



Newsletter of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County—July 2021

I Am From the Government and Here to Help You

*By Real Republican Representative Rick Roth
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This Pandemic has been the toughest period in my life-time for America. People today are saying, “I hope we can get back to some kind of normal soon.” Instead, things are still getting worse. It now appears this is all part of the plan to steal America’s Republic and Constitution, in the name of Globalism or Socialism.

The last straw is the introduction of Critical Race Theory (CRT) into our public school curriculum. And to make it even worse, the Biden Administration is busy doing CRT sensitivity training in the HR departments of our federal agencies. This systemic scheme to divide Americans into ethnic categories in order to root out racism is diabolically absurd. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. exposed the absurdity so well when he said “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

CRT as taught in philosophy class in our universities is nothing new. It is the repackaged stepchild of the Critical Theory movement. The Frankfurt School is the home of this philosophical and sociological movement that was originally located at the Goethe University in Frankfurt Germany. The School was founded in 1923 to develop Marxist studies in Germany. Drawing on teachings of Marx and Freud, critical theorists maintain that the primary goal of philosophy is to “understand in order to overcome the social structures through which



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people are dominated and oppressed.” In 1933, the Institute moved to America, specifically to Columbia University in New York City. CRT emerged out of a framework for legal analysis in the late 1970’s.

Again, the primary goal is to destroy all institutions that they claim create victims. They believe society is structured around power and race, not competence. Fortunately, America is waking up to this insidious Critical Race Theory, because it teaches that everyone is prejudiced based on race.

The purpose here is not just to expose the CRT mission. It is the most dangerous fire out of many fires the Biden Administration has ignited. The real story is why the liberal elites in the Democrat Party are pushing these leftist policies now. I believe that Obama made liberals comfortable expressing their true big government socialism views. Progressives truly believe the American dream has failed for the masses, and people will give Progressive leaders power in return for social justice and security.

There is also a political party reason. The Democrat party must continue the narrative that they are the party that is fighting for the little guy, the oppressed, and the disenfranchised minorities. In 2020, they literally first set the fires, like division and racism, and now they will come in as the firefighters to put out the fires, using Critical Race Theory indoctrination.

The Democrat Party has 200 years of racist bigotry, going back to Democrat President Andrew Jackson, who was able to gain congressional passage of the ‘Indian Removal Act of 1830.’ It extinguished any Indian title to land claims in the Southeast, and the U.S. Government forced the displacement of approximately 60,000 Native Americans to land west of the Mississippi River between 1830 and 1850.

In 1854 members of the Whig Party, the Free Soil Party and anti-slavery Democrats formed the Republican Party to prevent the spread of slavery to new western territories like Kansas and Nebraska. The Republican nominee Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860 on that platform. With his inauguration in March 1861, seven Democrat-led pro-slavery states seceded and formed the Confederate States of America. The Civil War, which began to prevent the secession of the pro-slavery Democrat South, officially became a war to abolish slavery with President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.

Jim Crow laws were a collection of state and local statutes passed by Democrat legislatures that legalized racial segregation in the Democrat-controlled South from 1865 to 1968. During the Reconstruction era, local governments as well as the national Democrat Party and Democrat President Andrew Johnson used these laws to thwart efforts to help Black Americans move forward.

Democrat President Woodrow Wilson was the WWI president who earned a Nobel Peace Prize for helping found the League of Nations, the precursor to the United Nations.

President Wilson also pushed the segregation of multiple agencies of the federal government. He wrote a history textbook praising the Confederacy and in particular, the Ku Klux Klan.

After a special screening at the White House of “The Birth of a Nation” on March 21, 1915, which portrayed the KKK as heroes, their membership grew to a peak of 3 million in the 1920’s. On September 13, 1926, the Ku Klux Klan marched down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington D.C. The KKK grew into an army of oppression for the Democrat Party. It terrorized Black communities and spread through the highest levels of government, including the longest serving U.S. senator, U.S. Senator Robert Byrd (D-WVa), from 1959 to 2010.

On May 21, 1919 Congressman James Mann, an Illinois Republican, introduced the 19th Amendment, which would give women the right to vote in state and federal elections. It passed 304 to 89, with 202 House Republicans (84%) and 102 House Democrats (53%) voting yes. It passed the Senate 56 to 25, with 82% of Republicans and 41% of the Democrats voting yes. Out of 36 states that ratified, 26 were Republican. In 1920 Republican presidential candidate Warren G. Harding from Ohio, a staunch advocate for women’s suffrage, won election with 63% of the vote.

Following the assassination of JFK, Democrat President Johnson urged members to honor Democrat President Kennedy’s memory by passing his proposal, the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Despite this urging, it was southern Democrat senators who launched a filibuster against the bill. The Senate debate, the longest in U.S. history, lasted sixty days. On June 10, a coalition of 27 Republicans and 44 Democrats voted to end the filibuster, limiting further debate. President Johnson signed the bill into law on July 2, 1964, joined by civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The progressive liberal Democrats who are pushing CRT are the racist successors to those Southern Democrats, which is no surprise to students of American history.

In 2020, many progressive Democrat mayors and Democrat governors suspended their citizens’ rights to their freedoms, including public safety and private property rights. They empathize with the victims of police brutality. Why do progressive Democrats feel this white guilt so strongly? It is because their prejudice by identity politics has held the poorest citizens down for over 50 years, and they know it.

I agree there is institutional, but not systemic racism in locations where those institutions are run by the progressive left. The textbook example of institutional racism are those universities who use discriminatory admissions policy to achieve a predetermined ethnically diverse group of students. Allowing students with lower test scores to artificially get accepted actually increases their drop-out rate in those institutions. Unfortunately, there are other institutions whose policies to help ethnic minorities have actually per-

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petuated poverty. The Great Society federal welfare program of the 1960's has failed to decrease poverty because it encourages the wrong behavior. The biggest single indicator that predicts student success is two-parent households. The HUD federal housing policy discriminates against two-parent wage earners by setting rental rates based on household income instead of competitive market rates. The anti-school choice ideology of the liberal left works to benefit teachers unions rather than students performance. This policy specifically hurts the financially poor and single parent families who can't afford to move to neighborhoods with better performing schools.

The last example is the expansion of abortions in America from safe and rare to available up to the day of birth. Using abortion as birth control actually perpetuates loose sexual practices, an increased divorce rate, and less respect for each human life. It has also limited black political power due to significantly lower population growth.

America is exceptional because an individual's economic status is not based solely on their family heritage and ethnic

background. Because Marxist class warfare propaganda does not work here, they have transitioned to Critical Race Theory. The goal is to divide by race what they could not divide by economic class.

If you believe people are capable of self-government because we are each sovereign individuals, we must stand up and protect our Constitution, our republic form of government, and our market-based capitalist economy based on individual merit. If you want bigger government that promises to take care of everything and everyone, then do nothing. One-party socialism is just around the corner.

The biggest obstacle to the truth today is the Media. Today, the FAKE NEWS MEDIA is again covering for the Democrat Party. Thank God Americans are much smarter than the progressive elites think we are. I hope this history narrative encourages people to become better informed and proudly participate in our representative democracy.

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Floral Flag Near Vandenberg AFB



This 6.65 acre Floral Flag is 740 feet long and 390 feet wide and maintains the proper flag dimensions as described in Executive Order #10834. This is the first floral flag to be planted with 5 pointed stars, comprised of white larkspur. Each star is 24 feet in diameter; each stripe is 30 feet wide. This flag is estimated to contain more than 400,000 larkspur plants, with 4-5 flower stems each, for a total of more than 2 million flowers.

Juneteenth

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 July 7, 2021

Juneteenth! It's a new national holiday. And it's cause for Republican celebration. Why? Because this holiday commemorates one important piece of American and black history. Not a narrative, not a Democratic rewrite, not a glossed over whitewash (pun intended) for Black History Month; Juneteenth is an opportunity to teach our country the factual history of the liberating Republicans and the enslaving Democrats. On Juneteenth, June 19th, 1865, the last of the Democrats' slaves were freed in Texas; freed by the Union (Republican) army. Freed from the Confederate Democrats. We should be shouting it from the rooftops. Let Freedom Ring.

While we're at it, let's recognize other related historical events. We don't have to create federal holidays. We just have to recognize historical figures who helped make us "a more perfect union." Republican President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address was a eulogy for the fallen soldiers who fought and died at Gettysburg, a key turning point for the Republicans in their battle to free the slaves from the Democrats; November 19th, 1863. Harriet Tubman's birthday was March 6, 1822. She was a slave who escaped from the Democrats and worked with the Abolitionist Movement to create the Underground Railroad and liberate more slaves. Recently, her picture was proposed for the twenty-dollar bill, replacing Democratic Party founding father Andrew Jackson. Sadly, the switch was never made. Frederick Douglas was a Black Republican who gained national attention as the leader of the Abolitionist movement. The Abolitionists evolved into the Republican Party in 1854. Douglas was born on February 14, 1817. Democrat General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Republican General (and future President) Ulysses S. Grant on April 9, 1865 at Appomattox Courthouse. Yes, I could go on. But I'll just mention a few more "gifts" that the Democrats visited upon the slave and former slave communities: the Ku Klux Klan, poll taxes, literacy tests, separate but (un)equal education, Jim Crow, separate water fountains and back-of-the-bus seating. But you get the point. Republican history is prideful, moral and the best of America. Democrat history is shameful and a great stain on our Republic.

Yes, but isn't it true that that was then and today the black community gives 90% of its vote to their former slave masters, the Democrats? Yes, but to this day the black community suffers from a major case of unrealized potential. And that is because they vote for the Democrats and the Republicans refuse to tell their own wonderful story. Let's look at the results:

First, 50% of all black pregnancies are terminated by abortion; 20 million since *Roe versus Wade*. The Democrats call that a "choice." If the black community feels voiceless and lacking advocacy, look no further than those 20 million black babies who never got the chance to help. The abortion

issue is just the tip of the iceberg of a much greater and more stifling problem: the breakup of the black family. A cornerstone of Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society" (America's last all out attempt to remake us as a Socialist nation) was something called AFDC; Aid to Families of Dependent Children. It replaced the ADC (Aid to Dependent Children) with a few major differences and eligibility requirements. A major difference was that this "welfare" program was no longer about temporarily helping poor children. It was now about helping any poor family, children or not, and was no longer considered temporary. The new major eligibility requirements? The female head of household could only qualify if she didn't have a husband or a job. And that was the end of the nuclear black family. Everything bad in the black community, to this day, could be traced to that legislation. Today over 70% of black babies are born into single parent families. Young black girls grow up expecting to get a baby and a check. Young black boys grow up expecting to find a gang leader to replace the fathers they never knew. Indeed, as I have said and written many times: "There isn't enough money on the planet to save a community without fathers." The Democrats? They are aggressively silent on this issue. The late Democrat Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan was threatened with "cancellation" when he spoke about this crisis more than fifty years ago. The Republicans? Most don't know the issue and the ones that do have never offered corrective legislation. They are passively silent.

Other major issues involve unsafe neighborhoods, gun control and lack of School Choice. It all adds up to the same results. If we are to keep creating "a more perfect union," then the black community needs to reconsider its votes. And the Republicans need to join the conversation. And that is the promise of Juneteenth. Let Freedom Ring.



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

The Backhoe Chronicles

*By Peter Feaman
Florida's National Committeeman*

Remember HIPPA? Your So-called Right to Privacy Concerning Your Health Information?

JULY 9—These Privacy Rule standards address the use and disclosure of individuals' health information—called “protected health information” by organizations subject to the Privacy Rule—called “covered entities,” as well as standards for individuals' privacy rights to understand and control how their health information is used.

Well, you can kiss that goodbye as the tyrannical Biden Administration steps on more of your rights.

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra argued that the federal government is entitled to know who has been vaccinated against COVID-19, responding to concerns over a recently announced White House plan to send teams door-to-door.

“Perhaps we should point out that the federal government has had to spend trillions of dollars to try to keep Americans alive during this pandemic, so it is absolutely the government's business. It is taxpayers' business if we have to continue to spend money to try to keep people from contracting COVID and helping reopen the economy,” Becerra told CNN on Thursday. (Hey Becerra: You should have never shut down the economy to begin with, but now you have an excuse to violate our civil rights.)

Becerra claimed that “knocking on a door has never been against the law”!!!!!!

“Get off my lawn!”

In times of universal deceit, truth becomes a revolutionary act.

Finally—A Federal Judge Slams the CDC for Its Abuse of Power

JULY 9—A federal judge rejected the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) request to keep COVID-19 restrictions on cruise ships departing from Florida after July 18, writing that the health agency cannot show a reason why it can exercise such power.

The CDC had earlier asked for a stay to the injunction on its conditional sail order. U.S. District Judge Steven Merryday, in a ruling this week, ruled that the injunction stopping the CDC from imposing arbitrary restrictions on the cruise industry, will stand.

All cruises were shut down in March 2020 during the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency later issued the Conditional Sail Order in October of last year.

But, according to Merryday's ruling Wednesday, the CDC's “action is not about what health precautions against

COVID-19 are necessary or helpful aboard a cruise ship.” Instead, he argued, “this action is about the use and misuse of governmental power.”

HURRAY!!!!!!

“Although CDC invariably garnishes the argument with dire prospects of ‘transmission’ of COVID-19 aboard a cruise vessel, these dark allusions dismiss state and local health authorities, the industry's self-regulation, and the thorough and costly preparations and accommodations by all concerned to avoid ‘transmission’ and to confine and control the ‘transmission,’ if one occurs,” Merryday concluded in his order.

Judge Merryday wrote “a stay that would serve to extend the unwarranted, unprecedented, and injurious exercise of governmental power by one person, the Director of CDC—is DENIED.”

Let that sink in: “. . . unwarranted, unprecedented and injurious exercise of governmental power. . . .”

WOW—Sometimes I'm proud to be part of the legal system.



Is This the Beginning of a National Police Force Accountable Only to the Speaker of the House?

JULY 7—The United States Capitol Police (USCP) is opening up regional offices, prompting concerns that the police body is acting outside of its jurisdiction and charter.

California and Florida will be the locations of the first two branch offices, with additional states expected to be added in the “near future.” Acting USCP Chief Yogananda Pittman made the announcement in a statement on Tuesday. The purpose will be “to investigate threats to Members of Congress” following the Capitol riots on January 6th.

“The USCP has enhanced our staffing within our Dignitary Protection Division as well as coordinated for enhanced security for Members of Congress outside of the National Capitol Region,” Pittman's statement said. “The Department is also in the process of opening Regional Field Offices in California and Florida with additional regions in the near future to investigate threats to Members of Congress.”

The statement by Chief Pittmann details the bases for the Capitol Police's action plan, which include recommendations of the “House Select Committee.” Speaker Pelosi,

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one of the principals who exerts authority over the Capitol Police, recently tapped a partisan 13-member House select committee to review the origins of the January 6th riots, which included only one Republican: Rep. Liz Cheney.

The issue with the Capitol Police opening branches around the United States is that the agency is exempt from normal mechanisms of public accountability. It essentially acts as the U.S. Congress's staff of bodyguards. A June 2020 article in *Roll Call* about the Capitol Police's 'secrecy' is relevant.

"Despite the public outcry for more transparency, none of the lawmakers who serve on committees whose jurisdiction includes the Capitol Police said the force charged with protecting and securing Congress should be subject to the 1966 Freedom of Information Act that requires federal agencies to disclose a large amount of government information to the public," the report added.

"Congress is not subject to the law, and the Capitol Police, as a component of the legislative branch, is also exempt from any FOIA request," it added.

Such is the reality for a police agency whose officer fatally shot a Trump supporter named Ashli Babbitt on January 6th and escaped all public accountability. The Department of Justice not only dropped the charges, but announced that charges would not be filed.

This same unaccountable Capitol Police force is now opening up branch offices nationwide. The legal basis for how such a police force could operate within the jurisdiction of state laws is unclear. Governor Ron DeSantis's explanation of the development, in particular, bears watching.

Between the vaccination goon squads, the nationalization of the Capitol Police, the "cancel culture," and the lockdowns, we are living in scary times for freedom lovers everywhere.

Big Tech and Corporate Media Are Caught Lying Again

JULY 6—PolitiFact, on May 24, quietly retracted a September 2020 fact check that labeled a Hong Kong virologist's claim that COVID-19 originated in a lab as inaccurate and a "debunked conspiracy theory."

"The claim is inaccurate and ridiculous," the now-archived fact check previously said. "We rate it Pants on Fire!"

Why did Politifact so blatantly mislead? To discredit Donald Trump who suggested that the Chinese virus may have come from a lab in Wuhan.

Separately, the *Washington Post* quietly walked back its claims regarding the Chinese virus lab leak theory.

The paper in February 2020 published an article claiming the idea was a "conspiracy theory" that had been "debunked." The article attacked Sen. Tom Cotton (R-

Ark.), who called for an investigation into the origins of the CCP virus.

Why would the *Post* take this position?

They disregarded the lab leak theory because Republicans, including the President, were largely the ones promoting the idea.

Because Donald Trump had been favorable to the idea that this might have emerged from a lab, that that made it not true in their eyes.

Other outlets have also corrected or quietly updated stories, including Vox, while Facebook stopped banning posts suggesting the virus was man-made.

According to evolutionary biologist Bret Weinstein, co-host of the DarkHorse Podcast, "And we now know from Dr. Fauci, his emails, that behind the scenes, the top people didn't believe it either. They were just simply feeding the public a line that they had their own reasons for wanting the public to believe," he said.

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The Election Fix

JULY 1—Wait . . .

The New York City Board of Elections has walked into another elections fiasco after it admitted that over 135,000 votes were erroneously tabulated in the city's mayoral primary race.

But of course, if you dare question the results in the 2020 presidential election you are banned from Twitter and Facebook!

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Democrat Leaders Politicize the Surfside Tragedy, Much To Their Shame

JULY 1—Charlie Crist, had the audacity to say this in a fundraising letter: "It's shameful that Governor DeSantis left the scene of a terrible crisis to hold a partisan press conference."

Here is the truth:

The building collapse occurred on Thursday, June 24 at 1:30 am. DeSantis was on the ground in Surfside by noon and stayed for several hours.

The next morning, DeSantis flew to Pensacola to attend the scheduled event in question before IMMEDIATELY returning to Miami-Dade to attend the daily 11:30 am press conference.

Pathetic, Mr. Crist, but very predictable.

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Solving the Nation's Violence Problem Starts with Supporting Fathers

By *Ellen Sauerbrey and Richard E. Vatz*

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The Washington Examiner

(Ed. Note: This article was written by Ellen Sauerbrey and Richard E. Vatz on the ongoing problem of "fatherlessness" and the "equally devastating plague of intractable poverty and a failed education system" in America. The second article, by Mr. Primoff, is his response.)

Father's Day has come and gone for another year, but fatherlessness remains a critical societal problem that none of our political or religious leaders seems willing to address, and the media sweep it under the rug.

In Baltimore, a prototypically shattered American city run by Democrats, prospects of even alleviating violent crime and the collapse of civil society seem to be hopeless: Homicides have been rising to the mid-300s every year, while nonfatal violence, often unmeasurable, seems to be permanently out of control.

Equally devastating is the plague of intractable poverty and a failed education system. The only answers from politicians are more government social spending. Since the 1960s Great Society, government programs that attempted to replace the father have failed to solve the problem. In fact, they have made it worse. Despite clear evidence of the relationship between crime, gangs, poverty, and educational failure, politicians, religious leaders, and the media simply refuse to acknowledge, much less address, the primary cause: the breakdown of the family.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker wrote in the *Washington Times* that data shows that "children living in married households are less likely to live in poverty. . . . The facts are clear. Two-parent families are not only a moral imperative; they are an economic one, too. Children raised in households where fathers play a positive and active role are more likely to succeed."

What is the formula to accomplish a major improvement in the quality of life and reduce violence, homicides, and poverty in America's major cities? For starters, we must end the bizarre silence about the societal dysfunction of fatherlessness.

Major news sources generally will not discuss fatherlessness. There are consistent debates and discussions about homicide and violence increases but little about the root causes. What about what causes the poverty?

Broken families, but newspapers may go years without their mention.

It may be politically incorrect to suggest it, but fathers play a number of critical roles in the success of their children. They can be a source of advice and discipline that a single mother alone cannot be. For too many boys, gangs substitute for missing fathers.

Fathers are the primary socializing factor for boys, enhancing school success, preventing boys from being recruited to gangs, and helping children avoid conflict involving interpersonal clashes with students, teachers, and law enforcement. Studies show that 73% of school dropouts and 85% of youth showing behavior disorders come from homes without a father, and twice as many fatherless boys end up in prison.

Fathers are the primary socializing factor for their children's interactions with the opposite sex. Fathers are much better sources of advice and counsel than, say, gang members. Girls without fathers have a much higher incidence of pregnancy outside of marriage.

Fathers enhance the economic stability of the family, while fatherlessness is a root cause of poverty. As W. Bradford Wilcox of the Institute for Family Studies puts it: "Since the 1970s, children in single-mother-headed families (who make up the clear majority of single-parent families) are over four times more likely to be poor, compared to children in married-parent families."

How can two-parent families be incentivized? The first step for any problem is to identify it, talk about it, and develop a plan to address it. This calls for courageous leadership, and most cities are not awash in such leadership.

We challenge the media to stop hiding from the truth. Solving difficult issues requires guts.

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Response to Ellen Sauerbrey and Richard E. Vatz

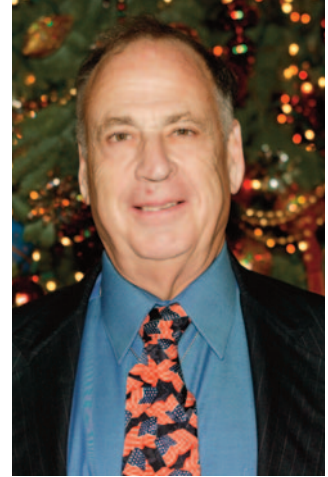
By Edward Primoff

Ellen,

What a great article. Thanks for sending it. I doubt that I ever told you this but in the early '70s when Sue and I were dating we came to Florida for a short vacation. I remember clearly picking up a copy of the main newspaper. There was an article on the front page that a new welfare program provided mothers with a child to be receiving payments and benefits which exceeded \$11,000 per year. At the time the average income was about \$5600 per year for working people. I told Sue at the time that this would cause a mass exodus of black fathers as well as many poor white fathers. After all, almost any decent man, white or black, would leave the home knowing that his family would receive from the government more than twice what he could provide for his family. At the time, some of the mainstream press questioned if the government realized the implications and were acting in the best interest of the families. What they didn't understand was that the liberals who enacted these horrific policies knew exactly what they were doing. They knew that the majority of fathers would be forced to leave the home and of course making the family completely dependent on the government, assuring them future voters. They cared less of the consequences.

Almost every day I hear good conservative Republicans on conservative radio and television stating that this administration doesn't understand the devastation they are causing with the new border policies, and I get very angry. Of course they understand. They are not the least bit stupid. They know exactly what they're doing. As in the 1970s, they have no concern whatsoever. After locking us down for over a year, saying because of Covid-19 we can't even meet with our family on Thanksgiving, they now are sending hundreds of thousands of immigrants throughout the United States with full knowledge that a good percentage of them are infected with the virus and will probably infect many Americans. Again, of course they know exactly what they are doing and they know the devastating consequences. They believe this will ensure permanent future power to them.

The same thing applies to their police policies. Encouraging the violence in these major cities and literally bailing out criminals to immediately continue their violence, they know that thousands of decent Americans, many innocent young children, are being slaughtered in our cities on a regular basis. They know they are forcing hundreds of thousands of decent hard-working Americans to leave their Democratic cities and move to conservative states. Over 1000 a day just here in Florida. And of course this provides housing in the cities they fled for the illegal immigrants, keeping them Democrat as well. They are counting that these relocating Americans will still vote Democrat and change the red states blue. Again, the people behind the scenes that are really controlling this administration and running our country are in my opinion the most corrupt and evil since our country began. I also believe that the majority of regular Americans, conservative and liberals as well, are still decent hard-working people. May God bless and help our country.



Edward Primoff's remarkable life is the quintessential, American "rags to riches" story. Coming from humble beginnings, he rose up to become an incredibly successful businessman through sheer hard work and determination. He went on to work at the White House for six years and is the author of the autobiographical book, Driven Beyond Success: The True Story that Proves Anyone Can Achieve Anything. At present he serves as a Republican Executive Committeeman from precinct 6086 here in Palm Beach County.

I'm Sen. Rick Scott, and Here's How I'd Rein in Washington's Reckless Spending

*By Senator Rick Scott
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Washington is dysfunctional. It's filled with career politicians who are just as quick to throw taxpayers under the bus as they are to reach their hand out and ask for a vote. We know none of these "leaders" would treat their own finances the way they treat taxpayer dollars—recklessly spending, driving up debt and giving no thought to the long-term consequences.

On July 31, the current suspension of the federal debt ceiling is set to expire, giving Congress a choice: act responsibly to reduce federal debt through structural reform to spending, or suspend the debt ceiling again—allowing more reckless spending that will cripple our nation with insurmountable debt.

Congress can't keep maxing out America's credit card with no way to pay it off. It's time for Washington's binge-spending to end. It's time to bring the same accountability to our nation's capital that families and businesses across Florida show every day. Washington needs a wakeup call and I've introduced the Federal Debt Emergency Control Act to start ringing the bell.

America is barreling toward \$30 trillion in debt. That's equal to \$233,000 in debt for every American family—a debt crisis caused by decades of wasteful and reckless spending. Now, President Joe Biden is continuing this way of governing by pushing for trillions in wasteful spending, raising the U.S. federal debt by 60% to \$39 trillion and the debt-to-gross domestic product (GDP) ratio to 117% in 2030. Biden's budget takes the United States to its highest sustained levels of federal spending since World War II. That's insane, and there's no way to pay for it.

Spending beyond our means has consequences. We're already seeing rising inflation, which devastates our poorest families, like mine growing up. When inflation happened, I saw how hard it was for my parents to make ends meet. When inflation hit and food prices went up, we put less food on the table. No family should have to go through that.

My Federal Debt Emergency Control Act aims to rein in Washington's out of control spending with concrete checks and balances that bring down the debt and help stop the reckless spending that causes inflation and kills opportunity for families across our state.

The Federal Debt Emergency Control Act would require the declaration of a Federal Debt Emergency anytime the debt exceeds 100% of GDP. Declaring a Federal Debt Emergency would initiate common sense debt reduction measures, including forcing two-thirds of the Senate and House to vote to increase the debt before approving any bill with deficit spending. We can't let politicians spend without consequence. Washington needs more accounta-



bility and my bill would ensure every member of Congress is on the record if they choose to increase America's debt.

The Federal Debt Emergency Control Act would also make sure that we use unspent stimulus funds before turning to deficit spending. Just like a family, the government pays interest on every loan it takes out. The return for Florida families on that interest expense? Zero. Taking on debt should be a last resort. No family would take out a loan unless absolutely necessary. Neither should the federal government.

Finally, the Federal Debt Emergency Control Act would ensure any bill reducing the debt by at least 5% over ten years is fast-tracked through the legislative process so we can get our debt paid down more quickly, reducing the changes of continued inflation.

For years, politicians in Washington have talked about fiscal responsibility, but never taken on the fight to fix the problems they cause. Preventing politicians from mindlessly spending is common sense. Washington needs to start making the same tough decisions Florida families and businesses must make to pay their bills and keep their finances in order. Government can do this, but it takes discipline. We put fiscal responsibility first when I was governor of Florida and the results speak for themselves. Our economy boomed, creating more than 1.7 million new jobs, we cut taxes 100 times to save Floridians \$10 billion and we paid down a third of the state debt.

If we don't get spending under control, it's our children and grandchildren that will suffer most as opportunity fades. Now is the time to act. I urge every Floridian to join me in demanding change that secures a prosperous and strong future for our nation.

Republican Rick Scott represents Florida in the United States Senate. He is the former governor of Florida. He wrote this exclusively for the Tampa Bay Times.

My Federal Debt Emergency Control Act aims to check Washington's out of control spending with concrete checks and balances that bring down the debt.

So, there 'tis:
The Life and Passing of Don Rumsfeld

By Larry Horist
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This week, America lost a patriot . . . and I lost a friend. Don Rumsfeld arguably has the most impressive political resume of any political figure who was not a President of the United States. He was also a personal friend at many levels.

I first met Don Rumsfeld when he was sent to Congress by the people of the 10th Congressional District of Illinois—a diverse district that included the poorest minority communities in Evanston to the then wealthiest community in America—Kenilworth.

I worked for Rumsfeld when he headed the Office of Equal Opportunity in the Nixon administration.

After serving as a Navy aviator and as a member of Congress, he became White House Chief of Staff for President Ford, who later appointed Rumsfeld Secretary of Defense. George W. Bush appointed him to that post again. In those two assignments, Rumsfeld has the distinction of being the youngest and second oldest person ever appointed to the office.

Don Rumsfeld oversaw one of the most successful military operations of modern times—the one-month war that toppled Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. Despite the quick success in bringing down the Hussein regime, civil conflicts continued for several years. What Rumsfeld won, America's State Department and later Presidents lost. This resulted in the rise of ISIS and the loss in Syria and Afghanistan.

In between government assignments, Don Rumsfeld was a successful corporate leader and a philanthropist.

Over the course of more than 50 years, I came to know Rumsfeld well—in many capacities. I worked with him when he was the chief fundraiser for one of my clients—The American School of Music. He was an active member of several civic organizations in which I was involved as clients or as a board member. He was a contributor to several of my causes—political and charitable.

Don's wife was even a customer of an antique shop I once owned in southwest Michigan—where the Rumsfeld's had a vacation home. Yes, I did operate an antique shop for several years. But that is another story.

I would not be exaggerating to say that Don Rumsfeld has one of the sharpest minds I have ever known. Every visit with him was both educational and enjoyable. Few

could explain situations with such clarity and conviction—and with such personal charm.

Despite the unfair criticism hurled at him from the left, Rumsfeld rarely got angry. He never retaliated to hate with hate.

Don Rumsfeld was a witty guy. When asked about term limits on members of Congress, he called it “a bad idea that's time has come.” When a French student berated America for war crimes in World War II, Rumsfeld inquired, “Do you speak German?” When the young man replied, “No,” Rumsfeld retorted, “You're welcome.”

I do believe that it was his effectiveness that drew the ire of the left. They never really knew Rumsfeld. They only knew they hated him. It became a soul-shattering hatred that knew no bounds of honesty and decency.

That hatred was in full view on MSNBC's “Rachel Maddow Show.” We first must understand that Maddow is among the most vicious and dishonest left-wing propagandists on television. Her talent is to create and broadcast the most mendacious narratives imaginable to sell her radical theology.

Maddow opened her show with a bizarre interpretation of Don Rumsfeld having purchased the Covey House where fellow Republican patriot Frederick Douglass was tortured in his slave days—intimating Rumsfeld was defiling the Douglass memory. The house was never the Rumsfeld's residence but was purchased to preserve it as an important part of both Douglass' and America's history.

If condescending smugness and arrogance converted into dollars, Maddow would be among the wealthiest people in America. And with a net worth of \$30 million, her corrupt commentaries are getting her there.

As bad as Maddow is on a regular basis, her program following the death of Don Rumsfeld was a new low in decency and honesty. Maddow used most of her hour to trash Rumsfeld as evil incarnate. She interviewed Ron



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Suskind—who wrote three books critical of Rumsfeld—to pile on.

It was without doubt the most one-sided, dishonest and vicious obituaries I have ever encountered. Maddow could not have been more hateful if she was reporting on the life of Adolph Hitler. But Rumsfeld was far from the malignant and maniacal character described by Maddow.

What made the entire show even more repulsive was the fact that it was obviously a pre-planned hit job.

The array of out-of-context video clips and quotes—including the 18-minute segment on the Covey House—suggested there was an extensively pre-planned research effort to smear Rumsfeld when he died—which was anticipated for months.

Maddow's mission was not to reflect on Rumsfeld's life, but rather to assassinate his character posthumously. Why? Solely because he was not of her political ilk. In the world of the left, anything which does not comport with their narratives must not be allowed to survive—including a good man's reputation.

Don Rumsfeld spent a lifetime in service to his country. He was a patriot when patriotism became unfashionable. He was a wonderful human being.

If there is a heaven, I feel sure Don is there today. And he has NO chance of ever running into Maddow any time in the future.

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So, there 'tis...

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School Choice Is the Antidote to Racist Indoctrination

By George Blumel

About 20 years ago I attended a debate between former Republican House Majority Leader Dick Armey and the president of the National Education Union (NEA). After some time arguing about education and political influence of the union, Speaker Armey paused and asked the union president why he never mentions the students. The union leader's response was, essentially, "when the students pay dues, we'll represent them." That's when I first realized that the union was not about educating our children in the traditional sense.

Last month at their annual meeting the NEA voted to push "Critical Race Theory" into K-12 schools throughout the country. The *NEA Representative Assembly passed Resolutions requiring action "Supporting and leading campaigns that result in increasing the implementation of Critical Race Theory curriculum in pre- K-12 and higher education."*

The NEA positions below are edited for space reasons, but here are the main tenets. You can look up the full statement here.

"A. Share and publicize, critical race theory (CRT)—have a team of staffers and fight back against anti-CRT rhetoric.

"B. Provide an in-depth study that critiques white supremacy, anti-Blackness, anti-Indigeneity, racism, patriarchy, cisheteropatriarchy (*can you believe that?*), capitalism, ableism, anthropocentrism, and other forms of oppression at the intersections of our society, and that we oppose attempts to ban critical race theory and/or *The 1619 Project*.

"C. Support for the accurate and honest teaching of truthful and age-appropriate accountings of unpleasant aspects of American history, such as slavery, and the oppression and discrimination of Indigenous, Black, Brown, and other peoples of color, as well as the continued impact this history has on current society including critical race theory.

"D. Join with Black Lives Matter at School and the Zinn Education Project to call for a rally this year on George Floyd's birthday as a national day of action to teach lessons about structural racism and oppression."

What does that tell you about the problem of government school education when a politicized union can dictate such anti-American indoctrination? Parents are becoming aware and the NEA is resisting them. At its July 1 Annual Meeting the NEA voted to "investigate organizations that oppose Critical Race Theory."

Their website offers the rationale for the action, saying, "The attacks on anti-racist teachers are increasing, coordinated by well-funded organizations such as the Heritage Foundation. We need to be better prepared to respond to these attacks so that our members can continue this important work."

The battle over Critical Race Theory being taught in schools is raging. Parents are protesting at school board

meetings while some states have moved to ban its inclusion in curriculums altogether. The good news is that governors like Ron DeSantis, parents and conservative organizations like Heritage are getting the word out and acting. Gov. DeSantis says the Florida initiative to expand civics education in schools will "expressly exclude unsanctioned narratives like critical race theory. Teaching kids to hate their country and to hate each other is not worth one red cent of taxpayer money."



But will the NEA and their allies desist? Not likely, when they have the force of FedGov, the Democrat Party, the bulk of the media, and several leftist billionaires backing them up.

Starting with Gov. Jeb Bush, Florida has resisted the failing government schools by offering voucher programs, and now Gov. DeSantis is taking vouchers to the next step. In May he signed a law resulting in an extensive expansion of the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program.

Republican-led state legislatures MUST demand vouchers and other forms of school choice. We MUST disentangle the federal government from education. The Department of Education is not an enumerated power authorized by the Constitution and is forbidden by the Tenth Amendment. The Department of Education was Jimmy Carter's fulfillment of a 1976 presidential campaign promise to garner support of the country's largest union.

Hence, the voucher issue is no longer about introducing competition as an incentive for learning improvement. Now it's an absolute necessity to prevent harmful racist brainwashing of the nation's children.

Remember this quote from Vladimir Lenin: "Give me four years to teach the children and the seed I have sown will never be uprooted."

What is the seed? Christopher F. Rufo explained it clearly in an excellent lecture at Hillsdale College in March. *Read it here.*

Marxism was sold on the theory of class conflict. Socialist governments in the Soviet Union, China, Cambodia, Cuba, and elsewhere killed nearly 100 million of their own people.

The radical Left has proved resilient, which is where Critical Race Theory comes in. Instead of societal class divisions they now play the race card. And it is working on Americans who don't know their history largely because it is no longer taught in government schools.

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Let's Be Truthful, America

By CS Bennett

Colombia, South America, in the '70s and '80s, was under the control of tyrannical drug cartels, led by criminal enterprises like the Medellin Drug Cartel and the Cali Drug Cartel, with leaders by the names of Pablo Escobar, Carlos Lehder, Rodriguez Gacha, and the Ochoa brothers (Jorge, Juan, and Fabio). Altogether, they were ruthless and extremely violent men. Their influence and intimidation spread worldwide, but in Colombia, theirs was a reign of terror. Members of the media, military, courts, and politicians lived in fear of them. Those who stood up to the cartels were either threatened, tortured or assassinated. Brutal was not enough of a term to describe them. Laws never impacted them because they did not follow, or fear, the law. As a result, Colombia became a nation under siege, many of its people gripped with fear and uncertainty. Justice, and law and order, was no longer a part of their vernacular. Faith in their government institutions, and leaders, was nonexistent. The cartels, having their way for so long, felt invincible and beyond the reach of justice.

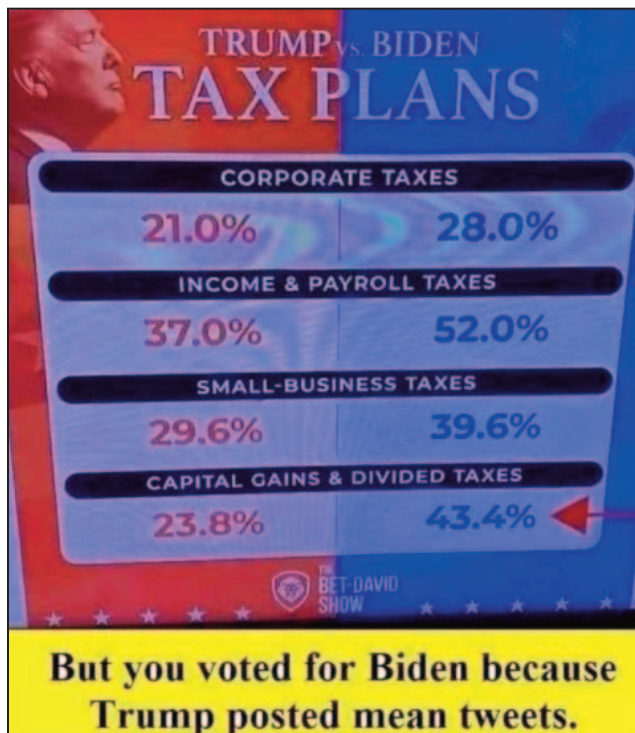
In the United States, it is becoming apparent to more people that we are under the control of the Washington, DC, political cabal. They, too, feel they have nothing to lose, or fear, for they are above the law and unlikely to face American Justice. As a result, they have gone about destroying this republic with hopes of rebuilding it in the socialist image of what they believe best suits their needs. Their foot soldiers are ANITFA and Black Lives Matter, both a blend of an organization they once called Occupy Wall Street. My point is this, we must fight back or it is over for us as a republic.



Our liberties and freedoms will be completely stripped from us. And our children, and our children's, future will be nothing like what we ourselves experienced as children.

In Colombia, leaders of the drug cartels have paid a high price. Most are dead, while others rot away in prisons here in the United States. Our cabal members rarely go to prison, and most never see the inside of a courtroom. This makes them even more emboldened, and more dangerous. We have to ask ourselves, are we any better off than the Banana Republics in our southern hemisphere? Ponder that thought over a hot cup of Don Pablo or Juan Valdez rich Arabic coffee. . . .

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Happy CCXLV Birthday America!

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

On July 4th, 2021 our nation reached its two hundred and forty-fifth birthday. (Actually, this birthday was reached on July 2nd, 2021.) This discrepancy is a result of our Founding Fathers' signing our **Declaration of Independence** on July 2nd, 1776, but not making the document available to the public until July 4th, 1776. This birthday is undoubtedly the most memorable and honorable in human history. It made clear for the first time a proclamation which introduced individual freedom to a brand new nation. From this point on, individuals (specifically the population of the newly formed country—**The United States of America** were free to enjoy the blessings of equality.)

Prior to the issuance of the **Declaration of Independence**, all nations in the world were ruled under some form of totalitarianism. There were kings, queens, dictators, or some form thereof. Power also was always held over the populations from above. The general public was, in essence, told what to do, when to do it, why it should be done, and how to do it under penalty of punishment should the instructions not be observed. Our new **Declaration** moved the ruling authority from top down to bottom up. It was henceforth to be the general public which made and enforced rules. After all these years that principle has not changed. The guiding principles of our new structure under the **Declaration of Independence** permanently became one of "bottom to top."

It was the people who were to elect their officials, make their laws and establish their offices. Punishment was to be equal for all regardless of office holder or status. This concept, as I noted, was to be enforced upon all, without regard to positions of power or finances. The concept was that all citizens were to have equal opportunities in the structure and functioning of our national government. Limitations were put on all functionaries regardless of position held.

This concept that "all men are created equal" had been but a dream to all past civilizations. It had now become a reality. No form of government anywhere in the world has been able to compete nor does it today compete with the brilliance and pride put forth by the **Declaration**. No gov-



ernments in history have ever attained the standards of compassion for humanity. It was our Founding Fathers originally who declared the tradition with music, cheering, and fireworks, for the fourth day of July in each and every year into the future.

Look at what goodness, honor, and pride our **Declaration of Independence** has brought to our nation. And simultaneously helped so many other countries to bring some of the same to theirs. We look forward to continuing this tradition endlessly into the future. We hope to be blessed continuously throughout the future. With the benefits brought forth by our Founding Fathers and our **Declaration of Independence!**

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So Far, Biden Administration Is TRASH

By Gene Robinson

Joe Biden spent nearly 50 years in Congress waiting for his chance to become the President of the United States, but I have to say that “the wait” has not been kind to the man. When I was a little boy, every so often I would hear my mother calling for me, but I knew ahead of time what she wanted, as it was time for me to go through each room of our house to Throw Out the Trash. After nearly three months of the Biden presidency . . . **it’s time to throw out the trash!**

Some may read this, and feel that I am being too harsh on Joe, since he has only been in office for such a short period of time. However, on most new jobs in this country when a person begins, they are usually given a 90-day probationary period, and since Biden waited almost 50 years to begin his new job, with all the experience that he has accrued . . . **90 days should be more than enough time to show the American people whether or not he is up to the job.**

So, to be fair to the man, let’s take a look some important parts of his record to date:

1) **On illegal immigration**, something Donald Trump, the previous resident of the White House, made a priority, especially on our Southern Border, Joe Biden has been “even worse than horrible,” if that is possible. Illegal border crossings from Mexico are up so far by current accounts, over 100,000 in the last two months alone, many of them being unaccompanied children. Adults have been caught on camera lowering youths over the Border Wall and dropping them into the U.S., some so young that they are not able to walk very far before Border Patrol agents collect them. Those adults drop the children over the Wall, then scurry back into Mexico. Some older illegals that have been detained at the border by agents, have been found to have extensive criminal records, so they are coming here hoping for a fresh start to their Criminal Ways, to prey on innocent American citizens.

Photos taken show border holding cells are so overcrowded that people of all ages, are practically layered on top of each other, and there have been reports of physical attacks, rapes, and no telling what else. Then, within the past two days, the person whom Joe Biden appointed to head immigration policy issues on the Southern Border . . . abruptly resigned. In addition, Biden is scrambling to find space for all the detained illegals, and wants to send many of them to states within the country, something many governors are saying NO to. The Governor of Iowa, after hearing that Biden wanted to send some immigrants to that mid-western state said, “We don’t have the facilities, or the resources, to handle anything like that. That’s Biden’s problem!” And, why is there such a mess at our Southern Border? Because, one of the first things that the new President did on his very first day in office was . . . **to stop construction of the border wall that the Trump administration had erected. Great move, Joe!**

On top of all that, the person we were told would be in charge of immigration at the border for the administration,

Vice President Kamala Harris, or the person who gave Harris that role, the President himself . . . **neither has even been to the border one time in three months, to see the situation first hand, in order to serve and protect American citizens. Time to throw out the trash!**

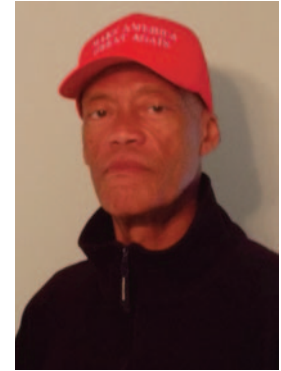
2) **On gun control**, Joe Biden has sent proposed legislation to Congress to begin measures that would Take Weapons Away from American citizens who currently have legal firearms to protect their families and property, as guaranteed by the Second Amendment of the Constitution. To get an idea of how people feel about Biden’s proposed measures, I have begun recently to make it a point to engage, then listen to, individuals in conversation, and to listen to groups of people in different circles, react with a great deal of “worry” when the issue of Gun Control is brought up. With both those individuals and those groups, to end the conversation, I always ask one question: “If you are so afraid that Biden will come after your guns, leaving you without protection, will you let your guns be taken?” **The answer is always, from Republicans and Democrats alike, a resounding no! So, on the issue of gun control, Joe, if you keep it up you may just start another gunfight at the OK Corral. Time to throw out the trash!**

3) **On other very pressing issues**, Biden has established a Commission to look at a possible restructuring of the Supreme Court, to try and pack one of our most stable and honored institutions. He has stood idly by, and let North Korea detonate a nuclear missile with added threats, and he has said nothing about China currently preparing through their troop movements, to invade a free Taiwan. I take that back; in an honest and lucid moment, Joe Biden said about China, the nation that wants to control the world as the pre-eminent power, “China’s not our enemy, they are our friend.” **It’s time to throw out the Biden trash!**

So, in all the states where this message may be read, as Republicans, we need to do whatever we must . . . **to take back the House of Representatives in 2022 and to take back the White House in 2024, making Joe Biden a one-term “illegally selected by fraud” president. It is time to do what my late mother gave me as a regular chore growing up . . . It is time to throw out the trash . . . and good riddance!!**

God Bless.

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A Modern Cult

By Stephen Weiland

What is a Cult? You can find many accepted definitions:

“A cult is a group of people who have a religion or a set of beliefs. In modern times the term ‘cult’ usually does not mean a mainstream religion, but a group set up ‘in opposition to a center of established authority.’ New Age religions were often called cults because they were thought to be deviant social movements.”

“The word cult originally meant a system of ritual practices. It was first used in the early 17th century to mean homage paid to a divinity. It came from an ancient Latin word *cultus* meaning ‘worship.’”

“A system of religious veneration and devotion directed toward a particular figure or object.”

“A relatively small group of people having religious beliefs or practices regarded by others as strange or sinister.”

Going back in time the idea of a “Cult” was always associated with a religion—either an established religion or the cult leader’s notion of a religion. But now the definition of a cult has broadened to include any group that adheres to a particular idea, not necessarily religious, and that meets most of the following broad criteria.

- Claiming unquestioned knowledge of the ultimate truth
- Opposing critical thinking
- Relying on social and emotional appeals
- Appealing to people with low self-esteem, fears, and a feeling of victimization
- Isolating members and penalizing them for leaving or having opposing views
- Emphasizing special doctrines outside the established norms
- Seeking inappropriate loyalty to their leaders
- Dishonoring the family unit
- Crossing established moral boundaries to achieve their objectives
- Abandoning any moral strictures imposed by religion

We have many examples of cults both large and small. The Spanish Inquisition and the Salem Witch Trials are classic examples of cults that seized upon fears, emotional appeals, and used means outside of established moral strictures to achieve their ends. Objectors many times suffered the same fate as the objects of the cult’s persecutions. In the modern day we have witnessed many smaller cults led by Jim Jones, David Koresh, Bhagwam Shree Rajneesh, Marshall Applewhite, Shoko Asahara, Joseph DiMarco and Charles Manson. All these cult leaders preyed upon people with low self-esteem, demanded strict obedience, and led their followers to murder and mass suicide. They clearly operated outside the boundaries imposed by accepted norms.

Now let’s turn to the current times. Let’s look at a variegated group of identities that have coalesced into a much

larger group that has characteristics remarkably similar to a cult. The constituent groups fall into a category described as “Identity Politics” and their common thread is referred to as “Intersectionality.” “Identity Politics” is a new phrase surfacing in the last 10 years. It describes a political approach that narrowly and separately appeals to a variety of individual identities such as race, gender, status, wealth, ideology, secularist, open borders—or any group that can be identified as having major differences with other groups or the established normal. The supposed political advantage of identity politics is that you can structure your appeal and advantages to a narrow group by telling them what they want to hear in disregard of all those other groups—whites vs. blacks, men vs. women, poor vs. rich, powerful vs. weak, religious vs. secular, liberal vs. conservative. The fatal flaw in identity politics is that in any large and variegated group of “identities,” no one group can gain the proposed advantage in free elections. Your “identity” prerogatives many times run up against all those other identities. The electoral middle ground with no “identity” winners is the proper and net result of a large and free voting society.

The common thread among all the identity groups has a name—“Intersectionality.” There is no joined conspiracy promoting “Intersectionality.” Rather it is a common attribute of the individual efforts to promote the goals of the particular identity group. All identity groups argue for the elimination or replacement of the establishment impediments to their goals. Examples are: legislation to eliminate the “financial equity gap,” reparations to the descendants of slaves, open borders vs. border control, the establishment of “Hate crimes” to prosecute anyone who violates established PC norms, legislation to provide “Free” benefits (health care, college tuition, living wage) to all, the legislation to allow abortion up to the minute of birth and beyond. All these efforts argue for the elimination, or destruction if you will, of the time-honored establishment prohibitions of these efforts. The identity politics people, in an “intersectionality” concert, argue for the tear down of the established order which has served us exceedingly well for the past 250 years and its replacement with their own particular ends.

The coalition of these various identity groups is the Far Left of the Democrat Party (Dems). It has gained significant purchase in the Progressive wing of the Dems. It has pushed the reasonable goals of the Dem Liberals into the



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background and argues for a complete makeover of the U.S. government and a retraining of our participatory electorate. Its leaders and major voices are Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, Al Sharpton, John Kerry, impeachment proponents, a vast array of former Obama people, and even our newly elected leader Joe Biden. What must be termed the “useful idiots” of the mainstream media and entertainment have jumped on board. This vast collection of virtue signaling, ideological social and equity warriors has become a cult.

Why do I say this? Because so many characteristics of a cult are displayed by their actions.

Claiming unquestioned knowledge of the ultimate truth

They claim to be the infallible arbiters of truth. Opposing ideas are not tolerated and are dismissed out of hand with no discussion.

Opposing critical thinking

Critical thinking involving an historic and logical approach to the dictates of their positions is not tolerated. It is dismissed as irrelevant.

Relying on social and emotional appeals

The appeal of their positions is based primarily on claims of “social justice” and emotions. Fairness, virtue, racism, white guilt and other emotional appeals are presented as the virtuous motive for solving societal problems.

Appealing to people with low self-esteem, fears, and a feeling of victimization

As with most appeals to people who don't assume blame for their unsavory positions in life, “society” is to blame. These many times truly disadvantaged people blame society for their suppression. They are victims. They have low self-esteem and fear that the existing norm is structured against them.

Isolating members and penalizing them for leaving or having opposing views

Any member who questions the sacrosanct beliefs of the cult is punished, cancelled, and excommunicated as an apostate. Consider any black man or woman who questions BLM, Antifa, reparations, systemic racism, or police brutality. This person is by definition an Uncle Tom.

Emphasizing special doctrines outside the established norms

Members promote doctrines such as Supreme Court packing, DC and Puerto Rico as states, elimination of the

Electoral College, open borders, abortion up to nine months and beyond, elimination of the 2nd Amendment, suppression or elimination of speech and opinions that challenge their positions. All of these positions and more violate the established norms over the past 300 years that have contributed to the vitality and preeminence of this country.

Seeking inappropriate loyalty to their leaders

As mentioned above, those who question the validity of the doctrines are cancelled and assigned to the outer ring of Dante's hell.

Dishonoring the family unit

The members in an enlightenment moment and a newly discovered truth have determined that the nuclear family—man/woman/children is no longer the backbone of any functional society.

Crossing established moral boundaries to achieve their objectives

This country was established, formed and based on Christian Judaic moral principles. Our basic principles of right/wrong, morality and ethics spring from a wealth of wisdom and experience starting with ancient Athens and then modified and perfected by the Bible, the Romans, the Middle Ages, the English and our Declaration, our Constitution and Amendments. This historic progression created the greatest experiment in societal living in history. This new cult of essentially ignorant Sophomores declares that “We know better. We will establish an earthly Utopia.” Good luck.

Abandoning any moral strictures imposed by religion.

The cult members appear to be secularists. As such they pay no attention to the dictates, restrictions and appeals to love and compassion suggested by religions throughout history.

Should you join this cult? Perhaps not. You could wind up in a Venezuelan Socialist Paradise or dead and unfulfilled in some South American country at the urging of a cult leader such as Jim Jones.

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Reminder: Dumb-as-Dirt NYS Dems Still Out for Trump's Blood

By Alan Bergstein

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Nearly four months after President Trump vacated the White House to become a private citizen, the carriers of the Trump Derangement Syndrome are still licking at his heels to incriminate and put him behind bars. And they are doggedly persistent in their pursuit of the man, to destroy him, his family and his associates. That's what they do in a Cuba, Venezuela or some other third world dictatorship . . . not in a democracy like ours. But that may be a sign we're heading in that direction.

Letitia James, a five-star, dumb as dirt, Black Lives Matter supporter, who also doubles as New York State's Attorney General, its top law enforcement officer, is the leader of the wolf pack seeking to take down Trump. This bumbling Democrat-composed, blood thirsty group continues the search and destroy mission where others before them have come up empty handed but not embarrassed at the futility of their missions. For over three shameful years Trump had been investigated by Progressives for being a traitor to this country, for being an out and out spy for Putin . . . an enemy to this country. That fizzled out without any fanfare from the Pisa Tower-like slanted media who continue to water and fertilize these fruitless claims. We now find ourselves painfully watching as the well-paid New Yorkers—Manhattan D.A. Vance and the state's Letitia James—combine forces, wasting taxpayer monies on this fresh reconnaissance mission against DJT. It will end also up in the trashcan.

To this date, the charges brought are mainly routine IRS type tax violations that center around employee compensation. Allen Weisselberg, the Trump company's chief financial officer, was seen on TV screens being led away to jail in handcuffs. Not for murder, rioting, looting or arson. He's being charged with simply handing out perks to

employees in place of taxable income. The charges claim that executives took perks like car leases and city apartments without the recipients paying taxes. Shocking! Who ever heard of major crimes such as these? Seriously, is there not a major company, or even a street hot-dog vendor who does not use this form of payment to its employees? Paid for vacations, company cars, theater tickets, lunches, wedding gifts to loyal workers are American as they come. But not when it involves a major Republican who is considered "dangerous" to the overthrow of our nation by a team of in power-drunk revolutionaries. The Clinton Foundation gets off scot-free, without one charge of corruption leveled against it by even Republicans. Wonder why?

Of course, James and the soon-to-retire Vance are trying to pressure Weisselberg to inform on his boss, Trump. They're squeezing him. Trump has accused the prosecutors, all Democrats, of being politically motivated. He recently referred to the case as a "political Witch hunt by the Radical Left Democrats." An attorney for the Trump Organization called the case unprecedented. "In our view, this case was brought because the companies' name is Trump." We agree. And with the overt, criminal crime rate in NYC growing exponentially: shootings up 75% and Asians and Jews being attacked in the streets relentlessly by blacks, it's incumbent on our top law enforcement leaders to concentrate on reducing the billowing incidents of crime and locking up career criminals, no matter what color, rather than letting them out of jail free. Instead, they mask themselves as local IRS agents to hunt down political opponents who are dangerous only to their own Progressive plans for government takeover. We have to stop cold, this country's headlong dive to join the list of third world lands who are run by political despots. The clock is ticking. . . .



Ben Franklin left \$2,000 to the cities of Boston and Philadelphia in his will to help young tradesmen, but they could not draw the balance for 200 years. In 1990, it was worth \$6.5 million. The money has been used to fund scholarships, women's health, and help firefighters and disabled children.

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Who Are the Real Racists?

*Conservative Commentary by Chuck Lehmann
July 7, 2021*

Whenever a negative happening occurs where race is involved, the Democrats immediately trot out the canard that it is the policies of the “evil” Republicans (Conservatives) that was the cause of that unfortunate event concerning race. So is what the Democrats (Liberals or Progressives) say based on fact, or are they trying to cover up their own sad history of racism?

Some people have labeled the Democrats the “4 S Party,” which stands for SLAVERY, SECESSION, SEGREGATION, and SOCIALISM. How have they been able to “hoodwink” a sizable portion of the electorate (mainly minorities) that they are the ones who champion the minorities in this country when real facts disprove that claim? It was the Democrat Party who championed slavery before the Civil War. It was the Democrat Party who voted to secede from the Union. It was the Democrat Party who promoted segregation that lasted until the middle of the 1960’s. And, it was the Democrat Party who have championed the economic theory of socialism, up until this present day.

If it wasn’t for the Republican Party, the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution wouldn’t have been passed after the Civil War. If it wasn’t for the Republicans, *Brown vs. Board of Education* wouldn’t have come about making separate but equal schools illegal. The Democrats were the ones who stood in the doorways preventing access to black students. And, the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act of 1964 and 1965 were passed mainly by the efforts of the Republicans whose members voted (80%) to pass these laws. Only 60% of the Democrats voted for these laws. In fact, it was the Democrats who tried to filibuster those acts in the U.S. Senate, led by the “lions” of the Democrat Party, like William Fulbright, Al Gore Sr., and Robert Byrd (a former KKK leader). You may wonder why, with that record of opposition to civil rights, most minorities still overwhelmingly vote for Democrats? It sort of boggles the rational mind. You could say that the modern day Democrats are the new “plantation owners” by making minorities dependent for their survival; wrongfully so, based on voting for Democrats to keep the “freebies” from the federal treasury coming. You could say that the minorities are voting against their own self-interest.

Today, we have the phenomenon of the radical Marxist/Socialists who are prominently ensconced in academia, journalism, and Hollywood, who use their minority views in trying to make radical changes to our society. If you listen to the radical news outlets—CNN, NPR and MSNBC, along with the left-leaning *New York Times* and *Washington Post*—it seems that no matter what is the subject matter the term “racism” is injected in the dialogue, mainly out of thin air. Those radicals, especially in our schools, have put forth the racist theory of “Critical Race Theory” into the curriculum, whereby claiming that almost all minorities cannot succeed in our society because of “white supremacy” or “white privilege.” Never do they mention all the progress that has been made over the years in leveling out the playing field for all our citizens including black, brown, yellow, white and red people. Look at all the minorities that hold public office all over our country, the CEOs of various large corporations, and the highly paid athletes and entertainment figures, and tell them that that they couldn’t succeed in our “racist” country. In addition, many of the aforementioned minorities from around the world are clamoring, both legally and illegally, to come to the United States. If our country was a “systemic racist” country, do you think they all would want to emigrate into our “racist” country?

Lt. Col. Allen West, a prominent black leader and former Congressman, said the following, trying to explain the dichotomy of the hypocrisy of the Democrat Party as they oppose “education choice” in the form of charter or voucher schools. Here’s what he said: “Once upon a time, the Democrat Party stood outside the doors of higher education institutions denying access to blacks. Today’s Democrat Party embraces policies that trap young blacks inside doors of failing public schools denying them access to better quality institutions of learning.” It seems that former President Obama was OK with sending his daughters to the prestigious private Sidwell Friends School, but he was against minority students in Washington, D.C. getting vouchers to use in better performing private and parochial schools, and, ironically, he lived in the White House (which was public housing, ouch!).

So who really are the real “racists” in our society? Could it be the sanctimonious Democrats and their flunkys in the news media? You make the call.

Chinese Spy Defects to USA with Dirt on Hunter Biden, Intel on Wuhan Bioweapons Research

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The Chinese spy who was reported earlier on Becker News to be in the hands of the Defense Intelligence Agency and kept hidden from the FBI is reportedly high-ranking Chinese counter-intelligence official Dong Jingwei.

As reported by Emerald Robinson of *Newsmax*, Jingwei is the “head of Chinese counter intel efforts in America.”

“He’s provided DIA with the contents of Hunter Biden’s laptop,” Robinson reports, adding that Jingwei confirms a “third of all Chinese students in U.S. are spies.”

According to *Spy Talk*, the following is the type of information Jingwei provided to U.S. intel:

- Early pathogenic studies of the virus we now know as SARS-CoV-2
- Models of predicted COVID-19 spread and damage to the U.S. and the world
- Financial records detailing which exact organizations and governments funded the research on SARS-CoV-2 and other biological warfare research
- Names of U.S. citizens who provide intel to China
- Names of Chinese spies working in the U.S. or attending U.S. universities
- Financial records showing U.S. businessmen and public officials who’ve received money from the Chinese government
- Details of meetings U.S. government officials had (perhaps unwittingly) with Chinese spies and members of Russia’s SVR
- How the Chinese government gained access to a CIA communications system, leading to the death of dozens of Chinese people who were working with the CIA

The Daily Beast also reported on the reported high-level Chinese spy defection.

“Chinese-language anti-communist media and Twitter are abuzz this week with rumors that a vice minister of State Security, Dong Jingwei defected in mid-February, flying from Hong Kong to the United States with his daughter, Dong Yang,” it reported.

“Dong Jingwei supposedly gave the U.S. information about the Wuhan Institute of Virology that changed the stance of the Biden administration concerning the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic.”

“Dong is, or was, a longtime official in China’s Ministry of State Security (MSS), also known as the Guoanbu,” the report added. “His publicly available background indicates that he was responsible for the Ministry’s counterintelligence efforts in China, i.e., spy-catching, since being promoted to vice minister in April 2018. If the stories are true, Dong would be the highest-level defector in the history of the People’s Republic of China.”

This follows upon reports earlier in June that FBI Director Christopher Wray was ‘blind-sided’ by information that



Hunter Biden

a “high-ranking” Chinese defector to the U.S. with knowledge of the nation’s bioweapons was obtained by the Defense Intelligence Agency and kept hidden from the agency for three months.

The major news development was reported by Adam Housley.

“Being told the increased pressure on China in recent days is due to a defector with intimate knowledge,” Housley reported. “In fact, Wray didn’t know right away because they wanted to make sure they got all they needed before telling him.”

“Also . . . U.S. intelligence believes China is trying to produce variants that suggest it came from bats to cover up that it originally came from a lab,” Housley continued. “The belief is still that it escaped accidentally, but was allowed to spread.”

The Chinese defector’s prospectively sweeping knowledge of Chinese weapons systems, including bioweapons systems, is ratcheting up pressure on security officials to determine if there was a leak at the Wuhan Institute of Virology of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which led to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Sources say the level of confidence in the defector’s information is what has led to a sudden crisis of confidence in Dr. Anthony Fauci,” Jen Van Laar noted at RedState, “adding that U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) personnel detailed to DIA have corroborated very technical details of information provided by the defector.”

The political implications of the communist Chinese weaponizing “gain of function” virus research at the Wuhan lab are sweeping in import. They would call for a Cold War-level overhaul of American intelligence agencies to counter a burgeoning threat to the nation’s security last seen in the nuclear standoff between the U.S. and the Soviet Union during the Cold War.

Monthly Quotables

“He has become an absolute rock star among center-right voters and conservative voters. All I have to do is mention his name and the rooms burst out in applause.”

—Peter Feaman, Florida National Committeeman
on Governor Ron De Santis’s growing popularity
with voters.

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“Afghan president Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah who chairs Afghanistan’s High Council for National Reconciliation and is leading government negotiations with the Taliban, will visit the White House for a meeting that the administration says is designed to “highlight the enduring partnership” between the nations. It is a fraught time for the meeting as U.S. and NATO forces are hastily withdrawing from Afghanistan after two decades of war. Mr. Biden imposed a September 11 deadline, but the withdrawal is on track to be completed much earlier despite growing signs that Afghan security forces are ill-equipped to fend off a highly motivated and emboldened Taliban army.

“Making matters much worse is that the Islamist insurgency is rebuilding its alliance with al Qaeda while capturing more territory. Under the peace deal it struck with President Trump last year, the Taliban vowed to break ties with outside terrorist groups in exchange for the U.S. military exit. But recent pentagon and United Nations reports have concluded that the relationship is alive and growing.

“Both the Trump and now Biden administrations have a terminal case of wishful thinking when it comes to Afghanistan,” said Michael Rubin, former Defense Department official and now resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, who studies Afghanistan extensively.

“For the intelligence community and the White House to ignore that the Taliban relationship with al Qaeda remains deep is to put America at risk,” he said. “The Taliban have never compromised with opponents whom they’ve considered weak. Obama, Trump and Biden have collectively turned America from pit bull to poodle on the world stage.”

“Mr. Rubin dubbed the meeting ‘The last hurrah’ for the U.S. and an Afghan government that seems dangerously close to collapse. Such a collapse would represent a foreign policy disaster for Mr. Biden, especially given the growing evidence that the Taliban appeared intent on reestablishing the repressive ‘Islamist Emirate’ regime it oversaw before a U.S. led coalition ousted it in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. An Afghanistan back in the hands of the Taliban and their al Qaeda allies

[would provide] tempting openings for . . . Russia, China, Iran and Pakistan—to shape an outcome to their benefit.”

—From an article in the Washington Times
by Ben Wolfgang

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“Well, the tree of liberty is not watered with the blood of patriots. What’s happened is that there’s never been, if you want, if you think you need to have weapons to take on the government, you need F-15s and maybe nuclear weapons.”

—President Biden’s latest news conference


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“If you think America is more racist now than ever, more sexist than before women could vote, and more homophobic, you have progressivephobia and should adjust your mask because it’s covering your eyes.”

—Bill Maher, on HBOs Bill Maher Show


MORT report.

For some quirky reason, I recently recalled
two unrelated oddities from World War:
“KILROY WAS HERE”



It is generally accepted that a shipyard worker in the United States first chalked this graphic onto the work he had just completed. Somehow, it was picked up by our men serving in every theater of World War II and as a result, was seen on military equipment, including tanks, ships, planes, vehicles and in every place imaginable, throughout the war years.

“SHORT SNORTER”



“Short Snorter” was the name given to a U.S. banknote (usually a dollar bill) that was signed by the members of a flight crew and passengers (frequently notables) who shared a flight anywhere in the world, during World War II. Many Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen collected “Short Snorters” and taped them together end to end, adding a new one any time they had the opportunity to do so. These became treasured artifacts that veterans enjoyed showing to family & friends after the War and for all the rest of their years to come.

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Hidden History

The Day Theodore Roosevelt's Speech Saved His Life

Theodore Roosevelt's opening line was hardly remarkable for a presidential campaign: "Friends, I shall ask you to be as quiet as possible." His second line, however, was a bombshell.

"I don't know whether you fully understand that I have just been shot."

The horrified audience in the Milwaukee Auditorium on October 12, 1912, gasped as the former president unbuttoned his vest to reveal his bloodstained shirt. "It takes more than that to kill a bull moose," the wounded candidate assured them. He reached into his coat pocket and pulled out a bullet-riddled, 50-page speech. Holding up his prepared remarks, which had two bullet holes blown through each page, Roosevelt continued.

"Fortunately, I had my manuscript, so you see I was going to make a long speech, and there is a bullet—there is where the bullet went through—and it probably saved me from it going into my heart. The bullet is in me now, so I cannot make a very long speech, but I will try my best."

Only two days before, the editor-in-chief of the *Outlook* characterized Roosevelt as "an electric battery of inexhaustible energy, and for the next 90 minutes the 53-year-old proved it. "I give you my word, I do not care a rap



A young Theodore Roosevelt

about being shot," he claimed. Few could doubt him. Although his voice weakened and his breath shortened, Roosevelt glared at his nervous aides whenever they begged him to stop speaking. Only with the speech completed did he agree to visit the hospital.

[When he was shot] the well-wishing crowd morphed into a bloodthirsty pack, shouting "Kill him!" According to an eyewitness, one man was "the coolest of anyone in the frenzied mob": Roosevelt who told them to "Turn him over to the police."

Fortunately, the bullet had been slowed by his dense overcoat, steel-reinforced eye-glass case, and hefty speech squeezed into his coat pocket.

The 1912 campaign had been a raucous one. The former two-term president, seeking an unprecedented third term, challenging incumbent William Howard Taft. The internecine fight was so fierce that it tore the Grand Old Party apart. Roosevelt went rogue, and ran under the banner of the Progressive Party, nicknamed the "Bull Moose Party." Even though the attempted assassination unleashed a wave of sympathy for Roosevelt, the Republican split led to an easy victory by Democrat Woodrow Wilson on election day.



The glass case Theodore Roosevelt had in his coat pocket when he was shot, showing a bullet hole.



Letters

My Lazy Glock Pistol

Today, I placed my Glock Model 21SF .45 cal. automatic pistol with laser sights on the table right next to my kitchen door. I left its clip beside it, then left it alone and went about my business.

While I was gone, the mailman delivered my mail, the next-door neighbor mowed the yard, a girl walked her dog down the street, and quite a few cars stopped at the “stop” sign near the front of my house.

After about an hour, I checked on the gun, it was sitting there right where I had left it. It had not moved itself outside. It had not killed anyone. Certainly, even with the numerous opportunities it had presented to do that. In fact, it had not even loaded itself.

Well you can imagine my surprise, with all the hype by the Democrats and their propaganda media, about how dangerous guns are and “how they kill people.” Either the media is wrong, or I’m in possession of the laziest gun in the world.

The United States is third in murders throughout the world. But if you take out just five ‘left-wing’ cities: Chicago, Detroit, Washington, DC, St. Louis, and New Orleans—the United States is fourth from the bottom, in the ENTIRE world, for murders. These five cities are controlled by Democrats. They also have the toughest gun control laws in the USA.

It would be absurd to draw any conclusions from this data, right?

Well, I’m off to check on my spoons. I hear they’re making people fat.

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Thank You, *Sun Sentinel*

I am attempting for the umpteenth time to have a letter of mine posted in the *Sun Sentinel*. So far, the only posting has been in the delete file. When are you going to be fair and balanced even by posting a letter that is critical of the policy of the *Sun Sentinel*?

Dear Editor:

I guess Governor Ron DeSantis is doing a great job just by reading what the *Sun Sentinel* is saying about him. The *Sun Sentinel* now has to have another political “punching bag,” as Donald Trump is no longer president. Not only has DeSantis’ popularity gained momentum around the country, he is considered to be an odds-on favorite to be re-elected as governor in Florida. Already, he has gotten over \$21 million in political donations. His donor network

is national in scope. So, *Sun Sentinel*, keep bashing Gov. DeSantis as it helps his political career, and, in a sense, benefits the people of Florida.

Sincerely,
Chuck Lehmann
Delray Beach

What Makes Me a Jewish Political Conservative?

This was written nearly 6 years ago and things have gotten much worse. Published in the BizPacReview, December 26, 2015—Alan

Dear Members and Friends,

I was raised by my hard-working immigrant parents in a Brooklyn, two bedroom, one bath apartment shared by five. No automobile, clothes were washed in the bathtub and the phone was located in Weinstein’s drug store down the block. My brother and I never complained, got educations and became professionals. And as many of my Jewish brethren around the country, through the years, we prospered and outgrew our traditional, lower economic surroundings and attitudes. We had homes, cars, traveled and our humble beginnings thankfully faded away.

We also matured politically, chucking our socialist upbringings out the window and taking advantage of the wonderful opportunities this great country offered us: the reason, of course, that our parents came here in the first place! So why are so many who were brought up as we were, and now, today living in prosperity, still mired in the “one bathroom” political mentality in which they were raised? Their origins of the Lower East Side and Brownsville have long since faded from their memories. Are they or their kids still operating sewing machines in the garment district? Are they earning livings driving cabs or trucks, selling door to door, packing cartons or stocking shelves as in the days of yore? No way! They have stormed into the upper middle class strata based on their drive, intelligence and fortitude. And the government had very little to do with their success.

My question then, is why are they for higher taxes, the reduction our defenses and clamoring for the redistribution of (their) income? Why are they in support of a president who castigates the system that gave them the incredible opportunity to thrive in ways that their parents could have only dreamed? What reasons do they have for supporting the denigration of individual accomplishment? Most of them, in a wink, will tell you of their kids’ financial prosperity, successes and achievements, encouraged and prodded by this free, capitalistic, competitive society. So why do

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they yearn and vote for the return to their lives of yesterday? It makes no sense to me for I refuse to even consider going back to that pathetic Brooklyn mentality even as much as I refuse to go back to my “Roosevelt” days.

However, there is hope on the horizon for the growth of political Conservatism among Jews. The younger population, more affluent than their parents at the same time in their lives, have little or no knowledge of the Depression years, of union membership or of religious discrimination. They earn big bucks, enjoy their well-earned prosperity and want to stay that way. They have no interest in giving up that for which they have worked and studied so hard, in

order to share with those who have not. Their attitude reflects the American way. And thanks to the actions of Barack Hussein Obama, Jews of all ages are moving toward the conservative political philosophy, recognizing the demonic animosity the Left has for Israel and the Democrat Party’s wooing of the hostile Muslim world. I celebrate the removal of the term, “Jewish umbilical-cord Democrat” from my lexicon in describing the growing political wisdom of modern American Jewry.

May G-d bless this nation and those who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms.

Alan Bergstein
Boca Raton

PBC RNHA meeting with Senator Rick Scott



On June 11th, the Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Florida had a meeting with Senator Rick Scott. The Senator, who is also Chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, presented his strategy for regaining our Senate majority. We also discussed Republican outreach to Hispanic communities and topics including:

- Stronger border control and immigration enforcement
- Combatting human trafficking
- Re-introducing tax incentives for pharmaceutical production in Puerto Rico
- Support for mental health issues, especially for youth

The Palm Beach County chapter of the RNHA, as well as the whole State Assembly, thank Senator Scott for his gracious service and excellent leadership!

Book Review

The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: What Everyone Needs to Know, by Dov Waxman. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019. Softcover, 265 pp. ISBN 978-0-19-062533-7.

What strikes you about the author of this book, David Waxman, Professor of Political Science, International Affairs at Northeastern University, Director of its Middle East Program and a leading expert on the region, is his obvious determination to be objective and even-handed while offering a guide to the world's most widely misunderstood and intractable dispute.

Despite numerous diplomatic efforts and many years of intermittent peace talks, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict remains stubbornly unresolved, fueling violence on an almost daily basis and intense animosity on both sides. For all these reasons and more, there is an acute need for a book that answers the questions people might have about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and helps them make sense of the issue. It also seeks to clear up popular misunderstandings and misperceptions about the conflict and its protagonists so that people can have a more accurate and factual understanding about it. The question-and-answer format of this book also enables readers to find it easily accessible. Fundamentally, the author hopes that the book will enable readers to better understand this ongoing tragedy and that greater understanding can help to finally end the conflict.

The first question Mr. Waxman answers is *Who are the Israelis?* For one thing who they are is quite different today than who they once were. They used to be mostly European immigrants; now they are mostly Israeli-born and ethnically mixed. What has not changed, however, is the fact that most Israelis are Jewish (75 percent) and maintaining this majority has always been one of Israel's central objectives. Israel's Jewish majority is politically, economically, and culturally dominant—so much so, in fact, that the term “Israeli” is basically synonymous with being Jewish in common Israeli discourse.

Next, of course, in the author's Q & A is *Who are the Palestinians?* For one thing, unlike Jewish identity, which is millennia old, Palestinian identity is comparatively new. Before the twentieth century, there was no Palestinian national identity, which is why some people continue to dispute the existence of a Palestinian nation. But according to the author, the modernity of Palestinian nationalism does not discredit it. Nationalism itself is a modern cultural and political phenomenon, dating back to the end of the eighteenth century. Before then, there were no “nations” as we identify them today. While the first stirrings of Palestinian nationalism date back to the mid-nineteenth century, toward the end of that century, they also identified an Arab identity due to the rise of Arab nationalism. Arab nationalism, historically, preceded Palestinian nationalism. The first time that a distinct Palestinian identity was articulated

was in the pages of Arabic-language newspapers published in Ottoman Palestine immediately after World War I.

Only around half of the estimated 12.5 million Palestinians in the world today live in historic Palestine—Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip. It is easy to understand popular confusion about Palestinians and Arabs and why the two are sometimes conflated. Palestinians are indeed Arabs. They speak Arabic and share a similar culture. Gradually though, Palestinian nationalism has replaced Arab nationalism in the hearts and minds of most Palestinians, especially since 1967. As a result, Palestinians today have their own national identity and their own national aspirations.

So *What are the Palestinians and Israelis fighting about?* The simplest answer is that they both lay claim to the same piece of land. Jews call this place the land Israel and Arabs call it Palestine. Palestinians believe the land is rightfully theirs because they have inhabited it for centuries and constituted a large majority of the local population until Israel's establishment in 1948. Israeli Jews, on the other hand, claim that their ancestors lived there first and once ruled parts of it until they were forcibly driven into exile, during which they longed to return to their original homeland. Hence, as far as most Israelis and Palestinians are concerned, they are fighting for their lives and for the lives of future generations. What started as a territorial conflict, therefore, in the minds of its protagonists, has borne an existential conflict—a struggle for survival.

American public opinion was deeply affected by the Holocaust and consequently the United States became more supportive of Jewish statehood in its aftermath. But in the context of the emerging Cold War with the Soviets, U.S. strategic interests shaped American foreign policy more than humanitarian concerns for Jewish survivors of the Holocaust.

As Mr. Waxman clearly demonstrates in his book, *The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* is a most complex dispute between two protagonists who lay claim to the same piece of land at the heart of a region that is vitally important to the economies and well-being of many countries, including those that make up the free world. But as unsolvable as that conflict seems to be, his unshakable determination to cast an objective spotlight on both sides' grievances makes it well worth reading for all those who seek a better understanding of what's going on there and what's at stake for not just Israelis and Palestinians, but for us here in America as well.



—Tom Mullings

Editor's Postscript

Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro, "Trump of the Tropics"

By Tom Mullings

Among foreign leaders, few if any were closer to President Donald Trump during his presidency than Brazilian politician Jair Bolsonaro, elected President of Brazil in 2018. He is referred to as "Trump of the Tropics" and like Trump, he's a deeply conservative, incorruptible, anti-establishment populist who rose to power on a tsunami of voter outrage over the far left-wing policies of his radical Socialist predecessors, chief among whom is Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, a great admirer of Venezuela's Chavez and Maduro, Cuba's Castro brothers, and all things Marxist. Unlike virtually all of his left-wing predecessors, "Bolsonaro is not for sale," opines Celma Rosa, a naturalized American citizen who was born in Amazonia and returns annually to visit family, and millions of supporters among the Brazilian people "love him for it."

Many other features of the conservative Brazilian leader's philosophy compare favorably with Trump's own ideas. He despises political correctness, is fiercely anti-globalist, and passionately pro-life, instructing Brazil's foreign ministry to ban the use of terms such as "women's reproductive rights" or "gender identity" in multilateral negotiations.

According to Sawicka Monika in an article written for the prestigious journal *America Latina*, Bolsonaro has reoriented Brazilian foreign policy "with a new understanding of the West and Brazil's western sense of belonging. A redefined self-conception, resulting in the embracement of the roles of faithful ally of the United States and defender of the faith has not failed to impact Brazil's cooperation with the challenger of the liberal world order, China." During his campaign for the presidency, Mr. Bolsonaro charged that "the Chinese are not buying in Brazil. They are buying Brazil itself," echoing the sentiments of other foreign leaders

who've complained about China's notorious predatory policies of exploitation that they advertise as "investments" for the target country's future.

This is, perhaps, the most promising foreign policy development south of our border in memory. There are no guarantees that it will prove lasting and at least some indications show that it won't, but a reversal of Brazil's long-time anti-American alignment coupled with a growing deterioration in Sino-Brazilian relations could represent a positive paradigm shift of the first order in the United States's strategic, hemispheric prospects.

Some in America might call President Jair Bolsonaro "our man" in South America, but he is no such thing. Like Donald Trump, he is a patriot who loves his country and a leader who will always regard the interests of the Brazilian people first before all other considerations. But his philosophy and instincts closely resemble those of the former President of the United States, and while he is his own man, he also richly deserves the compliment of being referred to as "Trump of the Tropics."



Tom Mullings is a decorated Army infantry combat veteran of the Vietnam War, who served as a scout dog handler with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was one of the three original incorporators of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, and is a long-time Republican Executive Committeeman from precinct 5154 in Palm Beach County.



President Jair Bolsonaro leads a massive pro-administration motorcycle parade in Brazil.



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: _____

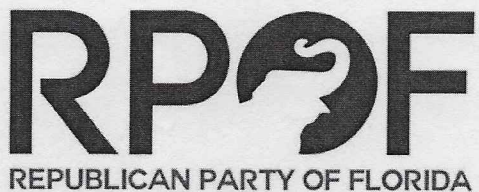
Precinct #: _____

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



Republican Party of Florida Party Loyalty Oath

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

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

- (1) The Republican Party's nominee in a partisan unitary, general, or special election that includes a Republican nominee; or
- (2) A registered Republican in a non-partisan election except that this provision does not apply to judicial races under Chapter 105, Florida Statutes.

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

Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

County/Precinct #

Date

Office: _____

(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.]*

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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: _____