polling booths to those not qualified to vote, not to mention a power grab of states’ rights.”

### Laura Loomer [lauraloomerforcongress.com/](http://lauraloomerforcongress.com/)

Laura Loomer did not submit a comment.

One More Thing: Save the date! Don’t forget: February 27 is the second iteration of National Term Limits Day. How will you publicly support this American tradition? For ideas, see <https://www.termlimits.com/termlimitsday/>

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## Check Your Voting Status

*By William J. Skinner*

**W**orried about whether you are properly registered to vote in 2020? You can check this easily on the web at <https://www.pbcelections.org/Voters/My-Status>.

In 2018 many Floridians, including some people visited one of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles in order to change an address, renew a driver’s license, or for some other service. They got what they asked for, but they also got their political party changed by the software used by the DHSMV.

In an earlier election, the Palm Beach County Elections Office developed some glitches causing their website to list incorrect places for voting. The problem was brought to the attention of the staff at the Supervisors of Election Office by visiting them because I also wanted to check my signature on file. The very day that we visited the Elections Office, we overheard two men who came in announced that they had obtained a place to stay overnight and they were ready to go to work on the internet software. You can read more about that in my book, *South Florida Election Law Handbook*, if you are interested.

Both of these situations were corrected, but there still was confusion for some people. Website software malfunctions happen and they cannot always be fixed the same day.

Remember that Florida has a closed primary on March 17, 2020 and to vote in a primary, you must be registered in a party. You must be registered in the party 30 days in advance of this election. If you want to check your registration, go to the web address given above.

The Florida State Department, Division of Elections, also has a lookup site at: <https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/check-your-voter-status-and-polling-place/>



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## Voter Registration Warriors at Work

On Sunday, Dec. 29th, while battling wind, rain, and . . . Liberals at the Gardens Green Market for four hours, these dedicated Voter Registration Warriors—Vickie and Ron Dunlap, Mimi Frontoni, Labelle Sturgell, and Joan Lagoulis—collected another bunch of new voter registrations! I will drop them off to Beverly at the REC tomorrow. Thank you!

Dr. Joan Lagoulis  
REC Member and  
Voter Registration Warrior





## Beyond Shame and Into Disgrace

by Colonel Arthur DeRuve (U.S. Army, Ret.)

In my last month's column I spotlighted the shameful history of the Democrat (en route to becoming the Fascist) Party of the United States. I am afraid, however, that I did not do a thorough job of highlighting those most responsible for the party's misdirection. Why, I now ask, do the members of that party vote in the un-American and anti-American way they do? The main thrust is compelled by the ego of the so-called elite of its party, resulting in their disgrace.

There is no doubt in my mind that the IQ of the average Republican voter is significantly higher than that of the average Democrat voter. However, there is a meaningful block of voters in that leftist party with Mensa potential. Why then do they vote contrary to the best interests of our nation (the greatest and freest in all human history)? The answer is EGO!

I can understand below-poverty-level people voting the line of the party that promises them more food stamps, more rent subsidies, free college, and free everything else one can conger up. It's a disgrace but it works. Their votes can be bought in this manner. But why do the people who do the buying do so? Once again the answer is EGO and disgrace. They can plainly see that what they have been selling has failed miserably for the people they have purportedly tried to help. Yet they continue to promote their failures, due to their egos, and despite the disgrace it brings down upon them.

Just about every state and city that has been controlled by Democrats is an economic failure in which its poverty-line people have suffered the most. On the other hand, since President Trump has been in office the following have taken place:

- unemployment among Blacks, Hispanics, Asians, women, millennials, and teenagers has been reduced to historic low levels;
- wages have increased substantially (more so at lower levels than at higher levels);
- unemployment has reached an all-time low;
- restrictive regulations on businesses have been reduced by hundreds if not thousands (allowing for more jobs and higher wages);
- huge numbers of blue-collar jobs have been restored (including tens of thousands lost by the Obama/Biden Administration in manufacturing).

More countries now respect the stature of our nation than in the eight years prior to our current administration. The world knew then that it was dealing with little more than useful idiots. Hence, we now have trade deals in hand or pending which are no longer out and out giveaways. Other treaty nations, such as NATO, now are conforming to standards of fairness. Those who don't, such as Iran, suffer the consequences thereof. The gold standard of proof as to the correct way to go for success in and for our country is the stock market—HAVE YOU CHECKED IT LATELY?



So, to the point: impoverished Dems vote their line because it gives them some immediate tangible benefit, limited though it may be. They are told constantly by warped politicians and a twisted dishonest media that to do otherwise would be to their detriment. They buy the same snake oil potion every election cycle. Too bad for them and our country.

But what of the better educated and more successful of their party? Why do they not vote for those who would, in fact, make life better for the downtrodden, as has Donald John Trump? The answer is EGO! They would rather have those for whom they pretend to give support and with whom they pretend sympathy continue to suffer rather than admit that they have been voting the wrong way for decades. It is that element of our political spectrum that perpetuates what ugliness still remains in the USA. Their egos will not permit them to admit that not only are they not the solution to our nation's remaining domestic problems, but that they are, in fact, the cause of them.

Despite the clear picture before them, those in the Democrat Party who vote knowingly against the best interests of all our population do so for a selfish reason: EGO. Such ego leads to shame which further leads to their DISGRACE!

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## The Sociopathic Liberal

By *CS Bennett*

When we look at people such as Adam Schiff, Maxine Waters, Chuck Schumer, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Jessie Jackson, Al Sharpton and Ilhan Abdullahi Omar, we find that they have more in common than just being affiliated with the United States Congress. Add to this nefarious collection, those in the liberal media, such as Rachel Maddow, Keith Olbermann, Jon Stewart, Chris Matthews, Stephen Colbert, Jimmy Kimmel, and Joe Scarborough, and you can begin to understand the depth of the problem with the Democrat Party today and the damage these people have done to this great republic and our fading liberties and freedoms.

Throw in their hierarchy such as Barack Hussein Obama, Eric Holder, Susan Rice, Bill and Hillary Clinton, Loretta Lynch, John Kerry, and Julián Castro, and you pretty much can discern that this group, in totality, formed a very powerful cabal inside the DC Beltway. These were people who used their powers, positions, and influence to bring about change, even if it meant working beyond the boundaries set in place by our framers, by way of the United States Constitution, and our Bill of Rights. You may wonder how such people could be so athwart to the magnificent principles this republic was founded on. Wonder no more.

Lurking among us are true blue liberal sociopaths. This type of liberal has no remorse and sees no wrong in putting their self-interests above that of others and the country. They will lie and deny all evidence that points to a different conclusion, and they will do it with a straight face. What ultimately matters to them is the advancement of their cause and agenda. Like their criminal counterparts, they have a disregard for the rights of others, a disregard for the feelings of others, and are masters at exploiting others for personal gains. They have no qualms about engaging in criminal acts to achieve their goals.

On a more interpersonal level, they lack empathy, have a total lack of morals, and though they may claim to, they have no interest in the wants and needs of others. Many of them live in a constant state of anger and rage. As far as helping them change their ways, there are no known remedies for treating liberal sociopaths. Treating them is difficult because they tend to have persistent patterns of violating



the rights of others, and they only seem to care about themselves. Besides, their progressive minds will not allow them to seek out treatment.

So, what can we do as conservatives, Republicans, constitutionalists, and other free-minded people? Well, we could put them all in jail, where they belong. That's what we need to do, but they are masters at getting out of that too, as you know. *The Deep State* is that powerful and influential and will protect their own. All you need to do is take a closer look at the Jeffrey Epstein case, and examine the circumstances behind how this twisted sexual predator died, and you'll begin to understand the lengths powerful people will go to preserve and protect themselves. Their "by any means necessary" mindset is what makes them dangerous. The fact that, at their core, they want to dictate to others what they should do and when they can do it adds to their threat.

Do not despair. We have recourse, now that we know what kind of deranged people we are up against. We can also tell them where to go with their socialist-minded philosophy/agenda and then go out *en force*—yes, a sea of red—and spank their liberal butts in the 2020 elections and spank them good. A good conservative country paddling is just what the doctor ordered, and it is certainly what these people need. . . .

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## Evangelicals for Trump Coalition Kicks Off in Miami

By Willy Guardiola  
January 4, 2020

*A society without religion cannot prosper. A nation without Faith cannot endure because justice, goodness and peace cannot prevail without the Glory of Almighty God.*

—President Trump during his amazing speech on Friday, 1/3/2020

*It's a full house, folks . . . it's God's house! And, as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*

Yesterday's evangelical event at the "El Rey Jesus" (King Jesus Ministry) Church in the West Kendall area was a true homecoming for me, as I grew up in Miami and lived about 20 years in that area, where I ran the biggest and most prolific basketball business in all of South Florida—from kid's camps and leagues to high school leagues, NCAA collegiate leagues, adult corporate leagues, and huge referee camps—all while officiating in the NCAA with the SEC, the Atlantic Ten, and OVD, and several more.

It was about 10 years since I have been out there in that Kendall area by the airport, and I honestly did not recognize most of it. That West Kendall area is a city on its own, and now I know why God asked me to move out to Palm Beach Gardens back on March 19, 2000—to walk away from my lucrative basketball business and take a leap of faith without a cape, to begin a new chapter in my life—running my Christian on a Mission Ministry.

And that is exactly why I came out to West Kendall on Friday. To see a "mostly Hispanic church" out in that area (that was not even built when I lived in Kendall) filled with over 5,000 people—with the majority originally from Cuba, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Venezuela, Puerto Rico, etc.—was a sight to behold! I have never, ever seen an evangelical church with so many Hispanics wearing Trump hats, shirts, etc., cheering a President of the United States like they did yesterday.

I am Cuban, myself (came as a 3-year-old in 1961) and I adore this country and President like nobody I know! But I have never seen Hispanic people from all of these different countries adoring Trump almost as if he were a "Savior—The Chosen One." What a great feeling to experience that first-hand and to see the future of our own country unfold

right before my very own eyes. Imagine that, folks—a 90-year-old Nicaraguan man wearing cowboy boots, a red Trump MAGA hat in a church, and cheering as loud as he could when Trump mentioned three countries that he will be looking into very shortly to free from tyranny: Nicaragua, Venezuela, and my own island nation of Cuba

Boy, my late father, Felix Guardiola, would have been so proud yesterday. What I would give to have him come back to life for just one day and take him to a Trump rally with me and show him how the 45th President of the United States will one day topple the communist regime in Cuba and free her beloved people from the living hell that they have had to live by for almost 60 years.

Let's all pray for our bold President, Donald John Trump, now!! May God allow a vibrant event like Friday's Evangelicals for Trump Conference unite this country and inspire all those who were in attendance to go out and spread the good news that we now have a true Christian President in the White House and he is going to need all of our votes in order to win on November 3 and continue to keep all the promises he made in fighting abortion and in fighting for our religious freedom for every forgotten citizen in America!



*So, there 'tis:*

## Are Democrats Dying on the Altar of Impeachment?

*By Larry P. Horist*

*January 8, 2020*

Impeachment of President Trump is still one of the two biggest stories in the daily news reports. It has been temporarily overshadowed by the taking down of Qasem Soleimani—terrorism’s most prominent leader.

Democrats are proffering the ridiculous narrative that the killing of Soleimani was to distract news coverage away from the impeachment—which has not been generating any actual news during the congressional recess. In addition, the probable(?) impeachment trial of Trump is not about to be overshadowed by any event. It is just more political spin.

The real danger for impeachment-obsessed Democrats is that the entire matter may be crumbling on its own. Let’s step back a few days to recall the impeachment by the majority . . . but not all . . . of House Democrats.

There were a number of talking points presented by Democrats.

1. Until the actual impeachment hearings, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and others were correctly arguing that any impeachment and forced removal of a President of the United States—which has never been done—MUST BE bipartisan. Of course, that is when they expected to pick up a few disgruntled Republicans.

Well . . . that did not happen. Not one Republican voted in support of impeaching Trump. However, there was an element of bipartisanship because four Democrats voted against impeachment or just “present”—which was a way of opposing the impeachment without actually doing so. In one case, a Democrat was so opposed to impeachment that he will cross the aisle to be a Republican in the future.

2. Democrats and their media panels of parroting pundits assured the American people that once the case against Trump was presented in testimony, we would be clamoring for impeachment and removal. Well, they took their best shot, came up with two Articles of Impeachment—but failed to change public opinion. In fact, Trump picked up a point or two of support AFTER the Articles of Impeachment were passed.

3. Democrats complained that they did not hear from all the witnesses they desired—or got all the documents they demanded. They could have gone to the Supreme Court to try to compel witnesses to appear and documents to be provided—as is the traditional procedure when there is a dispute over the powers of the President and the Congress. But they did not. Instead, Pelosi & Co. assured us that they had MORE THAN ENOUGH to make the case against Trump. They did not need all those other witnesses or documents.

4. The reason the Democrats did not want to wait on the courts or take more time in their deliberations was that Trump had to be removed as quickly as possible because he was continuing his alleged abusive behavior and would corruptly influence the 2020 General Election. Moving quickly was critical to prevent the fall of the Republic (Okay, they did not exactly put it that way, but to hear them squealing, you might have thought so.)

5. Since it has been widely believed that the Republican-controlled Senate has no intention of removing Trump from office, all the urgency talk was nothing more than political blabbering. It did not . . . and does not . . . matter how fast or slow the House proceeded, the only chance to remove him from office is the upcoming election.

6. To make matters worse, Democrats undermined their own claims of urgency by deciding to withhold the Articles of Impeachment from the Senate until Senate Majority Leader agreed to call all the witnesses and obtain all the documents that Pelosi, House Intelligence Chairman Adam Schiff and House Judiciary Chairman Jerry Nadler said were unnecessary. It was an unintended admission that the House did not have the compelling case they claimed.



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7. In another action, the House Democrats also conceded the inadequacy of their case. Schiff and Nadler said that they would continue to investigate in hopes of finding other “evidence” to build their case against Trump. They even hinted at passing additional Articles of Impeachment. That is a strange position for people who assured America that they already had all they needed.

8. A few of the more radical Democrats have now even proposed starting the impeachment process all over again should Trump be re-elected. One should not be surprised that the nutty left never respects the will of the voters unless they win. Such impeachment obsession, however, just further undermines the credibility of the entire process.

9. Ironically, the House Democrats—who claimed that the Supreme Court has no role in the impeachment process despite being the third co-equal branch of our federal government—now see themselves as the rule-maker for the Senate trial. Such flagrant political posturing and inappropriate intrusion into Senate authority do not reflect well on House Democrats—especially Pelosi.

10. In every other impeachment effort, the process resulted from a certifiable judicial crime. This is the first time that Articles of Impeachment were passed without an underlying crime—just a political interpretation of an abuse of power. While Democrats controlled the flow of information in the House, this weakness will be prominently noted in any Senate trial.

11. Central to the Abuse of Power charge is to prove that President Trump wanted the Bidens investigated solely for political advantage should the senior Biden become the nominee of the Democratic Party—something that was then and is not assured even now. On the other hand, if Hunter Biden was part of or privy to the corruption going on around him for five years, Trump has justification to incorporate them in the larger anti-corruption effort in Ukraine. The Biden issue has NOT been debunked as Democrats claim—and we are very likely to hear a lot more about the father and son activities in the coming months whether they are witnesses at the Trump trial or not.

12. Democrats could well be running up against an increasingly more popular President—or less unpopular if you prefer. Looks like the economy will continue to move in a positive direction between now and November. The new trade deal with Canada and Mexico is a done deal. An initial trade agreement has been signed between the United States and China—ending some of the reciprocal tariffs. Attempting to sell the killing of Soleimani as a bad thing is likely to backfire on Democrats. Trump has gotten NATO allies to cover more of their fair share of the defense costs.

13. Finally, there is the issue of “impeachment fatigue.” It would appear from some of the polls that the American public is getting weary of the Democrats’ agenda that consists of impeachment, impeachment and . . . impeachment. There is a growing give-it-up sentiment. No doubt, the Democrat base will continue to clamor for Trump’s head and the Republicans will remain supportive of their President. However, it is the leaners and the independents who will decide the 2020 election—especially in those so-called battleground states.

Impeachment will dominate the news until, during and for a short time after the Senate Trial. But as the means to defeat Trump in the 2020 election—which is what the whole damn thing was about in the first place—it may actually give Trump a boost.

So, there 'tis.

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## ***So, there 'tis...***

### **The opinions, perspectives and analyses of Larry Horist**

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## Threaten Republicans: Get Consequences

By Gene Robinson

There are some people who are not going to like what I have to say in this message, even some in my own Republican Party. Then, there are those who wonder why I write what I do at times, and some “higher ups” within the GOP who tell others, but do not tell me directly, that I should Stop Writing what I do. I have many followers, and I wrote to them recently, saying that, if they wanted me to Stop Writing any future messages To Let Me Know. The overwhelming response was . . . TO KEEP WRITING, AND WE WILL KEEP READING!!

Obviously, I am inspiring many, while turning off a few, which is “par for the course,” as I remember something my late father told me growing up when he said, “As the oldest of my three children, and a male, you have the responsibility when I am gone, to always watch out for, and to protect, the Family.” As I have grown older over the course of my life and career, that responsibility has come to include not only Family members, but also Friends, Co-Workers, Close Associates, and Even Strangers. And, with my heavy involvement in politics, I have come to take that responsibility . . . COMPLETELY TO HEART.

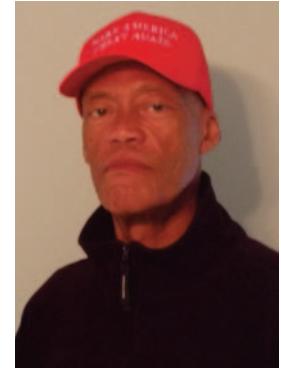
Earlier this week while reviewing my laptop InBox, playing catch-up at late night, I came across an e-mail from Republican Congressional candidate Jessi Melton, regarding some “threatening” messages that she has received recently. Now, it has always been my observation, that the only people who get “threatened” are those who are making an obvious difference. If someone is No Problem, then they get No Threats.

So, I sent Melton a text message that said, in part, “If you ever feel really threatened, let me know immediately, and I will do What I Do Best: Respond Appropriately. I will never let anyone harm you.” I said what I did to her, based on what I have done many times in the past when a Republican candidate, or a GOP volunteer, gets threatened. So, let me mention a few instances where I also intervened in someone’s behalf:

1) During the 2018 Early Voting period, a member of my Club, Lynne Caggiano, was holding a sign at the Tamarac library, for a candidate for mayor of that city whom we were supporting, Michelle Gomez. At some point, Lynne was getting “overtly” harrassed by an individual supporting a Democrat candidate opposed to Michelle, and Lynne felt threatened. So, she texted me, and described the person to me as a tall black man, wearing a purple shirt with the name of his candidate on the front. It took me just ten minutes to get to the library, where I walked straight up to the tallest man in a group of Dems, pointed to Lynne, and told the man what she told me about him harassing her, and what I would do to him if he bothered her again. He apologized, said he meant no harm, and then I let all the others in his group know what to expect if there were any other problems

involving my people during Early Voting at that location. NO MORE PROBLEMS!!

2) When Lauren Cooley was running for Chair of the Broward Republican Executive Committee, a person with a blog wrote some very disparaging remarks about Lauren, and ran some accompanying photos to show that she was not qualified, and should not be the Chair of the local Party. I wrote an e-mail



message directed to that person, entitled “Leave Lauren Cooley Alone,” in which I said that my father always told me that anyone who threatens women, or someone who is weak, is a Coward, and that the person needed to leave Ms. Cooley alone moving forward. She did not become Chair of the Party at that point, but today Lauren Cooley is the major staff member of the Broward Party who handles all the daily responsibilities for us locally, statewide, and nationally. ALL’S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!!

3) When Michele Merrell was attempting to become the Republican State Committeewoman, she may not remember this, but it is still very vivid to me, as if it happened yesterday. She told me that she felt uneasy and afraid of a certain individual associated with the Party who did not want her to get the position. I told her that I would never let anyone hurt her, and I meant that. Michele went on to win the position overwhelmingly, and has gone on to do tremendous things for the Party, both locally and statewide, things that include the use of her many contacts in the White House. AS IS SAID ABOVE . . . ALL’S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!!

4) The last time longtime Florida Democrat U.S. Congressman Alcee Hastings was running for the position he has held for many years in his House district, we had a candidate running opposed to Hastings named Bernard Sansaricq, who was more than qualified, and had been a national Senator in his native Haiti. Hastings and Sansaricq were on the same stage at a candidates’ forum in an area known as The Muck, for the dark brown minerally enriched soil that produces this state’s valuable sugar crop near Lake Okeechobee. The Congressman is a native of the area, that includes the towns of Belle Glade, Pahokee, and Clewiston. The event that day was not supposed to be a debate, but Sansaricq began to openly ask Hastings some disturbing questions, in front of the large crowd, about some of Alcee’s dealings during his time in Washington. Hastings did not like the area of questioning, told Sansaricq as much, then

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mentioned to Bernard a “term used in the streets” that I will not mention here, that was meant to threaten the Republican with bodily harm.

When Sansaricq told me about the incident, I wrote an Open Letter addressed to the Congressman, for all Republicans and Democrats to see, telling Hastings that I know what he said to Bernard. In the Letter, I let the Congressman know that I am from a section of Cincinnati, Ohio that is just as rough, tough, and tumble as The Muck, and that he should certainly continue to be an above-board wily politician in his campaign against Sansaricq, but that he needed to leave being a “ghetto thug” out of the contest, or that he would . . . HEAR FROM ME!!

**I told Alcee Hastings in that open letter then, the same things that I mentioned to Jessi Melton in my text to her this week, and have said on behalf of other Republicans over the years. If someone threatens Republicans . . . there are going to be consequences. And, if I had a business card for what I do in looking out for fellow Republicans at times, it would include a phrase that reads . . . Have Attitude, Will Travel.**

That is not a Threat, but as I said to end my text to Jessi Melton, it is a . . . PROMISE FROM HEAVEN!!

GOD Bless.

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## Letters

Dear Patriots,

My name is Lauro Diaz and I am running for Sheriff of Palm Beach County, Fl. My opponent, the incumbent Sheriff, has been in office for 15 years and the only thing he has to show for it is a lack of accountability, a lack of transparency, and allowing sex offenders to be placed on work release to walk our streets, not to mention losing critical evidence on officer involved shootings! Palm Beach County has been plagued with gang violence since the late 1980s and the current Sheriff just now, after 15 years in office, has declared war on gangs. Why hasn't there been anything done until now—this election year? Breaking records for the longest sitting sheriff in office in Palm Beach County is not the answer! We can't afford to waste another four more years! Besides the issues already mentioned, the homeless situation is out of control, as well as the domestic violence victim's crisis in our communities. It's time to make a real change to address these serious issues in our communities. Let's get back to true community policing and remember, law enforcement is here to protect and serve, not "break records"!

I am a 34-year veteran of law enforcement and a military veteran with a deep sense of loyalty and pride for the United States of America. My life mission is to give back to our country and citizens through law enforcement service, which is my expertise. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, a Master of Science degree in Homeland Security and Emergency Management and over a 1,000 hours of specialized law enforcement training. I retired in 2019 in order to run for the partisan office of the Sheriff of Palm Beach County.

My vision to reform the Sheriff's Office includes ensuring fiscal responsibility over an annual budget of \$673,265,990, focusing on significant issues that plague the county such as school safety (public, chartered and private schools), homelessness—including many military veterans, support for victims (elderly, domestic and drug addition, etc.), and ensuring the citizens and visitors of Palm Beach County are protected and safe to the best of my ability.



As your Sheriff, I will have more visible law enforcement officers at our schools, in our neighborhoods and at our churches and synagogues in order to provide you with the level of service you expect and deserve.

I cannot do this without your help. How can you help? You can assist the campaign using the DonorBox.org link (<https://donorbox.org/diaz-for-sheriff>). A donation of \$20 will have an enormous positive impact that will get me elected. Equally important, remembering to make your vote count by getting out to vote on August 18, 2020 (primary election) and November 3, 2020 (general election).

I am counting on ALL my fellow Republicans to help me get elected as the next Sheriff for Palm Beach County where I can put Citizens Before Politics!

Thank you for your support,

Lauro E. Diaz  
Diazforsheriff.com

Congressman Deutch,

I am a constituent of yours and a concerned Jew, who for purposes of openness, am the President of the Judeo/Christian Republican Club of Palm Beach County. You and I may not be on the same page politically, but we are both American Jews. As such, I have watched with deep alarm, the increasing efforts of the Democrat Party over the past few years, to create more dangerous daylight between Israel and our country and for your party's elected members to give voice to hateful anti Jewish diatribes aimed at Jews. Their dangerous rhetoric and relationships with such as Louis Farrakhan have gone unchallenged by you and your party.

As the representative of a large community made up of Christians and Jews who are passionately pro-Israel together with Jews, themselves, who are concerned for their own physical safety and future, you have not taken the steps many of us see as necessary in speaking out against these ugly trends.

As such, I am asking you to debate me on topic of "Which Political Party Best Meets the Needs of American Jews?" Or, "The Upcoming Election: A Jewish voter's Dilemma." We can have any one of many local, non-political organizations, communities or synagogues host this debate. That should be no problem. Rather, it most certainly could be an SRO event since the topics of American Jewry's security and Israel's future are on so many peoples' minds. I am sure you want to put the members of your district at ease regarding your stance pertaining to your views and solutions to the above issues.

Many thanks for your many years of service to our community.

Sincerely,  
Alan Bergstein  
Judeo/Christian Republican Club of PBC  
President  
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## Letters

Dear Tom,

The January 1st global airing by GOD-TV of Proclaiming Justice to the Nations's (PJTN) award-winning documentary, *Israel Indivisible: The Case for the Ancient Homeland*, provided us with a strong opening for 2020—a new year we anticipate will carry PJTN to significant major successes in the months ahead...

Closing out 2019 with the alarming rise of antisemitism in the headlines in New York City, we are opening this next decade at PJTN with a renewed commitment to provide strategic leadership and moral courage on the frontlines of the issues that confront Christians, Jews and all people of good conscience who are concerned for the future of our country, our children and grandchildren, and the Judeo-Christian values that have established and made America great.

I have been in touch with Jewish and Christian leadership in New York in the wake of increased incidents of antisemitism that made national headlines throughout December. I am planning talks with community leaders to discuss PJTN's outreach opportunities to educate and activate the community to combat the ancient hatred that has surfaced once again, in our generation. We are committed to locking arms with our Jewish communities to provide a firewall of protection around our Jewish brethren. This will be another initiative for our PJTN Watchmen in the days ahead and we are developing a national strategy to combat the rise of antisemitism community, by community.

I am committing that PJTN in 2020:

- K-12 Education—will remain engaged as a thought leader and major agenda-setter in the war against antisemitic content in curricula. Amid the unfortunate and well-planned battle to “dumb down” America in current culture, PJTN creates new opportunities of exposing and tying antisemitism back to its very roots—the void in America's educational system. The hatred begins with the “small seeds” planted in the minds of children K-12—a fact well documented and proven by the exhaustive intel PJTN compiled throughout 2019 in our white paper investigation and report. We have proven that by the time our college-age kids are marching in BDS rallies and pro-Palestinian demonstrations on campuses all over America, they have been exposed to antisemitic and anti-Israel propaganda in their K-12 classrooms.

- Replacement theology—will continue to expose the existence of Christian antisemitism being preached in pulpits throughout America. While TV cameras focus on the increasing incidents of attacks and shootings of innocent Jewish Americans from NYC to Pittsburgh to Poway, the antisemitic

replacement theology is being preached in a church on a street corner near you. PJTN will mobilize in full force on this in the months ahead through media as well as through community action task forces that are being planned.

- Mainstreaming political antisemitism—will continue to forge ahead to expose and challenge the antisemitic political and social leaders who promote antisemitism through their public statements—and support of the enemies of our Judeo-Christian values and our unrelenting support of Israel and the Jewish people.

- Global Outreach to combat BDS—will continue to expand globally on the ground as well. With PJTN's office in South Africa established last year, our PJTN SA team is organizing more outreach programs to SA. In our commitment to combat global antisemitism that was birthed in Durban through the antisemitic BDS movement, we will work to educate and activate Christians throughout the African continent to end years of misguided hatred of Israel and our Jewish brethren. Other international missions are also soon to be announced.

With the call to remain silent, we will only grow louder in our messaging—new strategies, new platforms and new original PJTN media programs and documentaries are being announced in 2020. Our award-winning program, *Focus on Israel*, continues to reach a potential global audience of over 2 billion viewers weekly through Daystar-TV and our PJTN media partners. New broadcast affiliates are being added. Through PJTN your voice and values are being broadcast to the world.

In short: We will be positioned on the frontlines and in the headlines again in 2020.

Perhaps you can prayerfully make a new year's resolution to share our messaging and mission with your friends and family and bring more Watchmen to join our ranks. This war on antisemitism has fallen to our generation. We will all stand before Almighty God one day to give an answer for what we do—the Christians in Germany and throughout Europe were silent—we MUST NOT REMAIN SILENT in the face of this ancient foe.

God bless you and thank you for the commitment to another year to face the challenges and fight towards meaningful victories, arm-in-arm for such a time as this...

Praying for a year that sees the defeat of all enemies of God's Chosen People!

Blessings,  
Laurie Cardoza-Moore  
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## Book Review

***The Case for Nationalism: How It Made Us Powerful, United, and Free*, by Rich Lowry. New York: Harper Collins, 2019. Hardcover, 280 pp. ISBN #978-0-06-283964-0.**

The author of this book is pretty well known. He appears regularly on Fox News and in 1997 was named the editor of *National Review* by the magazine's founder, William F. Buckley, Jr. He writes a twice-weekly column and has authored numerous books.

His latest book and the subject of this review, *The Case for Nationalism*, which was published last year, is timely, given this year's presidential election. From the start of the Trump presidency, liberal Democrats have accused conservative Republicans of being "white nationalists." They are half right. What we "deplorables" really are is nationalists. The addition of the loaded word "white" is a dishonest effort to create a strawman that condemns us in the public's eyes as white-sheet-laden bigots. The truth is otherwise and, in this book Mr. Lowry explains why being a "nationalist" is a good thing and "how it made us powerful, united and free."

To begin with, he quotes French president Emmanuel Macron, whose garbled definition of nationalism during a speech had a message for Donald Trump, listening nearby. "Patriotism is the exact opposite of Nationalism," he said, amusing his American counterpart no doubt.

Such nonsense "slights France's own great nationalist tradition; and posited a conflict between nationalism and values that doesn't exist (or doesn't have to)," writes the author.

"In his widely panned inaugural address, Trump said that a nation exists to serve its citizens and that we are one nation, sharing one heart, one home and one glorious destiny. What is supposed to be the alternative to this vision? Serving the citizens of other countries? The nation as a collection of tribal and other interest groups that don't share a common destiny?"

If that "alternative" vision sounds familiar, it should. In 2009 Barack Obama proudly proclaimed himself a "citizen of the world," in direct opposition to Trump's brand of nationalism. Where historically many nationalists have failed is in not recognizing the right of other people to self-government, Trump has made clear that his brand of nationalism is broadly applicable. In his 2018 address to the UN General Assembly he declared, "We believe that when nations respect the rights of their neighbors, and defend the interests of their people, they can better work together to secure the blessings of safety, prosperity, and peace. Each

of us here today is the emissary of a distinct culture, a rich history, and a people bound together by ties of memory, tradition, and the values that make our homelands like nowhere else on earth. As a consequence, America will always choose independence and cooperation over global governance, control and domination."

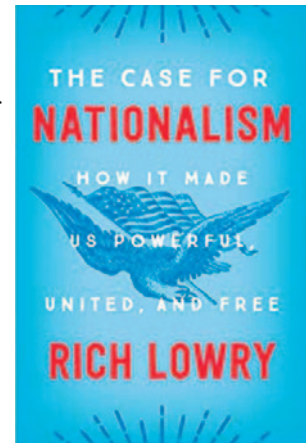
The charges that nationalists like Trump are racists and that his brand of nationalism is the same as past nationalists like Adolph Hitler bent on conquest is a smear that is demonstrably untrue.

"Nazism exploited nationalist tropes, but this was not nationalism, but supra-national racism," says Mr. Lowry. "Patriotism is often taken to denote all that is good in national feeling and nationalism all that is noxious. This is simply an attempt to deem nationalism a swear word and end all discussion on that basis. There isn't that much of a practical distinction between the two terms, and in common usage, they should be largely interchangeable.

Tribalism tends to be red, in tooth and claw. It's been the world of greater respect for borders and sovereignty created by democratic nationalists that has led to an extraordinary period of peace in the developed world. In short, nationalism isn't just old, natural, deep-seated, and extremely difficult to suppress, it is the foundation of a democratic political order. This is another reason why it is foolish to dismiss and diminish it based on the common misunderstanding that it is synonymous with racism, warfare, and the most hideous totalitarianism that the world has ever known.

The author concludes with an appeal to all of us: "Democrats—and the country—would be much better served if they countered Trump's nationalism with a version of their own. On his side of the aisle, Trump has made Republicans more nationalistic. Nationalism shouldn't be a dirty word, especially in this country, where it has been an indispensable element in the success of our extraordinary, centuries-old, and still vital and ongoing national project.

This book is well worth a look. We Republicans should be proud to be part of Trump's army of patriotic nationalists, and it would serve you well to let Mr. Lowry tell you why.



—Tom Mullings

## Book Review

***Grand Inquests: The Historic Impeachments of Justice Samuel Chase and President Andrew Johnson* by William H. Rehnquist. (Quill—William Morrow, 1992). ISBN: 0-688-17171-0. 303 pp. including Notes, Bibliography, and Index. A slightly earlier edition is by Knopf Publishing Group. ISBN 0-679-44661-3 according to Wikipedia.**

This book arrived to my hands during the current House Inquiry concerning the impeachment of President Donald J. Trump for two Articles—Abuse of Power and Obstruction of Congress—in the last quarter of 2019. See H. Res. 755. I purchased the 1992 volume from a reseller and the book came in good condition. The book covers the impeachment proceedings and the Senate “trials” of Justice Samuel Chase in 1805 and President Andrew Johnson in 1868. The use of the word “trial” does not mean the same thing as court trials, but trials done according to the Senate Rules. There are nine printed pages of rules revised by the Senate pursuant to S. Res. 479, 99–2, Aug. 16, 1986. See at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/SMAN-113/pdf/SMAN-113-pg223.pdf>. These rules are not in the book.

There are 17 chapters in this book that author Rehnquist did not assign particular titles. The bibliography contains 42 source books and he did a nice job of merging a complex set of criminal trial histories, Senate trial histories, elections, party histories, and the founding documents. But the book requires careful reading and concentration. In this review, I will pass on some interesting tidbits that might inform the current on-going debate about whether the December 18, 2019 House vote on Trump’s “impeachment” resolution vote and what has been done after the vote follows the precedents of prior impeachments. In general, the question of the effect of the House holding or not transmitting the notice of passage to the Senate does not receive clear treatment in either of the cases in *Grand Inquests*. But there are hints on what might be done.

Chapter 1—Samuel Chase was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1796 by George Washington. In those days, the Court met in a conference room in the Capitol Building and the Justices also sat as judges in trials in the circuit from which they were appointed. Chase read law with John Hall in Annapolis, rose through the judges chairs in Maryland, and got into trouble in May 1803 when charging a jury in a case he sat for in Baltimore, where he “spoke disparagingly of some Republican policies, sharply criticized at least one act of Congress passed after Jefferson became president, and also criticized proposed changes in the Maryland state constitution” (p. 22). When Jefferson learned of what Chase said, he wrote to Representative Joseph Nicholson, one of the leaders in the House, to state:

Ought this seditious and official attack on the principles of our Constitution, and on the proceedings of a State, to go unpunished? And to whom so pointedly as yourself will the public

look for the necessary measures? I ask these questions for your consideration, for myself is better that I should not interfere. *Id.* FN 7.

The Chase trial in the U.S. Senate was in 1805. In 1805, William Branch Giles was a Senator from Virginia who “was the principal author of a doctrine that regarded impeachment as a strictly political device for removing public officials who were out of tune with the prevailing political tides of the country” (p. 26).

Chapter 2—A review of the revolutionary war, the founding documents, and the influence of Alexander Hamilton.

Chapter 3—We had a potential war with France. Talleyrand refused to see our diplomats. England did not send diplomats until 1791. James Callender, a pamphleteer and editor of the Republican persuasion, was charged with sedition for publishing a book, *The Prophet Before Us*. It accused President John Adams as being a toady to English interests and wishing to install a monarchy in the U.S. Callender and Justice Chase had words during this trial.

There were three irritants gnawing at the body politic. First, the country passed a federal property tax to help pay for ships and a Navy. We needed a Navy to fight off the Barbary Pirates (Muslims). John Fries organized citizens to protest the tax. President Adams sent troops to Pennsylvania to suppress the “rebellion.” Fries was charged with treason and tried before Justice Chase in 1800 in Philadelphia. Fries’ attorney expressed outrage during the trial. Fries was convicted by jury and sentenced to hang. There was a second trial since treason was not handled correctly. Adams was found guilty again. Adams pardoned Fries in 1800. There was also the Alien and Sedition Act passed under Adams. The dissatisfaction over these Federalist-enacted laws helped elect Republicans in 1800. Jefferson became embittered with the Federalists. Two, during the lame-duck session of Congress in 1801, the body passed the Judiciary Act of 1801, Adams signed it, and Adams proceeded to appoint judges before Jefferson was sworn in. Three, the Baltimore Grand Jury charge by Chase was a harangue mentioned above.

Chapter 4—The Fries trial for treason ended up being done twice. At the second trial, Justice Chase and Judge Peters wrote a legal definition of “treason” under the then-current law. They intended that Fries’ attorneys, William Lewis and Alexander Dallas, use this definition during the trial to save time. When Chase presented the written definition of “treason,” both attorneys stated they could not continue in the case and withdrew. The attorneys wanted the jury to determine the law as well as the facts in the case. [This portion of the tale mixes the two treason trials with the later Senate trial of Chase after the impeachment in some ways that leave the exact order unclear.] This was

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cleared up later by the testimony at the Senate trial by William Rawles, the U.S. Attorney who prosecuted Fries at both treason trials (pp. 66–67).

Chapters 5 and 6—The Senate trial of Chase covered the articles of impeachment chronologically—first, the 1800 Fries case; second, the Callender case under the Sedition Act; and third, the charge to the Baltimore grand jury. The claims at the impeachment stage of the proceedings are enumerated (p. 77). Under the Sedition Act, the conviction of Chase was within the law. However, in 1964 the Supreme Court ruled the Sedition Act did violate the First Amendment, Rehnquist noted.

Senators spoke for and against Chase and Rehnquist lays out the good and bad of many of them. Luther Martin, known as an impudent Federalist bulldog, gave a long oration (five hours on Saturday and two hours on Monday) for Chase, saying he was spending more time on the case than was warranted, but “as the charges are brought forward by such high authority as the House of Representatives of the United States, it becomes necessary to bestow upon them more attention than they would deserve, were they from a less respectable source” (p. 101).

Arguments concluded February 26 and the Senate agreed to vote on Friday. On the Fries Article, the vote was 16 in favor of conviction and 18 in favor of acquittal. On the Second Article, based on the seating of John Basset as a juror in the Callender court trial, the vote was 10 guilty and 24 not guilty. On the Third Article, dealing with the exclusion of testimony of Col. John Taylor at the Callender trial, 18 voted for conviction and 16 for acquittal. The vote on the Fourth Article was the same. Votes on the remaining Articles were 10 to 24, 19 to 15. When the voting was done, Aaron Burr rose and announced the vote on each Article and stated that Samuel Chase was acquitted. The Constitutional two-thirds vote was not met for any Article.

Some promises were made to correct the situation with amendments to the Constitution, but there was no follow through by these offended Senators since that day.

Chapter 7—Here Rehnquist analyzes the politics of the move to impeach Chase. Senator Giles, according to John Quincy Adams had tried to persuade Sen. Israel Smith of New York that “a removal by impeachment was nothing more than a declaration by Congress to this effect: you hold dangerous opinions, and if you are suffered to carry them into effect, you will work the destruction of the Union. We want your office for the purpose of giving them to men who will fill them better” (p. 127). There is much more here.

Chapter 8—Here the text covers how the acquittal affected the American judiciary. Chief Justice John Marshall demonstrated his concern by writing to Justice Chase in 1804 at the time the House was considering the impeachment articles about the doctrine of antient in which a jury finding a verdict against the law of the case was liable to an attain saying that the present doctrine seems to be that a

Judge giving a legal opinion on an act of the legislature is liable to impeachment (p. 128).

Between Chapters 8 and 9 there are prints of photographs of many of the characters mentioned in the book.

Chapter 9—The impeachment of President Andrew Johnson came after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in 1865. People changed parties and formed new allegiances during and after the Civil War. Johnson tried to remove Edwin Stanton from the position of Secretary of War and designated a replacement. The Senate met and passed a resolution 29 to 6 that Johnson had no authority to remove Stanton. Stanton refused to physically leave his office. The House met the following Saturday to begin writing Articles of Impeachment for high crimes and misdemeanors. The House voted 126 to 47 for impeachment.

This action was taken because Johnson violated the recently passed Tenure of Office Act which said all officials whose appointment required Senate confirmation could not be removed without the consent of the Senate. The chapter goes on to describe the history of the Republican Party and the attitudes about slavery at the time.

Chapter 10—When James Buchanan was inaugurated as President in 1857, he said in his speech that day the Supreme Court would be deciding the fate of slavery in the states. Two days later the Supreme Court issued its opinion in the *Dred Scott v. Sanford* case. The majority said Congress had no power to limit slavery in the states. The nation was aroused and divided over this issue. Lincoln became active in politics at this time and predicted the coming problem with slavery. In 1860 the Republican Party nominated Lincoln on the third ballot at the convention in Chicago. The Democrats nominated two sets of candidates, one from the north (Douglas and Herschel Johnson) and one from the south (Breckinridge and Lane). In the fall election, Lincoln got 180 electoral votes and Breckinridge received 72. Lincoln’s popular vote was 1,866,452 to Douglas’ 1,376,957.

Chapter 11—Here the author describes some of Lincoln’s efforts to set up his cabinet and administer the laws of the country, the start of the Civil War, succession, the new party, and new politics. For the election of 1864, Lincoln and Johnson (a Democrat) were nominated at a convention in Baltimore. This was the National Union ticket, not just Republican. The Democrats nominated George McClellan. Lincoln carried every state except New Jersey, Kentucky, and Delaware.

Among Lincoln’s appointments was Salmon P. Chase to the U.S. Supreme Court. Lincoln was shot on April 15, 1865, and died across the street from Ford’s Theatre in Washington, D.C. After the hangings of the murders, Senator (former General) Ben Butler became the lead prosecutor of Andrew Johnson in 1868. Stanton took over running the government at this time until Johnson was sworn in.

Chapter 12—Stanton supported the Army Appropriations Act which provided all orders submitted by the Pres-

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ident to the Army must go through general U.S. Grant and that the general could not be removed without the consent of the Senate. Johnson signed the bill into law. Another bill passed was the Tenure in Office Act (p. 210). Johnson authorized Stanton to designate military governors in the southern military districts corresponding to the Confederate states. Then a new Congress passed the first supplement to the Reconstruction Act. Johnson vetoed this bill, and Congress overrode the veto.

Johnson's actions caused the 39th Congress to set up committees to inquire about impeachment. In March 1867 Sen. Lafayette Foster, the *president pro tempore* of the Senate, resigned, making any person appointed to this position the next in line to become president. The replacement played a significant role in the later Senate trial of Johnson. As time went on, Stanton and Johnson became bitter foes, and Johnson increased his efforts to get Stanton to resign. Eventually the Judiciary Committee prepared a report which received a negative vote of 108 to 57 in December 1867. But impeachment discussions continued.

Chapter 13—After further inquiry the resolution made was brief: “Resolved, That Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, be impeached of high crimes and misdemeanors in office.” Meanwhile, Stanton was keeping a 24-hour vigil at the War Department. On Monday, February 24, 1868, the House passed the Impeachment Resolution by a party vote of 126 to 47. The Speaker Schuyler Colfax of Indiana, appointed Thaddeus Stevens and John Bingham to notify the Senate of the House action.

The Senate trial began March 30 at one o'clock and Ben Butler spoke for three hours. After Butler, the managers took five days to present their documentary evidence and call their witnesses to testify. Several questions on admission of evidence had to be settled by the Senate as a body. The President's lawyers took two days to respond with their arguments and then began with their witnesses beginning on a Saturday and through the next week. Finally, the lawyers concluded on April 20. Closing arguments came on April 22. On May 6, the House managers finished and the vote was delayed because of one person's illness until May 16.

The central charge was that Johnson unlawfully removed Stanton in February 1868. Articles 1, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII accused him of violating the Tenure of Office Act. Articles II and III accused him of acting contrary to law when he designated Lorenzo Thomas interim secretary of war to replace Stanton. Article IX accused him of attempting to induce Gen. William Emery to disobey an Act of Congress. Article X was based on the disparaging statements made by Johnson about members of Congress and the body in various speeches. Article XI lumped together several of the things already included in the previous Articles.

When they finally calling the roll on the Article XI, 35 Senators voted to convict and 19 had voted to acquit on the

first vote. But before the Chief Justice could proceed, Senator Williams was asking to adjourn for 10 days. But before that was voted on the Chief Justice formally announced the vote on Article XI had acquitted Johnson. The motion to adjourn for 10 days passed 32 to 21.

In the 10-day window the Republican National Convention in Chicago nominated Ulysses S. Grant as its candidate for election. Colfax was nominated for Vice President. Upon opening the vote again, Sen. Williams argued that the previous vote be rescinded and the Senators agreed the next vote would be on Article II. When that vote was taken it was again 35 to 19. The same vote was obtained as to Article III. Then Sen. Williams moved the Senate adjourn *sine die*. This passed 34 to 16, and no formal vote was ever taken on the remainder of the Articles.

Chapter 14—There was a lot of front-page news. The House managers went looking for other issues to use to impeach Johnson, and 30 of the 34 Senators who participated in the Senate trial wrote opinion reports about why they got the resulting votes. Rehnquist summarizes some of these comments which may offer guidance today with the Trump case.

Chapter 15—There was less than a year left in the Johnson term. The Democratic Party nominated Horatio Seymour to run against Grant. Johnson ran three more times for public office. He lost two times, then won a seat in the U.S. Senate from Tennessee in 1875. Johnson died a few months later on a visit with his daughter.

Chapter 16—In 1872, Congress had passed a bill containing requirements for Senate consent to replace Post Office Department employees. This law received little notice until 1917. Some postal inspectors had found irregularities in the management of the Portland, Oregon post office. Rehnquist discusses how this was similar to the cause of the Johnson impeachment case.

Chapter 17—Here Rehnquist discusses the Constitution Article II clause saying the president “shall take Care that the laws be faithfully executed,” demonstrates there needs to be a power get the right people to do the job (p. 262). The book ends with Rehnquist pointing out that President Richard M. Nixon was not impeached since he resigned before any vote was taken. Rehnquist did not predict what would happen to President William J. Clinton since Rehnquist died in 2005.

History buffs will enjoy this book and have fun trying to work out why the various actors did their thing. If the Trump impeachment case generates as many books as the Russia Collusion case, then the authors will surely read Rehnquist's book to find similarities.

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## Editor's Postscript

### Down with the Appeasers of Totalitarians

By Tom Mullings

We've seen this before. It's a page out of history that keeps repeating itself over and over. Decades ago, when he was in the midst of just such a meteoric ascendancy, they ridiculed Ronald Reagan too, just as they're now doing to President Donald Trump, referring to him as "Ronald Ray-Gun" and saying that "he was going to get us into a war." Back in Reagan's day, we were already in a war—the Cold War with the Soviet Union. It was being forced on us by the Kremlin, who, fearful of confronting us directly, were trying to bring us down through proxies doing their dirty work for them. Today, Iran is of the same mindset and engaged in the same type of proxy war aimed at ejecting us from the Middle East, while funding and equipping Hezbollah-type armies throughout the region to help them realize their hegemonic ambitions. Well, it didn't work with Reagan and it won't work with Trump either, and the reasons are obvious.

Ronald Reagan, a member of the "greatest generation" who had fought and won World War II, had learned the lessons that history taught of that momentous time, and learned them well. He had witnessed developments in Europe in the early 1930s, when Winston Churchill, alone among his colleagues, warned of the rise of Adolph Hitler and the foolishness of appeasing him and his Nazi gang. They called him a "war monger" and said he would lead them into war, not prevent one, and foolishly continued on their pathetic pacifist path of appeasement that eventually led them off the cliff and into the abyss.

Ronald Reagan, knowing well that "those who can not remember the past are condemned to repeat it," was determined not to make the same mistake in dealing with the totalitarians of his day, and he steadfastly refused to back down to them, standing up against their proxies, while shoring up western defenses and ultimately "rolling back" communism and winning the Cold War without a shot being fired between the two greatest powers the world had ever seen.

So in the final analysis, Winston Churchill was not a "war-monger" and Ronald Reagan was not a Hollywood cowboy who shot from the hip as the endless critics of their troubled times charged, and we were better off for their service to the cause of democracy, freedom and decentralized rule, which, of course, brings us to today.

Like I said at the outset of this piece, we've seen this before. Now here we are again, a different day and a different cast of anti-war characters, but with the same old tired

voices screaming shrilly that President Trump is going to get us into a war with the theocratic despotism known as Iran over the assassination in Iraq of Gen. Qassim Soleimani, the leader of their elite Iranian Republican Guard, who had so much American blood on his hands that he was swimming in it. Well, I've got news for the latest version of our anti-war friends. The Western world was already in a war in the 1930s when Churchill, alone in the wilderness, tried to stand up against the dangerous rise of totalitarian German arms, as it was in the 1980s when Ronald Reagan did likewise against the rise of totalitarian Soviet arms during the Cold War. And like then, today in 2020, the Western world is once again already engaged in a war, a proxy war and a new champion of liberty, President Donald J. Trump, is trying to stand up against the rise of totalitarian Iranian arms, which is responsible for that war, and we all owe him our unshakable support. As he said a day after the American strike that killed Soleimani, "We did not act to start a war but to stop a war."

A timely commentary section of a recent issue of the conservative *Washington Times* sheds greater light on what's at stake in our confrontation with Iran and is worth quoting at length here: "Oil makes the world go around. The revolution in fracking technology has rendered the United States less dependent upon foreign oil, but it still imported 16 percent of its oil from Persian Gulf countries as

recently as 2018, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. And 40 percent of crude oil used to power the global economy is exported from the Middle East. If the region goes up in smoke, prosperity in the United States and across the world goes with it. FORTRESS AMERICA IS NOT AN OPTION [emphasis mine]." And neither is appeasing totalitarians.

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am a candidate for the office of  **Committeeman**  **Committeewoman**

**Precinct/District Number** \_\_\_\_\_ *(Not applicable to State Committeemen and State Committeewomen),*

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

**Statement of Party**  
(Section 99.021(1)(b), Florida Statutes)

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

**Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number** (located on your voter information card): \_\_\_\_\_

**Phonetic spelling for audio ballot:** Print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot as may be used by persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form): *[Not applicable to write-in candidates.]*

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<b>Signature of Candidate</b>	Telephone Number	Email Address
Address	City	State
		ZIP Code
<b>STATE OF FLORIDA</b>		
<b>COUNTY OF</b> _____		
<b>Signature of Notary Public</b>		
Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:		
Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me this _____		
day of _____, 20____.		
Personally Known: _____ or Produced Identification: _____		
Type of Identification Produced: _____		