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The Race Is On (Part II)

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The race is STILL on. Last month I promised Part II, if, and it's a big if, HR1 didn't pass the United States Senate. For those with short memories, HR1 is United States House of Representatives Resolution 1 for the new Congress. My thesis is that if HR1 becomes law, the United States, as we know it since George Washington, would cease to exist. And that no political party except the Democrats will ever win another Federal election. The good news? The race (between the passage of HR1 and the November 2022 election) is still on. Why is the race still on? Because the Democrats don't have the votes. At least, not yet. The Democrats need 60 votes in the Senate for passage. They don't have them They need 50 votes to end the Filibuster. They don't have those either.

How much trouble are the Dems in? Consider this: Speaker Nancy Pelosi claimed that she "has the authority" and it is her "right as Speaker" to seat her choices for Congress. Along comes 6 vote Republican Miller-Weeks' victory over Democrat Rita Hart, in Iowa. Pelosi has the majority, the "authority" and the "right." So why did she just throw in the towel? Because, in fact, she just doesn't have the votes, "authority" or "right." Oh, how the mighty have fallen.

Let's talk about the ever-brightening future. And, as we do, keep HR1 in the back of your mind, in case it rears its ugly head and we have to once again address it. The Democrats have a long and broad agenda for completing their hostile takeover of America. They plan to bankrupt us, disarm us, and silence us. They plan to brainwash our children and redefine our genders. They plan to reward millions of illegal immigrants and disenfranchise millions of hardworking Americans. But they don't have the votes. Every one of these evils require 60 Senators. None of them

have it. The alternative? Eliminate the filibuster and only need 50 votes, the exact number they have. (Eliminating the filibuster requires only 50 votes, also.) They don't have them. They sure act like they can do whatever they want. What gives?

Let's examine their possibilities. President Biden has signed more early Executive Orders than any other President in American history. Why? Because he doesn't have the votes. But aren't Executive Orders laws? Yes, but only until a court voids them or we elect the next Republican President. Then they evaporate like the morning dew. Didn't the Dems pass a 1.9 trillion-dollar pork bill? Yes, they used a parliamentary trick called Reconciliation. It meant: no debate, no hearings, no markup, no due process. It's all they had. Will they do that with the 3 trillion-dollar Infrastructure pork bill? They might try but it gets harder. They don't have the votes. You don't believe me? Ask Dem Senator Manchin from the Republican state of West Virginia. And the November 2022 elections creep ever closer.

Let's fast forward to those 2022 elections. What's going to happen? The Republicans are going to run the table: A majority of Senators and Congressmen. Probably a big majority of Congressmen. It happened to Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. The only way that doesn't happen is if HR1 passes the Senate. Get it? Why am I so optimistic? Because Biden's Approval number was 47% on April 6. Trump's Approval on his last day in office was 51%. Both are from the highly regarded Rasmussen Reports. And the issues? Amnesty for Illegals is a loser. A really big loser. Multi-trillion-dollar pork packages? A loser. Letting boys pretending to be girls compete against those girls in sports? A big loser.

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Letting those same boys have free rein in the girls' locker room? Another big loser. Cancel culture? A loser. Social media censorship? Another loser. And there's more. Gas prices? Up. Health care prices? Going up. Taxes? Going up, up, up. What do the Dems have for the 2022 elections? HR1. If it doesn't pass, the Dems will get bludgeoned.

And that's not all. I haven't even mentioned Election Reform. The states are on fire. Stop the Steal is alive and well. Ask the Governors. But that's an issue for another time. Meanwhile, relax and pay attention to the Dems' failures. Watch them not pass bills. And count the days until the November 2022 election. The race is on. It's still on. And it's going to remain on.

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The Backhoe Chronicles

By Peter Feaman
Florida's National Committeeman

Governor DeSantis Takes Direct Aim at CBS . . . Is He Becoming Donald Trump 2.0?

APRIL 7—During a press conference in the state capitol to address the debunked *60 Minutes* segment accusing him of “pay-to-play” with Publix Supermarkets, Governor Ron DeSantis, with his PowerPoint remote control in hand, pounced on CBS for airing what he called the “big lie.” “The whole thing is a big lie,” said Gov. DeSantis as he began to take apart CBS’ reporting.

DeSantis focused on the “exclusive deal” with Publix he was accused of striking and the fact *60 Minutes* championed that the deal was evident in the county of Palm Beach. “So when they say there was an exclusive deal for Publix in Palm Beach, *60 Minutes* is lying to you. (Tell it, Governor!) They knew they were lying and they kept on lying,” stated DeSantis. “It is a lie to say that Publix had exclusive rights.” (Preach it, Governor!)

Using the aforementioned PowerPoint, DeSantis showed how there were some 31 locations that were distributing the vaccine in Palm Beach County, in addition to Publix in January, and by April, there were a total of 97 locations open. “When does this ‘exclusive’ clause kick in?” mocked DeSantis.

DeSantis dropped a 10-ton anvil on the heads of CBS, saying that “Even the dimmest bulb in the New York corporate media constellation would have been able to realize that was false.”

DeSantis even called out Rep. Omari Hardy (D) in the presentation for saying that the DeSantis administration wasn’t doing enough to help the black community in Palm Beach County. DeSantis posted a screengrab of a *Palm Beach Post* story where Rep. Hardy is seen at the Black Tabernacle Baptist Church in West Palm Beach overseeing COVID-19 vaccinations earlier this year.

However, contrary to CBS and the fake news, Governor DeSantis had set up a designated vaccine facility in Pahokee. For those of you familiar with Palm Beach County, you know that Pahokee is about the most underserved city in the County. DeSantis knew that and took care of it months ago.

Don’t be surprised if the Governor sues CBS. If so, every conservative will join the chorus: “It’s about time!!!”

Go DeSantis!

Democrats Should Learn to Follow the Science . . . lololol

APRIL 6—Texas’ coronavirus case and death totals have collapsed in the month since Republican Gov. Greg Abbott repealed the state’s mask mandate.

Since Abbott repealed Texas’ mask mandate on March 2, Texas’ COVID-19 cases have dropped by about 4,000 per day, while the state’s deaths have dropped by 137 per day, according to *The New York Times’* COVID tracker.



Many Democratic politicians predicted that Texas’ cases and deaths would skyrocket as a result of Abbott’s move.

Texas currently averages 3,224 new COVID-19 cases per day, the lowest number of new cases per day since June 19. The state also averages 88 deaths per day, the lowest since Nov. 4. (RELATED: It’s Been 3 Weeks, Where Are The COVID-19 Surges?)

“Texans have mastered the habits to keep from getting COVID,” Abbott said when he eliminated the mask mandate, which he first instituted in July. Businesses are still allowed to require their patrons to wear masks.

Texas’ new daily COVID-19 cases have dropped to their lowest level since June 2020, when the state experienced its first surge. Abbott described the spread of coronavirus as being “at an unacceptable rate . . . and it must be corralled” on June 23.

Democratic politicians blasted Abbott’s decision to eliminate the mask mandate, claiming that it would lead to new coronavirus cases and deaths. President Joe Biden described it as “Neanderthal thinking,” while California Gov. Gavin Newsom tweeted that Abbott’s move was “absolutely reckless.” Democrats, as usual, are wrong again. but you won’t see this reported by big corporate media.

The other day I saw a gentleman driving alone in his car . . . wearing a mask!

To all of my fellow Sheepdogs . . . Keep barking!!!

Major League Baseball Edition

APRIL 3—I was losing interest in MLB anyway, but their removal of the all-star game from Atlanta after accepting the OUTRIGHT LIES about Georgia’s new election law has done it for me.

Once again, Donald Trump gets it right:

“Baseball is already losing tremendous numbers of fans, and now they leave Atlanta with their All-Star Game because they are afraid of the Radical Left Democrats who do not want voter I.D., which is desperately needed, to have anything to do with our elections.”

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The statement also reads. “Boycott baseball and all of the woke companies that are interfering with Free and Fair Elections. Are you listening Coke, Delta, and all!”

Donald Trump, a hero for our time.

Governor DeSantis Becomes One of My Heroes!

APRIL 2—Governor Ron DeSantis has signed an executive order to prohibit “COVID-19 vaccine passports,” citing individual freedoms and the harm to “patient privacy.”

The edict states, among other things, that no Floridian is mandated to get a vaccination, that it is not required by law to get a vaccine, and that because vaccination records are a matter of “private health information,” these passports are outlawed.

DeSantis’ order prevents any and all business from requiring potential customers from having to present “documentation certifying COVID-19 vaccination.” “Businesses in Florida are prohibited from requiring patrons or customers to provide any documentation certifying COVID-19 vaccination or post-transmission recovery to gain access to, entry upon, or service from the business.”

Governor DeSantis—fighting for freedom and speaking truth in times of universal deceit.

Kudos to Ashley Moody, Florida's Attorney General, for joining the lawsuit suing Google for anti-trust violations . . .

MARCH 20—In January, I wrote a letter to every member of the RPOF Executive Committee exhorting them to contact Attorney General Moody to sue Big Tech.

This week General Moody responded.

In Florida’s latest effort to punish technology companies, Attorney General Ashley Moody on Tuesday signed onto a Texas lawsuit accusing Google of violating federal antitrust laws to boost its online advertising business.

The Texas lawsuit, filed in December, is one of a number of legal challenges against tech behemoths Google and Facebook. Moody also joined dozens of other states in December in a lawsuit against Facebook that accuses the social-media giant of exploiting its dominance in the digital marketplace and engaging in anti-competitive practices.

Those who have been following the “Chronicles” for years know that I am no longer on Facebook. Encourage your friends to migrate here [on MeWe].

The Texas lawsuit alleges that Google “sought to kill competition” through “an array of exclusionary tactics, including an unlawful agreement with Facebook, its largest potential competitive threat” to manipulate digital advertising sales.

“Google’s internal documents belie the public image of brainy Google engineers having fun at their sunny Mountain View campus while trying to make the world a better place. Rather, to cement its dominance across online display markets, Google has repeatedly and brazenly violated

antitrust and consumer protection laws,” an amended 150-page complaint filed Monday reads.

The lawsuit focuses on “ad exchanges,” which are centralized electronic trading venues where display ads are bought and sold. Consumer goods companies, online retailers and small businesses rely on Google “as their respective middle-man” for purchasing display ads from exchanges to market products to consumers, the lawsuit said.

Amid the legal challenges, Gov. Ron DeSantis and state Republican legislative leaders are targeting Google, Facebook and other tech giants after Twitter permanently removed former President Donald Trump from its site and social-media platforms began slapping warnings on posts by other politicians.

A proposal moving in the Florida House (HB 7013) would, in part, prevent social-media sites from blocking political candidates in Florida from platforms.

It also would require the companies to publish standards about issues such as blocking users and apply the standards consistently.

Florida Republican leaders are leading the way against the Brave New World of Tech censorship.

We The People!

Striking a Blow FOR Freedom

MARCH 31—The Supreme Court of the state of Wisconsin has dealt a blow to the mask mandate in a 4-3 decision.

“After receiving briefing on these requests, we conclude that the state of emergency proclaimed in Executive Order #105 exceeded the Governor’s powers and is therefore unlawful,” the majority decision reads in part. “Therefore, we declare that Executive Orders #82 and #90—both of which declare a public health emergency in response to COVID-19—were unlawful under Wis. Stat. § 323.10.”

The legal reasoning is highly encouraging. It did not weigh whether or not the masks ‘work’ (a recent CDC study showed their effect is marginal at best), but whether or not the actions were legal. “The question in this case is not whether the Governor acted wisely; it is whether he acted lawfully,” the majority decision reads. “We conclude he did not.”

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers had repeatedly renewed the mask mandate since the COVID-19 outbreak. The court ruling will not constrain the local communities or businesses from implementing mask mandates, which is a separate legal issue.

It is well past time that the courts begin restoring the rule of law and standing up for Americans’ civil rights. Earlier this year, Texas judge John Barker issued the famous retort: “Although the COVID-19 pandemic persists, so does the Constitution.”

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So, there 'tis:

Biden Democrats Own the Migrant Crisis

By Larry Horist

March 23, 2021

What is happening on our southern border today is the culmination of decades of Democrat open border policies . . . period. For purely political purposes, Democrats have offered lip service to border security. They then carried out policies that were certain to provoke mass illegal border crossing and the migrant crisis we are seeing today.

Those policies were the enticements they offered migrants—jobs, welfare, education, drivers licenses and most everything normally associated with citizenship—and protections from law enforcement—sanctuary cities, catch and release, restraining Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) from enforcing immigration laws.

For four years, Democrats called President Trump’s efforts to control the border inhumane. As if allowing tens of thousands of unvetted individuals into our communities was somehow humane. The so-called “humane” policies of the radical left are directly responsible for the surge in crime, gang activities and illegal drug trade all across America.

American citizens have been needlessly killed, raped, beaten, robbed and terrorized by bad actors who crossed our border embedded in the un-vetted masses.

They have stolen people’s identities. And yes, illegal aliens have also voted with the aid and abetting of urban Democrat political machines.

Throughout the presidential campaign, the Biden/Harris ticket has repeatedly expressed their hope and desire to have migrants come to America. They made no distinction between legal and illegal migration. They also criticized virtually every effort by Trump to secure the border.

Upon taking office, President Biden used Executive Orders to nullify virtually every Trump immigration policy. There was no consideration of their value and effectiveness. That was the starting gun for the latest—and one of the largest—migrations to the southern border in American history.



The across-the-board nullification of Trump policies for purely partisan political purposes has even forced many diehard progressives to criticize the new Biden administration.

CNN’s Fareed Zakaria has conceded that some of Trump’s policies were necessary—and reversing them caused what he called “a foreseeable crisis.”

MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough has been harsh in blaming the Biden administration for enticing so many unaccompanied minors to take on the dangerous trek to America’s southern border.

The greatest criticism of the Trump administration was the handling of migrant children. Exaggerated claims of inhumane treatment sensationalized this criticism. And yet, the greatest problem for the Biden administration is the treatment of the unprecedented number of unaccompanied minors. They are now confined to enclosures that look disturbingly like the so-called “cages” of the past. Such irony.

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Despite efforts of the Biden administration to block the press from access to the immigration facilities, pictures have emerged of hundreds of children sleeping on floors or even on outside ground—under those silver mylar covers. It is also noteworthy that Texas Democrat Congressman Henry Cuellar took and released many of the most disturbing pictures. He has been an uncompromising critic of Biden's immigration policies.

More than 15,000 “children” have arrived at the border since the start of the Biden administration.

And while Biden has asked asylum seekers to apply for admittance to the United States from their home nation, the words are not credible. The policy of enticement remains in place.

If there is any doubt about who is responsible for the migrant crisis at the border, one only need look at the large number of migrants wearing Biden t-shirts or displaying Biden signs. When asked, many say that Biden's words were

what made them believe they could easily enter America—legally or illegally. They know who their “sponsor” is.

Of the many things that Biden's left-leaning policies have botched, the immigration issue is the most immediate and obvious. In terms of other issues—the chickens will come to roost in the future.

So, there 'tis.

So, there 'tis...

The opinions, perspectives and analyses of Larry Horist

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Life in George Orwell's *1984*

By CS Bennett

"In a time of deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act"
—George Orwell

Over the years, my contribution to America, my home and place of birth, revolved around educating and enlightening others, and those beyond our borders, on the history of one of the most dangerous political parties, and political machinery, in this country's history, the Democrat Party, and those aligned with this party's nefarious agenda. There have been others who have been mouthpieces across the decades, warning us about becoming too relaxed and too accepting of the draconian and anti-American policies coming out of Washington, DC. But most of our so-called conservative leaders failed to heed the warnings. George Orwell was one of them.

For decades we were at the mercy of the alphabet news shows, NBC, ABC, CBS, and PBS, all left-wing leaning. Their messaging was bolstered with the arrival of CNN's 24 hour news show in 1980. FOX News followed in 1996, which allowed for a more conservative perspective of national and world news events. These two media giants began the parting of the sea, of sorts, when it came to people taking political sides in greater numbers. Soon, MSNBC was added to their side, and then along came Rush Limbaugh, to tout the virtues of conservatism, for our side. It was a fierce battle for the hearts and souls of the American citizen. Both sides knew that whoever they voted for would dictate in which direction this country would go.

It wasn't long before the lines between both ideologies became more pronounced and defined, with the increased flow of information coming from these news sources and their political commentary. With the candidacy of Barack Hussein Obama, supporters across both sides of the aisle knew for sure where they stood on the issues. During this time, those on the left in power showed us the hand they were playing with. They unabashedly went after our rights, our liberties, and imposed upon us never-ending mandates and intrusive government regulations. Simmering for decades, because of our sometimes spineless Republican leadership, our side had had enough and rebelled. We rallied around, and ushered in, a fearless fighter for the cause of freedom and liberty, and the American way.

Enter Donald Trump. Despite his faults, he was a solid patriot to the core and became the greatest threat to the Washington Establishment on both sides of the aisle. For this reason, they had to do everything in their power to bring this man down. And that they did. When it came to controlling the American people, especially conservative voters, what they could not get us to do by persuasion and coercion, they mandated, even penalized us for resisting. And while they were at it, they found new ways to put the fear of God in some of us, most of it by way of scare tactics.



When it came to Donald Trump, what they could not win in fair battle, they methodically, and shamelessly, stole.

Now that they are back in power, their assault on our rights and freedoms have intensified six-fold. Their attacks on our 1st and 2nd Amendments are laser focused and they are censoring conservative voices in ways that remind us of communist China, the old Soviet Union, and other closed societies. Now, it's liberals who get to decide what is hate speech and what is acceptable dialogue in the public domain. Yes, George Orwell's *1984* is in full effect. We are being controlled and silenced, and with little recourse for us. The legal and judicial system has been corrupted, sadly. I am left to wonder, where are the leaders on our side, both in Congress and in the Justice Department?

Some of you may know that my latest political novel, *Truth v. The Democrat Party*, is scheduled to debut on April 10th, but already, obstacles have been placed in its path to publication by ten major online publishing services, including Amazon and Barnes & Noble, and this is before one book has been printed. What are they afraid of? To cover themselves legally, they made it sound like my novel is being held up for technical issues, which, if there are any, it was created by them. Could it be that the real reason behind this is because of the content inside? They now know that this novel is designed to awaken those on the left to the treachery and deceit of the party they have supported, many without ever questioning it, and most of them having no idea of their party's true insane agenda.

I am glad both Amazon and Barnes & Noble have George Orwell's *1984* on their bookshelves. They no longer fear his work because they are in the driver's seat now. They are making the rules, rules they expect us to submit to. I believe they fear my novel, because it is designed to bring their political party down by way of enlightening their supporters with the truth in the here and now. Thank God, they also have Larry Klayman's book, *WHORES: Why and How I Came To Fight the Establishment*. Though his book was originally sandbagged by Rupert Murdoch because of Klayman's negative portrait of FOX News, his book was

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still published and distributed by those who banned my yet-to-be-released novel.

For some reasons, those on the left are drawn to communists, socialists, dictators, and revolutionaries. Both Amazon and Barnes & Noble have in their online book stores *Mein Kampf: My Struggle* by Adolf Hitler, a book about one man's blueprint for world domination, while my novel about the Democrat Party's lust for political domination, is silenced. Then there is Sal Alinsky's *Rules for Radicals*, which is a blueprint on how those on the left should go about effecting constructive social change, which is lauded and sold on both Amazon and Barnes & Noble. My book which supports the Constitution and our American traditions, somehow, is suddenly *persona non grata*.

I am not sure, but perhaps all ten of these online publishers came across a line in my novel, one I love to use when addressing those in power on the left, and it goes like

this: "Who am I? In my humblest of expressions, against all known odds, and with the courage and determination of the legendary Lion, I am young Shepherd boy David come to slay Goliath. Not with a powerful sword, but with a mighty pen. As it is known to all, the pen is mightier than the sword. . . ."

Yes, those on the left have reasons to fear my words, which flow from a place high above. No, they cannot silence the truth. When all is said and done, the truth will be revealed, and those who are athwart to this great Republic, and that for which it stands—one nation under God—they will reap what they sow, my freedom loving friends and compatriots. . . .

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"The Kiss"



Hi, Pals,

At a meeting of the Italian-American Heritage Society of Boca several years ago, one of the guest speakers was **Carl Muscarella**. Of all the former sailors who claimed to be the one kissing a nurse in Times Square, NYC, during the end of WWII celebration, this man is the actual one in the photo on the cover of *Life* magazine. Here (*photo on left*) he is with **Mort Kuff** who served in the Navy at the end of WWII but, never got to kiss anybody in Times Square.

Cheers,
Mort

Who Are the Fools?

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

April, traditionally known as a month for fools, is living up to its reputation in 2021, particularly in the world of politics. After enduring a mere three months with Joe Biden as President of the United States, our nation is faced with a relapse to the Obama destructive years.

How can we forget the magnificence of Donald J. Trump, in not only the first three months of his administration, but, in fact, the first three years of his administration? On the domestic scene virtually every organized group (Blacks, Latinos, Asians, women, youths—the overall population) reached its highest financial peak in our country's history.

Militarily, Economic, Respect for Law and Order are among the peak standards ever raised in this country by any administration. So what did more than half our population do in 2020? It voted for an incompetent Senator, representing an incompetent party, and as a group voted for every anti-patriotic and anti-American candidate. Yes, the anti-American element of this country is flexing its muscles and threatening to turn us into a Socialist / Fascist State.

Agreeably, it is this group that physically turned our dream into a nightmare. However, as we know, leadership and responsibility begin and end at the top, where the decisions are made. Consequently, those in charge and carry the mantle are the primary individuals for the change and direction of our magnificent nation. We may still be number one in all the elements of a country's life, but nowhere near we were under our 45th President.

Unfortunately, our nation's future, so white and bright (until Covid-19) is taking on continuing shades of gray. Will it be black eventually? We hope not, but the signs are bleak. The answer to the question "Who are the fools?" is "all of the above." However, since responsibility and lead-



ership emanate from the top down, the leader of the fools is clearly the mannequin who now occupies the White House. Yes, all those who voted the Democrat/ Fascist Party in 2020 must assume some of the responsibility.

So what do we do now? We start by recognizing the fools for who they are, and do all we can to change things for 2022 and 2024!

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Joe Biden: In Way Over His Head

By Gene Robinson

Joe Biden, the newly “SELECTED” president of the United States, and I say “SELECTED” president, because as we all know, he was not duly, nor legally elected, as several major battleground states used questionable and shady tactics to certify Biden as the “winner.” If nothing else, after the first 100 days of his sham administration, he has shown that . . . IN MY OPINION, HE IS IN WAY OVER HIS HEAD!

I say that for the following reasons, among many, that have shown why this man is not capable of leading the most powerful nation on the face of the earth, and it has nothing to do with his apparent “cognitive decline” aging problems. So, let me review why I feel that Joe Biden is totally incompetent in his role as president of this great country, and then you decide for yourself:

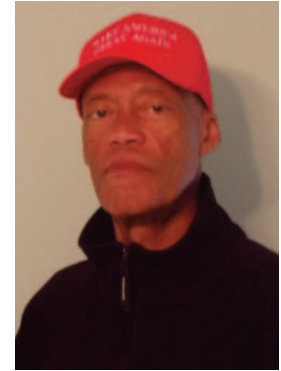
1) He recently made a statement in which he called Russian leader Vladimir Putin “a killer.” Putin responded immediately by calling Biden out, with Putin saying he wanted a televised public debate, for the world to see, so that the two leaders could sort out the facts of the situation. Apparently, by requesting such an historical move, something that the Russian leader would never have thought about requesting when Donald Trump was in the White House, Putin felt that he could embarrass Biden for all to see. And, what was president Biden’s response? SILENCE, AND WE ARE STILL COUNTING!

2) North Korea, feeling emblazoned and empowered with the Trump administration gone, returned to its old ways of threatening the world community with nuclear war, and it unleashed a powerful ballistic missile recently to show that they are back. And what was Joe Biden’s response to something North Korea never even thought about doing with Donald Trump in the White House? AGAIN, DEAFENING SILENCE!

3) Ford Motor Company, like many other U.S. businesses that had, at one point, shut down plants in this country, putting many Americans out of work, to do business cheaper in foreign countries, returned to the fold with Donald Trump as president, or face enormous tariffs on their products when sold here at home. So, what did Ford do recently, after agreeing under Trump, to build a new plant in Ohio? The company announced last week that they would not honor that agreement, an announcement that would negatively impact many American jobs, and would instead be building their new facility in Mexico. And, what was president Biden’s response to Ford’s Un-American business tactic of backing out of a formal agreement? ONCE AGAIN, TOTAL SILENCE!

4) With Donald Trump in control of the country, a Wall was constructed, and nearly completed, on the southern border of the country to stop the flow of illegal immigrants into the United States, something that worked. When Joe Biden took office, on his very first day, he signed many,

many executive orders to countermand what Trump had put in place during his administration, with one of the Biden orders being total stoppage of construction on the border Wall. In a matter of hours after hearing the news, illegal migrants from several Central American countries began to storm the border, some wearing Biden t-shirts, rendering the U.S. Border Patrol powerless to stop the siege. When the Biden administration was asked about the current “crisis” at our border, the response from various Democrat administration spokespersons was to say that there was a “challenge” at the border, not a “crisis,” although photos from the border facilities showed hundreds and hundreds of newly migrant children and teens crammed tightly into unyielding quarters. And, what did president Biden say about the “crisis,” which has caused the overworked Border Patrol agents to “catch and release” many immigrants into nearby American border towns, and what did Biden say when asked if he planned to visit the border to see the situation for himself? He responded with, “Nothing has changed at the border from the Trump administration . . . AND NO, I DO NOT PLAN TO GO TO THE BORDER!”



Well, there you have my discussion of a few items above to show you that Joe Biden cannot possibly do the job that the American people expect out of their president. And, I did not even mention the fact that Biden was at a podium recently to speak, and the first thing out of his mouth was him uttering for those in attendance to hear, with his head bowed, “What am I doing here?” WE WONDER THE SAME THING, JOE. Also, I did not mention Biden’s first “scripted” news conference in which he read some answers from a written document, a news conference that came after he had been in office longer than any previous president in history without speaking to the media. DURING THE NEWS CONFERENCE, HE CALLED ON ALL LIBERAL JOURNALISTS TO ASK HIM QUESTIONS . . . BUT NOT ONE CONSERVATIVE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE, WHO MAY HAVE TAKEN HIM TO TASK!

So, I ask you . . . IS JOE BIDEN IN WAY OVER HIS HEAD AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES? MY ANSWER IS A RESOUNDING . . . YES!!

GOD Bless.

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Dems Fear Rising Star of DeSantis, Florida

By George Blumel

The early successes of his pandemic programs—the early lifting of lockdowns, emphasis on elderly vaccinations, opening schools, etc.—and other effective governance in comparison with other Red and Blue States have made our Gov. Ron DeSantis a rising star for 2024. That explains the efforts of the Dems and their corporate media to politically assassinate him and his state as soon as possible.

CBS rose to the occasion with its fake news effort by deliberately editing comments made by Gov. DeSantis about a fake “pay for play” conspiracy theory on *60 Minutes* over Easter weekend. Their (*so-called*) journalist falsely accused him of accepting a \$100,000 super PAC contribution from the Publix supermarket chain in exchange for awarding Publix a Covid-19 vaccine contract. He gave a complete answer to the satisfaction of any reasonable person proving that her “pay to play” charge was false. Through a deliberate act of malicious editing, *60 Minutes* tried to make DeSantis look like he was dodging her question.

60 Minutes [omitted the part of DeSantis’ answer](#) where he explained that Publix offered to take the initiative on the vaccine rollout, and they were well positioned to vaccinate most of Florida’s elderly residents as they have stores within 1.5 miles of most of Florida’s elderly.

The truth, as I’ve seen in the full video, is that he answered her question completely and honestly. By the way, the whole answer was on YouTube but has (*not so mysteriously*) disappeared. Here’s [DeSantis full answer and Publix’ statement](#) on the issue.

Two Democrat officials who were intimately involved in this County’s whole anti-virus effort noted Publix gives money to both parties—most especially Florida politicians. Palm Beach County Mayor **Dave Kerner** defended Gov. DeSantis after *60 Minutes* implied a connection between Publix’s donation to DeSantis and the state’s partnership with its stores to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine. Kerner, a Democrat, says the program intentionally aired false information and should be ashamed. Kerner stated, “The reporting was not just based on bad information—it was intentionally false. I know this because I offered to provide my insight into Palm Beach County’s vaccination efforts and *60 Minutes* declined. They know that the governor came to Palm Beach County and met with me and the county administrator and we asked to expand the state’s partnership with Publix to Palm Beach County. . . . They had that information, and they left it out because it kneecaps their narrative.”

Florida’s State Emergency Management Director, **Jared Moskowitz**, criticized CBS for refusing to use his comments for the *60 Minutes* show, as well. He tweeted: “I said this before and I’ll say it again. @Publix was recommended

by @FLSERT and @HealthyFla as the other pharmacies were not ready to start. Period! Full Stop! No one from the Governor’s office suggested Publix. It’s just absolute malarkey.”

In another Democrat hit on Florida, the corporate media conduit *The Ft. Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* ran a hit piece with this headline: [Heavy Hand of the Heritage Foundation Guides Election Overhaul](#).

The first two paragraphs expose their political bias, “It’s bad enough that the Republicans who run the Florida Legislature want to make it harder to vote.” Then: “. . . GOP legislators are following a script written by [The Heritage Foundation](#), a conservative think tank that wants to institutionalize voter-suppression policies under the myth of ‘election integrity.’”

Since when is election integrity a “myth”? Heritage and most Americans believe election integrity is necessary to remain a free democratic republic as it was founded, grew and prospered. What “voter-suppression policies”?

The *Sun-Sentinel* gets lower: “For The Heritage Foundation and its allies in Florida’s Capitol, too many Democrats voted. They want to erect barriers—especially for black and brown people, who like the convenience of voting by mail and who overwhelmingly support Democratic candidates. ‘Election integrity’ is code for keeping Democrats home.” Another party-line *lie*!

Karen Jaroch, the Gulf States Regional Coordinator for Heritage Action for America, was referenced in the article. “Karen Jaroch disclosed the group’s interest in shaping a House election bill. . . .” Jaroch told me, “We seek common-sense reforms, supported by Americans from all walks of life, to secure the right of every legal voter to cast their ballot with confidence it will be counted. Many on the Left want to undermine voter confidence and weaken our electoral system—*that* is true voter suppression.”

The media attacks on Gov. DeSantis and the Florida legislature demonstrates the Democrats and their captured media know where the future challenges to their power are coming from: The Sunshine State.

Personal aside: The *Sun Sentinel* asked me to subscribe to the paper—I refused, saying I didn’t need the paper anymore since my bird died. —George



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Jessica Anderson, Heritage Action CEO, and Karen Jaroch, Gulf States Coordinator, respond to claims made in this *Sun Sentinel* editorial: [Heavy hand of Heritage Foundation guides Florida's election overhaul](https://outline.com/MX32sZ) <https://outline.com/MX32sZ>

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What's missing? Scott Rasmussen is reporting that only 1 out of 4 voters (26%) are confident that the right person was declared president in the last two elections. With confidence in the integrity of the election process at an all-time low, reforms are vital to restoring trust.

What is missing in the editorial is the reference to HB7041's prohibition of private funding of state election offices which was unbalanced (only 11 of 67 counties received it, heavily steered to blue counties).

Response: A series of common-sense measures to protect election integrity and keep the influence of private money out of our election system is needed. No organization should be able to give millions of dollars to election boards or officials—elections are the exclusive responsibility of the government, and private money creates partisan incentives and the appearance of corruption. Floridians have the right to know their elections are being run without outside influences.

Also missing is reference to the Left's power grab with H.R. 1 / S. 1 which would federalize our election processes, currently run by the states. This is D.C. politicians trying to make sure the game is rigged in their favor. Politicians already in Washington should not be choosing who goes to Washington—voters should.

Claims made in the editorial addressed by Heritage Action For America:

1) **Claim:** The House revamp of election laws (HB 7041) would make it harder to vote by mail.

Response: Voter ID requirements should be consistent and fair whether one chooses to vote in-person or vote-by-mail. We support provisions in HB7041 that put these two methods of voting on par.

2) **Claim:** The bill would ban the collecting of mail ballots by one person

Response: Again, the long-standing process to secure the integrity of a ballot cast in person should be commensurate with the vote-by-mail process. An in-person voter is required to cast their ballot directly into the ballot box (scanner) to be counted unless they designate someone to assist them. This bill provides that voters that choose to vote-by-mail similarly designate an assistant to drop off their ballot at a drop box as is the current practice for in-

person voting assistants. Provisions for sunlight to the chain-of-custody of ballots are vital to maintaining trust in the results.

3) **Claim:** Restrict drop boxes at early voting sites;

Response: Early voting is currently limited to early voting sites at prescribed times and voting by mail should be equivalent. Drop boxes would also be available at SOE offices at different times provided they are tamperproof. Nothing in this law changes this.

4) **Claim:** Allow partisan operatives to file case-by-case challenges to signature verification programs;

Response: Challenges by poll watchers inside the polls have been on the books for decades and the process hasn't been abused. There is no reason to believe that allowing similar access to the vote-by-mail process would be any different.

5) **Claim:** Prohibit people from giving water or snacks to voters, many of them elderly, as they stand in line to vote.

Response: Prohibiting solicitation of voters while they wait in line to vote has always been in state law and is popular. Solicitation at drop boxes should equally be applied. Nothing prohibits voters from bringing their own snacks or water and solicitation outside of the 150-foot boundary is still allowed.

6) **Claim:** Limit vote-by-mail ballots to those voters "too disabled to vote in person" or who are out of town on Election Day and during early voting. It would abolish Florida's "no excuse" vote-by-mail system.

Response: In-person voting is most secure because that method doesn't have the inherent risks due to lapses in the chain-of-custody that the VBM method has. Our recommendations give suggestions to ensure identity checks for VBM are on par with in-person voting.

7) **Claim:** Heritage Action urges the Legislature to severely limit the use of drop boxes. "States should require that drop boxes be located in secure settings where they are under 24-hour security, under video surveillance and located in government buildings," it says. "Video surveillance should be available to designated representatives of candidates and major political parties."

Response: Again, transparency and security of ballot chain-of-custody is vital to a fair process. HB7041 allows drop box access at monitored early voting sites. Nothing in this law prohibits voters from dropping their vote-by-mail ballot in the mailbox from the convenience of their home.

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Socialism and Dumpster Diving for Food Are Democrats' Goals

By Alan Bergstein

After nearly 250 years of unembarrassed, unbridled capitalism, that skyrocketed the United States to be the most admired, envied nation on the earth, our homegrown Leftist Destructionists are fomenting a movement dedicated to replacing free enterprise, individualism and creative human ingenuity, with the crippling economic plague of Socialism. This debilitating movement was founded by Karl Marx, in the early 1840's, who spoke the now hidden under-the-covers truth about his brainchild, as such: "What we have to deal with here is a communist society, run and controlled by the government." He never used the term "socialism," to refer to his economic theory. Rather, he described it as: "a communist society that has not yet reached its higher stage." And whatever name we call it, that same failed economic theory is now roller-coasting us downhill for disaster! And why?

44% of our younger generation yearn for such a society. And of course they do. Just look at their radically Leftist unionized public school teachers who are now dedicatedly teaching the federal government's forcefully endorsed "1619 Project," written by an ignorant, Lefty, *NYT* reporter. Teachers are taking over the role of the parents, as they've done before in every dictatorial, socialist-dominated nation. And then these brainwashed kids are graduated to our university system replete with radical professors who teach their Socialist, anti-American courses. Capitalism is bad!!! Money making is evil! The helpless poor are being used to create wealth for others! Government is better able to distribute wealth! Our youth are being pummeled with dangerous, baseless information and are ripe for the taking. These kids, now being indoctrinated by a devout, religious-like cult of radicals, will eventually be this nation's leaders. Figure out where that will lead.

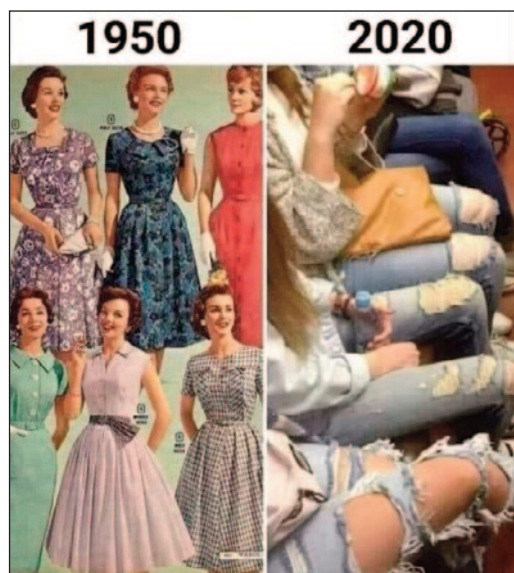
Think about the current craze for the Green New Deal fostered by Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a mindless member of the Democrat Socialists of America,

and supported by a host of other like low-intelligence members of Congress, that weakens this nation's ability to grow and prosper by limiting our energy independence and relying on the nonsense of wind and solar power. Socialists demand that this nation step down from its status as a world leader to be more in line with the economic status of starving third world countries. Our standards of living are too high, they claim, because "We steal and take away the natural resources of other nations. We must give back. We must live closer to nature," they scream out.

In essence, we have to start looking like Venezuela or Cuba, countries that our own Leftists admire. For instance, there's Dumpster diving for food on Wednesdays in Caracas. Looking forward to it! Our Progressive leaders, ignorant of the history of socialism and its paralyzing effects on societies that embrace this form of government, are leading us down the path of destruction, poverty and fascism. Why do our current elected leaders assume they are brighter, economy or social-justice wise, than the lowly citizens who placed them in office? How many members of Congress have had the experience of actually working for a real living? How many have ever stood behind a cash register, stocked shelves, punched the clock, or hired, fired, signed paychecks or worried about going out of business? How could the likes of dedicated socialists such as Senator Chuck Schumer, who landed his first job as an elected official at the age of 25, and Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, who jumped into politics right after college, have experienced enough of real life to make decisions affecting the entire nation? What street smart qualifications do they have over those of the average check-out clerk at the supermarket?

Answer the question yourself . . . and weep.

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Trump Update: The Week of March 22nd, 2021, with President Trump Will Go Down as One of the Most Significant Weeks in My Lifetime!!

*Willy Guardiola
Christian on a Mission
Pro-Lifers 4 Trump*

The week of March 22nd, 2021 with President Trump will go down as one of the most significant weeks in my lifetime!!

Last week was “the feeling of accomplishment week”!! This week is “Holy Week.” I think they have something to do with one another . . . as, like I always say: all the glory goes to God!!

I cannot explain to you how humbled, fortunate, and grateful I am to write this email, as I represent all us Trump supporters!

After working my tail off for four-plus years for his campaign as a selfless volunteer, it was such a privilege and honor to get to meet with our awesome president face to face for the 1st time!!

And, it wasn't for just a cup of coffee. It was for a full hour!!!

So, where do I start with this one without sounding “too cool” while trying to keep this heartfelt email humble? And, when I say humble—I mean it—as I am still pinching myself that I was able to meet with our country's greatest president for one full hour this past Monday, March 22nd in his office at Mar-a-Lago! OMG!!

And, then, to receive a phone call from President Trump the following day after our meeting. I thought it was one of my Pro-Life Trump colleagues playing a trick on me. We spoke for 15 minutes and what he said to me during that phone conversation, I can't even wrap my head around. President Trump was as gracious as a human being could possibly be and the way he spoke to me made me appreciate

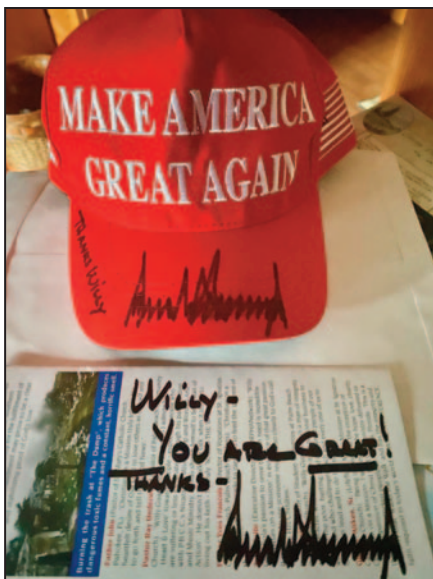


him that much more. What you see is what you get—and the best is yet to come. . . .

During our amazing conversation, he called out to one of his staff members to set up a meeting with his right-hand man, Corey Lewandowski, myself, and Trump. I almost fell out of my seat, folks. Twenty minutes after hanging up with President Trump, my phone rang, lo and behold, it's Corey Lewandowski! First thing he told me was “‘The Boss’ asked me to call you immediately,” as he told me. “I am not sure what you said to him yesterday, but you must have impressed him during your meeting. . . . Congratulations!”

And, then, on Friday, I went to my mailbox and saw a FedEx package, “Special Delivery,” addressed to me. I opened it up, and, once again, I was speechless. It was a special package from President Trump. I kid you not. Just take a look below at what he sent me. Beyond comprehension, folks! It is a red MAGA hat with “Thanks Willy” written by our President and his trademark signature (that resembles my heartbeat on one of those machines that they hook you up to at the hospital when your heartbeat was going as fast as mine!!). Yep, it was racing, folks!! OMG!!! In the package was also the Christian on a Mission brochure that I gave him—with his signature and just five words that he wrote with his black marker: **WILLY, YOU ARE GREAT! THANKS!**

Speechless and humbled to no end, fellow Patriots. And, I feel so proud because I know that I am representing every



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single Bold Trump Supporter on my email list who feels the same way as I do about our Greatest President Ever, and all those who have made Trump Corner a national and international treasure! Just ask the Germans, the Japanese, the Italians, the Brits, the Swedes, the French and several others who came by my house to interview me about President Trump, as they all know all about his very famous corner on the intersection of PGA and Military Trail. Thanks be to God!!

Being a savvy activist, I will leave the rest of my comments to myself and God, as I know that God is the one who ordained President Trump to be our nation's leader in 2016 and I know for a fact that it was God once again, who ordained my meeting and phone call with Our Greatest President Ever. And I know that it will be God, once again, who will deliver us President Trump to the White House

for his second term . . . and, it may even come before 2024. A little birdie told me that . . . as in the Holy Spirit.

This is why I open up many of my motivational speeches with the following line: “Folks, I tested *positive* this morning . . . silence. A big gasp in the room. Yep, *positive* that President Trump will be back in the White House very soon and *positive* that we will get our beloved America back!!”

Thank you for your time and thank you for all your support, fellow Patriots!! Remember: I just happen to be the fortunate one who President Trump recognized for my 24/7 commitment to his campaign, our country, our church, and our children. But please rest assured that I did not do this on my own. It's a total team effort and like I always state in almost every single one of my comprehensive emails that I send out: We are all in this two-gether!! We the people and Trump our President! And, yes, if you all feel the same way I do—he is still our President!! Can I hear “4 more years!!! 4 more years!!!”

Letters

**HE IS RISEN
HAPPY EASTER 2021**

A prayer I wrote for this challenging Easter:

Blessed Mary, Mother of our risen Lord Jesus Christ,
Hear our prayer, and be with us now
And at the hour of our death.

We are living in a time of war against satanic forces
Our leadership is weak
Enemies have been let inside the gate
And all our institutions are corrupt.

We ask you to show us a path to victory
Against all demonic forces
Guide us in our individual roles in the fight
And give us strength and longevity to fight
To victory
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

—Ross McLeod

A woke Pentagon has appointed the first-ever chief of diversity and inclusion to oversee the Navy Seals, Delta Force and the rest of our Special Forces. Richard Torres-

Estrada was chosen to implement the new “diversity plan” but was swiftly canned after reports surfaced that he publicly called police racist and compared Trump to Hitler. What do you think, will a “diversity and inclusion” officer for our elite military units make America stronger? Or are China and Russia laughing at us?

—Cong. Vern Buchanan
Sarasota, CD-16

Hello, Everyone.

I received a call from a friend questioning the report seen on Facebook that I endorsed a candidate running for a seat in Congress. That is not something I did or would do. It is false. It is a lie.

I don't do Facebook; I don't need or want any association with that site. I'm certain that I'm on it somehow but, after many attempts to Unsubscribe, I no longer make that effort. They can say or do what they want but, if it is about me, it is without my approval.

Everyone knows my e-mail (mortkuff@bellsouh.net) so, that's how to verify or question where I stand on any issue. I'm not shy.

Stay in touch, y'all.

—Mort Kuff

Six Boys, 13 Hands!!

Each year I am hired to go to Washington, DC, with the eighth grade class from Clinton, WI, where I grew up, to videotape their trip. I greatly enjoy visiting our nation's capital, and each year I take some special memories back with me. This fall's trip was especially memorable.

On the last night of our trip, we stopped at the Iwo Jima memorial. This memorial is the largest bronze statue in the world and depicts one of the most famous photographs in history—that of the six brave soldiers raising the American Flag at the top of a rocky hill on the island of Iwo Jima, Japan, during WWII.

Over one hundred students and chaperones piled off the buses and headed towards the memorial. I noticed a solitary figure at the base of the statue, and as I got closer he asked, "Where are you guys from?" I told him that we were from Wisconsin. "Hey, I'm a Cheese head, too! Come gather around, Cheese heads, and I will tell you a story."

(It was James Bradley, who just happened to be in Washington, DC, to speak at the memorial the following day. He was there that night to say good night to his dad, who had passed away. He was just about to leave when he saw the buses pull up. I videotaped him as he spoke to us, and received his permission to share what he said from my videotape. It is one thing to tour the incredible monuments filled with history in Washington, DC, but it is quite another to get the kind of insight we received that night.)

When all had gathered around, he reverently began to speak. Here are his words that night.

"My name is James Bradley and I'm from Antigo, Wisconsin. My dad is on that statue, and I wrote a book called *Flags of Our Fathers*. It is the story of the six boys you see behind me.

"Six boys raised the flag. The first guy putting the pole in the ground is Harlon Block. Harlon was an all-state football player. He enlisted in the Marine Corps with all the senior members of his football team. They were off to play another type of game. A game called 'War.' But it didn't turn out to be a game. Harlon, at the age of 21, died with his intestines in his hands. I don't say that to gross you out, I say that because there are people who stand in front of this statue and talk about the glory of war. You guys need to know that most of the boys in Iwo Jima were 17, 18, and 19 years old—and it was so hard that the ones who did make it home never even would talk to their families about it."

(He pointed to the statue.) "You see this next guy? That's Rene Gagnon from New Hampshire. If you took Rene's helmet off at the moment this photo was taken and looked in the webbing of that helmet, you would find a photograph . . . a photograph of his girlfriend Rene put in there for protection because he was scared. He was 18 years old. It was just boys who won the battle of Iwo Jima. Boys. Not old men.

"The next guy here, the third guy in this tableau, was Sergeant Mike Strank, from Johnstown, PA. Mike is my



hero. He was the hero of all these guys. They called him the 'old man' because he was so old. He was already 24. When Mike would motivate his boys in training camp, he didn't say, 'Let's go kill some Japanese' or 'Let's die for our country' He knew he was talking to little boys. Instead he would say, 'You do what I say, and I'll get you home to your mothers.'

"The last guy on this side of the statue is Ira Hayes, a Pima Indian from Arizona. Ira Hayes was one of them who lived to walk off Iwo Jima. He went into the White House with my dad. President Truman told him, 'You're a hero.' He told reporters, 'How can I feel like a hero when 250 of my buddies hit the island with me and only 27 of us walked off alive?'

"So you take your class at school, 250 of you spending a year together having fun, doing everything together. Then all 250 of you hit the beach, but only 27 of your classmates walk off alive. That was Ira Hayes. He had images of horror in his mind. Ira Hayes carried the pain home with him and eventually died dead drunk, face down, drowned in a very shallow puddle, at the age of 32 (ten years after this picture was taken).

"The next guy, going around the statue, is Franklin Sousley from Hilltop, Kentucky. A fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. His best friend, who is now 70, told me, 'Yeah, you know, we took two cows up on the porch of the Hilltop General Store. Then we strung wire across the stairs so the cows couldn't get down. Then we fed them Epsom salts. Those cows crapped all night.' Yes, he was a fun-lovin' hillbilly boy. Franklin died on Iwo Jima at the age of 19. When the telegram came to tell his mother that he was dead, it went to the Hilltop General Store. A barefoot boy ran that

Editor's Postscript

Why the Senatorial Filibuster Is So Important

By Tom Mullings

The last check we have against the abuse of power in Washington is the filibuster.

—Harry Reed

Often forgotten or dismissed is the role that extended debate has given to minorities in protecting the moderating role of the Senate. In these times of extreme partisan polarization this role is more not less important. In the U.S. Senate no minority can be silenced for long. The views of a legislative minority can be heard and have its proposals voted on. The filibuster is fundamental to the protection of the minorities right to debate and offer amendments. It fosters moderation, negotiation and compromise.

—Richard Arenberg, Interim Director of the A. Alfred Taubman Center for American Politics and Policy

If ever the free institutions of America are destroyed, that event may be attributed to the omnipotence of the majority.

—Alexis de Toqueville, 1835

Democrats want to end the filibuster in the United States Senate. This is clearly a naked attempt, on their part, to seize power for purely partisan gain and ensure one-party rule for themselves at the expense of weakening one of the most cherished features of American democracy—empowering minorities as a check against tyrannical rule by majorities.

So exactly what is the parliamentary tactic and why is it so important to keep it in place? For this let's turn to Wikipedia:

A filibuster is a tactic employed in the United States Senate to prevent a measure from being brought to a vote. The most common form of filibuster occurs when one or more senators attempt to delay or block a vote on a bill by extending debate on the measure. The Senate rules permit a senator, or a series of senators, to speak for as long as they wish, on any topic they choose, unless “three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn (currently 60 out of 100) vote to bring the debate to close by invoking cloture under Senate Rule XXII.

The ability to block a measure through extended debate was a side effect of an 1806 rule change, and was infrequently used during much of the 19th and 20th cen-

tures. In 1970, the Senate adopted a “two-track” procedure to prevent filibusters from stopping all Senate business. The minority then felt politically safer in threatening filibusters more regularly, which became normalized over time to the point that 60 votes are now required to end debate on nearly every controversial legislative item.



Efforts to limit the practice include laws that explicitly limit the time for Senate debate, notably the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 that created the budget reconciliation process. Changes in 2013 and 2017 now require only a simple majority to invoke cloture on nominations, although most legislation still requires 60 votes.

At times, the “nuclear option” has been proposed to eliminate the 60-vote threshold for certain matters before the Senate. The nuclear option is a parliamentary procedure that allows the Senate to override one of its standing rules, including the 60-vote rule to close debate, by a simple majority (51+votes or 50 votes with the Vice President casting the tie-breaking vote), rather than the two thirds supermajority normally required to amend the rules.

One or more senators may still occasionally hold the floor for an extended period, sometimes without the advance knowledge of the Senate leadership. However, these “filibusters” usually result only in brief delays and do not determine outcomes, since the Senate’s ability to act ultimately depends upon whether there are sufficient votes to invoke cloture and proceed to a final vote on passage.

And there you have it—Wikipedia’s take on things, which makes the Senatorial filibuster’s vital importance to the health and well-being of American democracy stand out in stark relief. Throughout our system of government are built in mechanisms that protect minorities against abuses by majorities and this Senatorial tactic is one of them. So, will it fall under Democrats’ dominance of the three

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branches of government for the next two years before the 2022 interim elections? For that all eyes are on moderate Democrat Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia who “reiterated this week that he will not vote to eliminate or weaken the filibuster.” The filibuster is being employed much more frequently than it once was, and this has frustrated the American people, since it has slowed the passage of legislation down to a snail’s pace. So, perhaps, a bipartisan way can be found to reform the process, but any attempt “to eliminate or weaken the filibuster,” as Manchin has said, should be resisted. He’s under enormous pressure

to cave on this issue from his colleagues, and let’s just hope that he sticks to his guns. Otherwise, we may find ourselves on the road to one-party rule for the foreseeable future in which Republicans like us are expected to know our place and keep our mouths shut.

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telegram up to his mother’s farm. The neighbors could hear her scream all night and into the morning. Those neighbors lived a quarter of a mile away.

“The next guy, as we continue to go around the statue, is my dad, John Bradley, from Antigo, Wisconsin, where I was raised. My dad lived until 1994, but he would never give interviews. When Walter Cronkite’s producers or the *New York Times* would call, we were trained as little kids to say ‘No, I’m sorry, sir, my dad’s not here. He is in Canada fishing. No, there is no phone there, sir. No, we don’t know when he is coming back.’ My dad never fished or even went to Canada. Usually, he was sitting there right at the table eating his Campbell’s soup. But we had to tell the press that he was out fishing. He didn’t want to talk to the press.

“You see, like Ira Hayes, my dad didn’t see himself as a hero. Everyone thinks these guys are heroes, ’cause they are in a photo and on a monument. My dad knew better. He was a medic. John Bradley from Wisconsin was a combat caregiver. On Iwo Jima he probably held over 200 boys as they died. And when boys died on Iwo Jima, they writhed and screamed, without any medication or help with the pain.

“When I was a little boy, my third grade teacher told me that my dad was a hero. When I went home and told my dad that, he looked at me and said, ‘I want you always to remember that the heroes of Iwo Jima are the guys who did not come back. Did NOT come back.’

“So that’s the story about six nice young boys. Three died on Iwo Jima, and three came back as national heroes. Overall, 7,000 boys died on Iwo Jima in the worst battle in the history of the Marine Corps. My voice is giving out, so I will end here. Thank you for your time.”

Suddenly, the monument wasn’t just a big old piece of metal with a flag sticking out of the top. It came to life before our eyes with the heartfelt words of a son who did indeed have a father who was a hero. Maybe not a hero for the reasons most people would believe, but a hero nonetheless.

One thing I learned while on tour with my 8th grade students in DC that is not mentioned here is, that if you look at the statue very closely and count the number of “hands” raising the flag, there are 13. When the man who made the statue was asked why there were 13, he simply said the 13th hand was the hand of God.



Republican Executive Committee Membership Application

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

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

REC Committeeman & Committeewoman Duties and Responsibilities

1. Expected to donate financially to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County
2. Attend REC Meetings
3. Organize your precinct and carry out the policies and programs of the Party within your precinct. Active participation in the various programs of the Party is expected.
4. Serve on a Party Committee.
5. Develop a presence in the broader community by joining a Republican Club; serving on a local board or committee; or monitoring local media for relevant material.

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-mail*: _____

* Check here if you DO NOT want your email reported to the Supervisor of Elections thus making it a matter of public record under Florida law. _____

Profession: _____ Precinct #: _____

I am applying for the position of: Committeeman _____ Committeewoman _____

Two Current REC Members' Sponsor Signatures:

1). _____ REC Precinct # _____ 2). _____ REC Precinct # _____

Please return your REC Application to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County Headquarters,
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 500, West Palm Beach 33401 Phone (561) 686-1616

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Republican Party of Florida Party Loyalty Oath

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

office I will not actively, publicly, or financially support the election of any candidate other than the Republican Candidate in a partisan unitary, general or special election, or a registered Republican in non-partisan elections, other than Judicial races governed under chapter 105, Florida Statutes, if there is a registered Republican running for the same office.

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

Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

County/Precinct #

Date

Office: _____
(State Committeeman, State Committeewoman; Precinct Committeeman, Precinct Committeewoman;
Alt. Precinct Committeeman, Alt. Precinct Committeewoman)

Address, as it appears on voter registration

Email

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

CANDIDATE OATH –

Committeemen and Committeewomen

Check applicable one:

- Precinct Committeeman or Committeewoman
- District Committeeman or Committeewoman
- State Committeeman or Committeewoman

OFFICE USE ONLY

Candidate Oath

(Sections 99.021(1)(a) and (2), Florida Statutes)

I, _____

(Print name above as you wish it to appear on the ballot. If your last name consists of two or more names but has no hyphen, check box . (See page 2 - Compound Last Names). No change can be made after the end of qualifying.)

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.]

X _____ () _____
Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address

Address City State ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF _____

Signature of Notary Public

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: _____