



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

“The Backhoe Chronicles”

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FEBRUARY 8—An excerpt from Trump's lawyers in response to the witch-hunt starting tomorrow in the Senate. What a disgrace.

“The intellectual dishonesty and factual vacuity put forth by the House Managers in their trial memorandum only serve to further punctuate the point that this impeachment proceeding was never about seeking justice.

“Instead, this was only ever a selfish attempt by Democratic leadership in the House to prey upon the feelings of horror and confusion that fell upon all Americans across the entire political spectrum upon seeing the destruction at the Capitol on January 6 by a few hundred people.

“Instead of acting to heal the nation, or at the very least focusing on prosecuting the lawbreakers who stormed the Capitol, the Speaker of the House and her allies have tried to callously harness the chaos of the moment for their own political gain. . . .”

I predict it will be their political undoing . . . if we stay united.

Our Great Gov. DeSantis Strikes Back at Big Tech

FEBRUARY 2—Yesterday, Governor DeSantis threw his backing behind legislation that will take the fight directly to the unaccountable Democrat-aligned Silicon Valley tech giants who have abused their dominance of the industry to silence conservatives and crush dissent to one-party rule.

The Sunshine State leader continues to stand apart from other Republican governors for his willingness to defy the increasingly authoritarian left by resisting demands that he lock down his state and impose the forced mask mandates championed by Democrats including Joe Biden.

Now he is taking the fight directly to those who hate us for our freedoms in an act of defiance that could serve as an inspiration to other GOP leaders.



DeSantis condemned the Big Tech cartel oligarchs whose actions he compared to Big Brother in George Orwell's dystopian novel 1984:

“As these companies have grown and their influence has expanded, Big Tech has come to look more like Big Brother with each passing day,” he said.

“But this is 2021, not 1984, and this is real life, not George Orwell's fiction. These companies exert monopoly power over a centrally important forum in the public discourse and the access of information that Floridians rely on,” he added.

He then went on to list 7 major regulations that Florida would use to crack down on Big Tech abuses (via Breitbart News):

1. Mandatory opt-outs from big tech's content filters, a solution to tech censorship first proposed by Breitbart News in 2018.
2. A private right of action for Floridian citizens against tech companies that violate this condition.
3. Fines of \$100,000 per day levied on tech companies that suspend candidates for elected office in Florida from their platforms.
4. Daily fines for any tech company “that uses their content and user-related algorithms to suppress or prioritize the access of any content related to a political candidate or cause on the ballot.”
5. Greater transparency requirements.
6. Disclosure requirements enforced by Florida's election authorities for tech companies that favor one candidate over another.
7. Power for the Florida attorney general to bring cases against tech companies that violate these conditions under the state's Unfair and Deceptive Practices Act.

More from Governor DeSantis:

“What began as a group of upstart companies from the west coast has since transformed into an industry of monop-

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oly communications platforms that monitor, influence, and control the flow of information in our country and among our citizens, and they do this to an extent hitherto unimaginable.

“These platforms have changed from neutral platforms that provided Americans with the freedom to speak to enforcers of preferred narratives. Consequently, these platforms have played an increasingly decisive role in elections, and have negatively impacted Americans who dissent from orthodoxies favored by the Big Tech cartel.

“The core issue here is this: are consumers going to have the choice to consume the information they choose, or are oligarchs in Silicon Valley going to make those choices for us? No group of people should exercise such power, especially not tech billionaires.”

Do we have a great Governor or what?

Joe Biden—Rules for Thee But Not for Me: Hypocrisy Reigns Supreme in the Two-Faced Biden Administration

FEBRUARY 1—If the number of times he’s broken his word is any indicator, Joe Biden is already one of the most hypocritical presidents in history.

During the campaign, Biden said, “I have this strange notion, we are a democracy . . . [there are things] you can’t do by executive order unless you’re a dictator. We’re a democracy. We need consensus.”

But as it turns out, Biden likes to dictate. In his first weeks, Biden signed an unprecedented number of executive orders, MULTIPLE TIMES that of his predecessors. And by all signs he has no intention of slowing down.

Even the left-wing editorial board at the *New York Times* is saying enough is enough.

And how does Biden exercise his newfound zeal for executive power?

By destroying American jobs.

So as it turns out, Biden is a hypocrite determined not to let the first branch of American government stand in the way of his far-left agenda, and Americans are already paying the price.

Unfortunately, I fear this is only the beginning. 2022 is our only hope—massive success at the polls.

Welcome to the People’s Republic of Amerika

JANUARY 31—The CDC has issued an order requiring travelers to wear a mask on public transportation in the U.S., echoing an executive order by President Joe Biden shortly after he took office.

The CDC order takes effect Monday. It states passengers on airplanes, trains, buses, subways, ships, ferries, taxis, and ride-shares must wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth while getting on such vehicles, during the ride and while getting off.

Additionally, people must wear masks on the premises of transportation hubs such as airports, train, and subway stations, bus and ferry terminals, seaports and ports of entry.

Masks must stay on while people await, board, travel, and disembark public transportation.

Biden’s executive order issued Jan. 21 already mandated masks on certain modes of public transportation such as commercial aircraft, trains, and ferries. The president also mandated masks on federal property.

The CDC order prompts drivers, conductors, and crew members to only transport people who are wearing masks.

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Get ready Patriots, this is only the beginning.

It’s going to be a rough 4 years.

Biden’s Plea for UNITY: What a Hypocritical Joke

JANUARY 29—Biden pleads for unity, but supports the bogus unconstitutional impeachment trial in the Senate, presided over by Senator Leahy who is one of the “jurors”! What a farce the U.S. Senate has become under the leadership of the Democrats—they are judge, jury and executioner. . .

Biden pleads for unity then signs a RECORD number of Executive Orders and Actions, yet he called Trump a “dictator” for doing less!

Biden pleads for unity and then erases tens of thousands of jobs with a few stroke of his pen (Keystone Pipeline, anti-fracking).

Biden pleads for unity and then signs an Executive Order allowing U.S. taxpayer money to pay for abortions in foreign countries.

Biden pleads for unity and then signs an Executive Order to study Supreme Court “reform.”

We all know what that really is: Trump got to appoint three Supreme Court Justices, so let’s pack the Court with more justices to dilute his influence.

Biden pleads for unity and then stops construction of the Border Wall, costing 5,000 jobs and ignoring the fact that the money and construction was approved by Congress.

Biden pleads for unity and then unilaterally halts all deportations of illegal aliens. A federal judge has already issued an order stopping that.

We all know the Democrat version of “unity.”

Sit down and shut up.

All this, even though the House and Senate are evenly divided and the Presidential election was won by a few thousand votes in a few battleground states.

Dear Mr. Biden,

Don’t call for unity and then slap me in the face with your actions.

I will not sit down and shut up.

In fact, your outrageous conduct has only energized me to oppose you even more in every way that I can. Just like your Democrat Party did with Mr. Trump.

Not on my watch.

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Governor Ron DeSantis, Florida House Speaker Chris Sprowls and Senate President Wilton Simpson Highlight Proposed Legislation to Increase Technology Transparency in Florida

Tallahassee, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis was joined by legislative leaders to highlight proposed legislation that would increase technology transparency in Florida, particularly as it relates to “Big Tech” firms like Facebook/Instagram, Twitter, Apple, Amazon, and Google. The Governor was joined at today’s announcement by Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez, House Speaker Chris Sprowls, Senate President Wilton Simpson, Senator Danny Burgess and House Commerce Committee Chair Blaise Ingoglia, who has introduced a bill in the Florida House of Representatives entitled, the “Transparency in Technology Act.”

“In Florida, our message to Big Tech is loud and clear,” said Governor DeSantis. “Big Tech companies have long since abdicated the protection of consumers for the pursuit of profit and we can’t allow Floridians’ privacy, voices, or livelihoods be violated or diminished. When it comes to elections, Big Tech shouldn’t be in the business of censoring or de-platforming candidates, but rather, voters should be able to make that choice independently. Floridians should be able to choose which content to consume and which to ignore, because I want to preserve Florida’s rich, diverse public discourse and not allow corporate-owned, content managing outlets to dominate our voices. With the help of our legislative partners, we’re going to stand together and support Floridians and put a stop to Big Tech’s practice of preying on, censoring and de-platforming consumers.”

“Tech leaders in Silicon Valley should not be the gatekeepers of what information is available to Floridians,” said Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Nuñez. “Governor DeSantis and our legislative leadership are committed to holding big tech accountable for their arbitrary censorship policies.”

“A fundamental understanding of what it means to be an American is that we have equal access to the town square—a place where we can share our thoughts, our ideas and our beliefs with fellow citizens,” said House Speaker Chris Sprowls. “The use of mystery algorithms, shadow banning and other deceptive techniques distort the public square like a fun-house mirror, exaggerating our fears and feeding our rage. If democracy is going to survive, we must stand up to these technological oligarchs and demand transparency.”

“Big Tech has a duty to allow different views on their public platforms. No one should be excluded, but let’s be clear, they are targeting conservatives and engaging in political censorship,” said Senate President Wilton Simpson. “While Congress has the full power to make changes to the terrible policy that allows big tech to discriminate, we will do everything in our power to stop the abuses and allow Floridians the right to express their views. Thank you, Governor DeSantis and Speaker Sprowls, for your leadership on this issue.”

“Big Tech should not be allowed to discriminate based on content and ban individuals just because they do not agree with their viewpoint,” said Senator Danny Burgess. “Regardless of a person’s background, political history, religion, race, gender, or any other identifying measure, Twitter and Facebook and others cannot be the sole judge, jury, and executioner of American’s First Amendment rights. For better or for worse, this is the new town square and social media has become a major part of our everyday life and society. The unilateral actions we have seen in recent weeks set a terrifying precedent that must be addressed appropriately. We hear from constituents every day who cannot fathom that this type of blatant political censorship is happening in our country. We are going to do everything we can at the state level to address this issue.”

“Big Tech has a death grip on public discourse, and the Florida House is calling for transparency and accountability once and for all,” said Commerce Committee Chair Blaise Ingoglia. “Whatever we see and what we engage with on social media is whatever the Big Tech giant deems we should be fed. Our proposal will give users the power to understand how they are being manipulated.”

Floridians have a right to know how these companies shape what they see and control what they say. The proposed legislation announced today would aim to require big tech firms to do the following:

- Publish standards used to ban posts, de-platform and shadow ban users.
- Provide equal access for established news organizations and qualified political candidates to reach users free from manipulation by algorithms.
- Stop arbitrarily censoring and/or de-platforming users.
- Give users the power to opt out of algorithms.
- Stop frequent changes to terms of use, clearly communicate and obtain prior consent to changes.



Opinion: After Violence at the Capitol, Congress Must Ensure Election Integrity

Senator Rick Scott (R-Florida)

After the despicable acts of violence in our Capitol building, it is hard to imagine a worse moment to undermine hopes for political stability in our nation. Democrats, big tech and the media are doing exactly that, however, despite president-elect Biden's call for unity. They are tarring the 74 million Americans who cast votes for Donald Trump as insurrectionists and silencing legitimate dissent. They are also pretending that Republicans who want to repair our broken election system incited the unforgivable violence in the people's house on January 6th.

Unlike Democrats who justified the violence and rioting this summer by explaining that "a riot is the voice of the unheard," Republicans in Washington and around the country expressed near-universal condemnation of the violence and mayhem at Capitol Hill—and they did so without hesitation. Several rioters and a police officer were killed. Dozens of law enforcement officers were beaten and injured. The lives of Democratic and Republican elected leaders were threatened. The shining symbol of American unity, the Capitol building where both parties come together to govern, was desecrated. It was a sad day for all Americans, not just those of us who work there.

Yet Democrats have decided to salt the ground on which they pledge to grow political stability. Though we should respect their resolve to prevent political violence, they are not stopping with that goal.

Big tech, the news media and the Democrat Party have come together to de-platform not just violent voices, but 10 million Parler users. They've kicked Republicans who called for stability out of the tech-monopolized public square, while providing a platform for Iran's Ayatollah to spew anti-Semitism and hate. They've proposed adding two Republican U.S. senators to the no-fly list, as if they were terrorists. They are campaigning to get peaceful Americans who disagree with them fired. They propose to impeach the departing president—not to remove him from office, since he is already leaving, but to keep him around and in the news. They want America to stay divided. After all, Biden's campaign was about Donald Trump, not the Democrats' own agenda. They are even mobilizing corporate America to withdraw its support of Republicans who are working to stop socialism and ensure that our broken election process regains respect.

Partially due to the Covid-19 pandemic, much of our country rushed without preparation to universal mail-in voting last year. In the process, we blew away some long-standing laws, procedures and constitutional requirements that guarantee fair elections. The thrown-together process in

Pennsylvania, for example, may have violated the state constitution. Since the 19th century, that constitution has required all votes to be cast in person, with narrowly defined exceptions. Nevertheless, for 2020, the Pennsylvania legislature voted to allow no-excuse mail-in ballots.

That same state extended election day voting deadlines, creating a two-tiered voting system where some citizens had opportunities to vote not enjoyed by others. The Democratic state auditor general concluded he was unable to confidently ensure that the system used to determine who could vote was secure. Democrats seem to have forgotten that the U.S. Supreme Court also said there was a "strong likelihood" that Pennsylvania's actions violated the Constitution of the United States.

In elections past, when Democrats have objected to the presidential electoral process, they've been lauded as heroes safeguarding the right to vote, not insurrectionists subverting it. My vote objecting to Pennsylvania's process wasn't about the 2020 election. It would not have changed the outcome. My vote was about elections to come, in 2022, 2024 and beyond, and seeing that they are conducted fairly. We have to repair the mess at the polls in 2020 if we are to restore Americans' trust in our elections process. How can either the House or Senate fix our electoral problems unless we are willing to examine them?

That is why I introduced an important piece of legislation last September, the VOTER Act, which would address systemic problems in voting systems across the country and rebuild trust in our electoral process. Over the last few months, I've made some changes to the bill and will be re-filing it shortly. The VOTER Act mandates Voter ID in every state, institutes measures to ensure timely results, including allowing every state to begin processing absentee ballots before Election Day, and creates uniform national standards for voting by mail.

De-platforming Republicans, censoring dissent, intimidating GOP supporters and promoting the myth that Republicans supported the violence in the Capitol is corrosive and dishonest. Suppressing speech is fundamentally un-American. It undermines the institutions we need at this critical moment to lend stability to the Republican Party and our country. When the party that controls both the legislative and executive branches abuses its power, it is more than a destabilizing influence on our political system. It is authoritarianism masquerading as the force that will keep America safe.

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Supply Meets Demand

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It must be great to be a politician. You pass laws. You institute policy. And then you watch as the real world either shows how smart you are or you figure out who to blame. And that brings me to the issue *du jour*, the COVID-19 vaccine. First the good news: The creation of a group of successful vaccines less than one year since the Corona virus attacked the world is an institutional miracle. It's a governmental partnership with the private sector that is America at its best. Kudos to all who participated. Now the bad news: The miracle of the vaccine hit a bureaucratic wall in the distribution phase. Indeed, it is quite possible that the development of the vaccine will take less time than its distribution here in the United States. What happened? I'm glad you asked. Actually, I'm really glad the *Palm Beach Post* asked me (and a group of "power players" that exact question. Here is what I wrote (and they printed): "There is a fundamental flaw in the vaccine distribution program at all levels—Federal, State, County and local. That is, there is a huge mismatch between the available vaccines and the eligible recipients. In other words, the 65+ crowd has overwhelmed the system. Now we all find ourselves chasing our tails. The simple and obvious solution is to make the major eligible group 80+. Voila! No lines. No driving and waiting for hours. And, as a bonus, FEWER DEATHS, as the most vulnerable are the first served. Over time the 80+ number becomes 75+, etc. No panic. No imbalances. Fewer deaths. It's not rocket science. It's Economics 101—SUPPLY and DEMAND."

And, yes, it's bipartisan shortcoming. The Trump CDC and its 65 and over recommendation has been replaced by the Biden CDC and its 65 and over recommendation. Next week my wife and I will get our second Pfizer shot. I dread it. No, the shot isn't painful. But the hour drive each way and the multi-hour wait in line is. And the beat goes on.

You might say that identifying supply/demand imbalances is easy when you're in the middle of them. But how about identifying those imbalances before they get here? That has real value. And that brings me to my favorite future subject: Bidenomics. Some on the right call it America Last. Let's examine some of the Bidenomics proposed policies designed to "Build Back Better." The first and most dramatic has to do with expanding the labor force. The Biden administration has proposed to legalize the total illegal population of the United States. The number is anywhere from ten to twenty million. Of course, that includes the too young and the too old. Let's assume that leaves six to ten million new legal workers who can come "out of the shadows" and get protection from all of our labor laws. That includes hours, Social Security, unemployment insurance and, most importantly, minimum wages. At the same time Bidenomics

calls for the eight-year doubling of the minimum wage. And, on top of that, the globalists who author Bidenomics have called for the overrunning of our Southern border by asylum seekers. They would be mostly Latin refugees in literally unlimited numbers. But that's not all. The cherry on the top of this massive expansion of our workforce is the reset of B-1 visas. These tech-oriented visas are currently capped by country as a means to allow American college graduates to have first crack at the best, and highest paying, jobs. *No mas*. Bidenomics is about removing the caps, removing the bar on spouses working, and reinstating the specter of Americans training foreigners to take over their (the Americans') jobs. This, of course, allows the tech companies to significantly reduce their payroll. Check out the stock market.

To summarize: Millions of illegals come out of the shadows. Millions of illegals come up from Latin America. Hundreds of thousands of foreign tech workers flood the high end of the labor market. And the minimum wage goes up. And that brings us back to Supply Meets Demand. The real wage for the lower paid workers will drop dramatically. The "new" minimum wage will apply to fewer workers than the "old" (lower) minimum wage. And the off-the-books underground economy will skyrocket. So will the stated unemployment rate for American citizens, especially minorities.

This is not me, on the right, hoping for Bidenomics to fail. This is me, an observer, saying that our powers are limited and humility is better than hubris. Chaucer wrote: "Time and tide waits for no man." Neither do the laws of Supply and Demand.



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.

So, there 'tis:
Lincoln Has Been Kidnapped Again

By Larry Horist
February 2, 2021

President Abraham Lincoln has not been at the top of the news this much since John Wilkes Booth shot our 16th President in the back of the head at the Ford’s Theater. Okay . . . maybe a bit of an exaggeration, but you must admit there has been a lot of “Lincoln” in today’s news. Contemporary politics is more than a little schizophrenic on the subject.

The headline includes “AGAIN” because Lincoln’s body was once stolen from his grave in Springfield, Illinois. He now rests under tons of concrete to prevent future bodys-natching. Today he is being kidnapped in spirit.

THERE WAS A TIME THAT LINCOLN BELONGED TO THE REPUBLICAN PARTY—LITERALLY AND HISTORICALLY.

He was America’s first Republican President. In the estimation of most historians and scholars, Lincoln is in a neck-and-neck tie with George Washington for the best of the lot. Since 1865, the most iconic events among Republicans have been those ubiquitous annual Lincoln Day Dinners. The counterpart for Democrats has been Jackson Day Dinners one of the most racist white supremacist presidents in American History. One can easily understand why Democrats may be eager to shed Jackson as their political patron saint.

THERE ARE MANY INSTANCES IN WHICH MODERN DAY DEMOCRATS ARE ATTEMPTING TO BASK IN HIS REPUTATION THROUGH SPEECHES AND EVENTS.

They are quoting Lincoln more than ever. Left-wing CNN has even put together a Lincoln television documen-

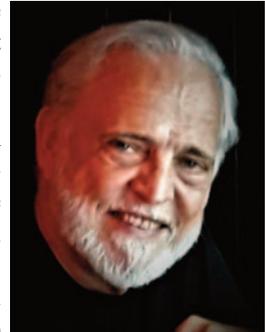
tary—virtually avoiding the unpleasant truth of Democrat Party devotion to slavery, segregation and white supremacy.

That is a common practice in news and entertainment. In documentaries and movies—like “Selma”—they rarely pin the label “Democrat” on the donkey.

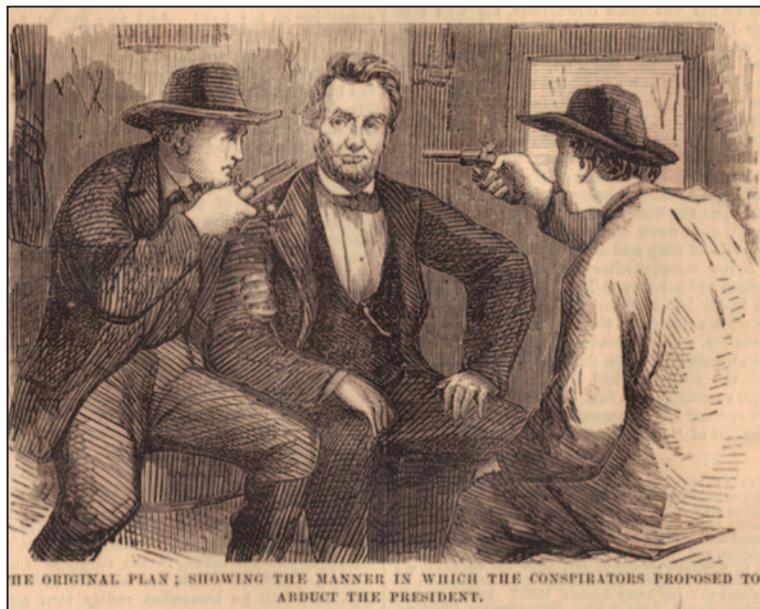
In one of his pre-inaugural events, President Biden went to the Lincoln Memorial to address the nation. It would have been more convenient to walk 100 yards or so to stand at the foot of the statue of the Democrats’ icon, President Andrew Jackson. But Nooooo. He wanted his new administration embraced by the Great Emancipator.

Ironically, as Biden honored Lincoln, a faction of his party was subjecting America’s 16th President to “woke” inspired cancel culture. Mobs of radical Democrats were defacing, vandalizing and toppling Lincoln’s monuments across the nation on the utterly absurd contention that he was weak on racism. That’s right. The President who did more to fight the racial bigotry to literally and spiritually enslaved Negro Americans is said to have been a bit of a racist.

In California, boards-of-education are removing Lincoln’s name from schools under a false flag of racial enlightenment. One can only wonder why they would not be re-naming schools honoring the two most racist presi-



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dents in modern times . . . Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The answer is . . . political hypocrisy.

Will they not want to cancel all those other places and things bearing the Lincoln name—including cities, streets, libraries, businesses and even a car.

THE MODERN ABUSE OF THE LINCOLN LEGACY IS NOT JUST BY DEMOCRATS.

A group of one-time Republicans who bolt from the GOP to support the election of Democrat Joe Biden also realized the value of the Lincoln name. They formed the anti-Republican “Lincoln Project.”

Think about that. As these folks deserted the political party founded by Lincoln—and the party most associated with his legacy—and then kidnapped that legacy as they ran out the door.

The use—or misuse—of Lincoln’s name has become so prevalent that there is a meme with the image of Lincoln and the words “Don’t believe everything you read on the Internet just because it includes my name and photo —A. Lincoln.”

I am an unapologetic admirer of Lincoln. I own more than 100 books on Lincoln—including a complete encyclopedia of his speeches and writings. And I have studied his

life in great detail. Those who would defame his name or besmirch his legacy are very ignorant people. They do not even know what they do not know.

No President since George Washington has made a greater contribution to America and to humanity than has Abraham Lincoln. Republicans should not let Democrats kidnap that legacy—and America should not allow the malcontents on the radical left to destroy Lincoln’s noble legacy.

So, there 'tis.

So, there 'tis...

The opinions, perspectives and analyses of Larry Horist

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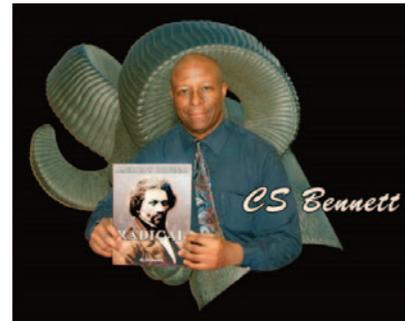
By CS Bennett

I have had in place a news blackout since the fraudulent 2020 presidential election we all witnessed with incredulity. I, like many others, are furious about the depth of deceit and corruption on the other side of the aisle, and those who claimed to have been on our side of liberty, truth and justice, especially when this abomination of an election went down. The talk radio shows I have managed to listen in on briefly, and people who I have conversed with, seem to share the same introspective sentiment; that our side did not do enough, Trump was not a great unifier, and we get the government we deserve, meaning we the voters were responsible for the outcome we have. I respect their opinions, but I see it differently.

The Left did not win, they cheated their way into office and power by ignoring existing voting laws, by ignoring their own state constitutions, by allowing people to vote without properly vetting them, and by using vote-counting software that was known to be tainted, is paramount in explaining this stolen election. The Left's "by any means necessary" approach to holding onto power is at the core of this debacle. Minus these calculated improprieties in the swing states, Trump won by a landslide. That Trump's mouth, and tweets, got him into this is like saying a woman was asking for it because of the way she dressed. That man did not deserve the political and professional crucifixion the Left out him through. He is an American and we still have a right to express ourselves, as written in our U.S. Constitution, whether we agree with what is being said, or not. Besides, the Left was never going to vote for Trump, only freedom lovers were.

Perfection is hard to achieve. We have had presidents and leaders who spoke with decorum and niceties, and where did it get us. Anyone with knowledge of the Bible, know that the Almighty would choose imperfect people to do His perfect Will, to include Moses, Saul, Solomon and Samson. Trump was no choirboy, but he was a patriot who was tired of seeing his country exploited and destroyed. As for him uniting the other side of the aisle, there is no uniting with the opposition when you are in the midst of heated battle. Unification can only come after you've won. Unity cannot be a one-sided endeavor. Sadly, some of our leaders do not recognize that we are in a battle, which is the way the Left approaches this. Our mindset reminds me of America and al Qaeda, which was at a declared war with us but our leaders failed to see it that way, until we were hit in the gut because of our oversight. This battle is a moral and constitutional battle. We lose sight of this and we lose our republic.

As frustrating as it seems, thanks to the outcome of the 2020 election, our role in this has never played better. Our side came out in greater numbers than ever before (5 million more than in 2016) to vote. We increased our minority voters. We showed up in massive numbers at rallies in support



of our country and our president. Boat parades and truck convoys stretching many miles, bear witness to our support and enthusiasm. I would say that Trump unified the core conservative, and liberty loving, voter in America as no Republican president ever has. Unfortunately, he had to battle a bias news media, corrupted politicians, an out-of-control bureaucracy, hi-tech social media giants, Hollywood, and a liberal-inspired educational system every step of the way.

No, we freedom lovers did not fail. Our elected leaders failed us, especially the malcontents on the left side of the aisle who declared from the onset that they were going to be the resistance. They trampled the U.S. Constitution, lied, and concocted a dossier scheme meant to bring this presidency down. So, how deep is the Deep State? You can see by the number of major players in this *coup d'état* who never suffered any legal consequences for their roles in it. Not only that, our Supreme Court failed us in a big way. As always, the fight has been left to the president and his supporters to prosecute. No, we have nothing to be down about. We did our part. We came out in droves whenever it was necessary to do so. Our *laissez-faire* Republican leaders, who seem content with the status quo, along with the elite Washington Establishment, must be rooted out in the next midterm elections. They are just as culpable as anyone on the Left in this corruption and divisiveness, which existed, and flourished, long before Trump came into office.

Our fight is a difficult fight, only because our opponent does not play by the rules. They have adopted guerrilla-style tactics in executing their agenda. It also helps their cause to have armies of uneducated and clueless herds of raw stupidity roaming about rioting and destroying public and private property as a distraction. When you have mobs of people out there tearing down statues, to include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant (who went after the KKK with a vengeance), and even Black civil rights activist Frederick Douglass, you have a serious problem in America and its educational system. It tells me, none of these historic figures meant anything to them.

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A New Start

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

On January 20, 2021 our nation embarked on a political journey in marked contrast to what it has seen during the previous four years. What will make these four years different will be the leadership at its helm. Retrospectively, we can make the comparison of the four years now ending with those by which it was preceded.

For most of our history all actions taken by our federal government were given birth by the United States Declaration of Independence and/or the United States Constitution. Early in the 20th century that natal relationship began to weaken, specifically via the 16th and 17th amendments to the Constitution. For our precious Constitution these were the first steps in allowing the federal government to impose itself on the freedoms they previously enjoyed.

In the past hundred years numerous legal decisions have come forth which simply weaken the power of the individual states, and strengthen that of the central government. From these changes we have all suffered. The flow of these brash encroachments have put the backbone of our Constitution in jeopardy. In 2016, the American public said “Enough is enough.” We elected Donald J. Trump, a stern defender of the Constitution passed down to us from our forefathers, to re-strengthen the backbone of our nation to what our forefathers intended.

The result of this refocusing rewarded us with numerous benefits: More jobs than any time in our history, more money in everybody’s pockets, more businesses than ever, a stronger military than ever, greater enforcement of law and order, higher levels of education than before, etc. It was a proud and triumphant period.

Unfortunately, those opposed to such changes, for whatever bizarre reasons we can conjure up, have now assumed power for the next four years (Democrat/fascist party). So



the question remains, what will the next four years mean to us and our children? I am fearful that no good is brewing. Hence, we as Republicans must devote our rejuvenated strength and efforts to restoring the Trump strengths to our government and the destruction of the dangerous political left! YES, WE ARE NOW DEVOTED TO A NEW START!!!

Col. Arthur DeRuve was commissioned a second lieutenant through the college ROTC program, and after serving with the 2nd Armored Division as a Cold War soldier in Germany, he remained an additional 28 years in the Army’s active reserve, including 11 years as a military liaison officer for West Point. He is a graduate of the Army’s Artillery and Guided Missile School, the Command and General Staff College, and the Army War College and holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from Fordham University and a master’s degree in public administration from New York University. He and his wife Dorothy have been married more than 60 years, and after being “snowbirds” for many years, now reside in Wellington.

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To hate one’s own country, when millions from around the world are literally risking their lives to come here, many illegally, is a prime example of the ignorance of those who profess that they are not into politics, as though it was some college elective they can set aside, yet, they constantly vote politicians into office who vote on policies that are detrimental to our republic, and a threat to our liberties and freedoms, as well as our survival as a nation. We must stand tall and stand united in this battle, patriots, if we are to maintain what we are rapidly losing. My advice is this, we need to continue to fight the good fight, and we need to remain resolved. Washington did not give up in the face of great

odds, and neither did Lincoln. We, as a nation led by Almighty YAHWEH (the Hebrew God), and the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, along with our own American values, to include truth, equally applied justice, and liberty and freedom for all, will surely rise again. But we must keep the faith. . . .

Curtis S. Bennett is an author, a national conservative talk radio co-host, and a columnist. He is a decorated Gulf War veteran and served as Vice Chairman of the Putnam County Republican Executive Committee.

My Note to Marjorie Taylor Greene

By Gene Robinson

MARJORIE:

I have followed your saga quite closely, and consequently I have only one thing to say to you, and that is . . . **KEEP FIGHTING FOR THOSE WHO VOTED FOR YOU, AND DO NOT GIVE IN ONE INCH!**

My name is Gene Robinson, a fourth generation Republican who has served in a leadership role in the Broward County, Florida GOP for years both as a club president and as a member of the Broward County Republican Executive Committee. I happen to be Black, and the most important thing I heard you say in response to the House voting to strip you of your Committee assignments was: "I am now free, because serving on those Committees would have been a waste of time." To that I say, "Congratulations Marjorie . . . IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT SOMEONE WENT UP TO CAPITOL HILL, AND TOLD THE FAR LEFT RADICAL AND TYRANNICAL DEMS TO GO TO HELL!"

You are a fighter, like me, and as my late father always told me, "Fight for what you believe in, and always be yourself, because the only thing that counts is the Results." My late mother also gave me some great advice, when she told me as I was growing up, "Go anywhere you want to go, and act like you're supposed to be there." I make a lot of enemies with my approach to politics, which has been a trademark of mine for over 60 years in this Political Game, but as my dad also told me: "If people don't hate you, you ain't doin' nothing!"

Did I like, or agree with, some of the things you have said in the past? No, but if people looked into my past, they would not have liked some of the things I had to say back then either. And, as you so adroitly put it in your speech before the House, through your tears . . . **THAT WAS THE PAST! AND ME, AS A CHRISTIAN FATHER OF SEVEN GROWN CHILDREN, WHO HAS BEEN FORGIVEN BY MY HEAVENLY FATHER FOR MY PAST MISGIVINGS . . . I FORGIVE YOU ALSO!**

I will be moving back to my native Ohio in a couple of months, where I have a legion of followers from the political writings that I send out, to work for the Party as a loyal Buckeye and a graduate of THEE Ohio State University, and as a Donald Trump loyalist who has lost a lot of friends, and some family members, because of my stance in support of The Donald. But, like you . . . **I DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHAT PEOPLE THINK, AS I GO THROUGH LIFE DOING WHAT I KNOW TO BE RIGHT, AS I FOLLOW THE LORD.**

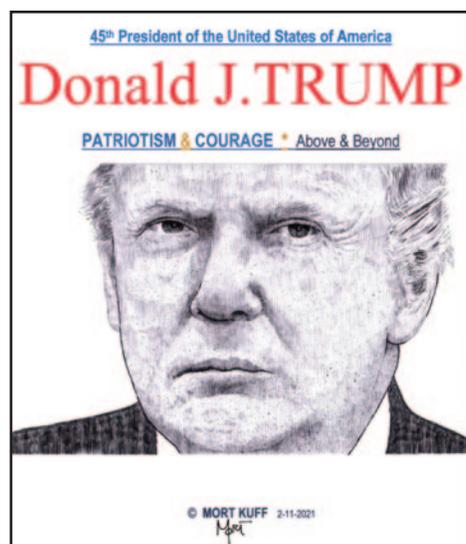
So, should you choose to contact me, my e-mail address is grobinson2@yahoo.com, and my cell phone number is 754-245-5220. I look forward to meeting you some day, as I will be working closely when I get back home with Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, another Trump loyalist, whom I had the pleasure of introducing with the Invocation at a gathering of nearly 2,000 Republicans in Palm Beach County, Florida a few months ago. In thanking me to the crowd that night, he called me "Buckeye Gene," so I hope you are part of the House Freedom Caucus with Jim :-).

Sorry, that this message is So Long, but I had a lot to say to you, as I feel you have a . . . **VERY BRIGHT FUTURE IN REPUBLICAN AND AMERICAN POLITICS, WITH YOUR FIGHTING SPIRIT AND DEMEANOR!!**

GOD Bless.



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Happy Term Limits Day, Feb. 27!

By George Blumel

Term limits is a unifying issue. Over 80% of Americans support it.

A quick glimpse of the problem: Diane Feinstein, 60 years; Chuck Schumer, 45 years; Joe Biden, 51 years; Nancy Pelosi, 33 years; Patrick Leahy, 54 years. And many more!

With a renewed push to impose term limits on the U.S. Congress, a new national day has emerged from the term limits movement. The idea is simple enough. On February 27 each year, everyone is encouraged to make a show of public support for term limits.

This can be as simple as posting a term limits sign in your yard or wearing a term limits t-shirt, button or hat on term limits day and perhaps the preceding few days.

Feb. 27 was chosen among other clever ideas after a public discussion among term limits activists across the country on the No Uncertain Terms podcast.

That date commemorates the ratification of the 22nd Amendment in 1951 which imposed term limits on the president of the United States. That date is a reminder that a constitutional amendment to limit terms is possible. After all, it has already been done.

This is the third iteration of this new citizen holiday. In previous years, our grass roots participation in our communities has been augmented by social media posts about Term Limits Day by Sen. Ted Cruz, Sen. Rand Paul, Nikki Haley, Sen. Rick Scott and others.

Here are some popular ideas for February 27 Term Limit Day activism:



- Post a “Term Limit Congress” sign in your yard. You can order one for free from termlimits.com/westpalm. It will be planted on your yard a few days before Feb. 27. Take it down on the day after Term Limits Day and save it for next year.
- Participate in the Term Limits Day sign wave at 11 am to 1 pm on Saturday, Feb. 27, at the I-95 overpass on Okeechobee Boulevard. “Term Limit Congress” signs will be provided, but feel free to make your own. “Honk if you love term limits” is a time-tested favorite. Non-partisan, please.

- Use Term Limits Day as your annual reminder to contact your representatives on this issue. Go to <https://www.termlimits.com/legislators> and use the online tool. This takes no more than five minutes to contact both your federal senators and U.S. House rep. Wish them a “Happy Term Limits Day!” and remind them you favor a congressional term limits amendment to the U.S. Constitution.
- Take a selfie holding a “Happy Term Limits Day!” sign and post on your social media.
- Send an email to all your friends wishing them a Happy Term Limits Day and suggesting they sign the citizens online petition for congressional term limits at www.termlimits.com/petition. Of course, if you haven’t yet signed the petition, please do so!



Term Limits Day is an annual citizen holiday that functions as a casual, positive and peaceful national rally for term limits. The idea is to keep the cost and effort low to encourage growing participation each year.

We need to remind the politicians that we not only support term limits—they already know that!—but that we are watching and engaged, that we expect action *right now*.

Sen. Ted Cruz just introduced the term limits amendment in the U.S. Senate as **S.J. Res. 3**.

It is time for the Senate to FINALLY take a stand. **There is no reason for Senators to not vote on S.J. Res. 3.** The American people deserve to know where their representatives stand.

Sign the petition to demand that the U.S. Senate immediately hold a vote on Senate Joint Resolution 3 which imposes term limits on the U.S. House and Senate. Every American who believes no politician should be allowed to serve in Congress for life should sign it.

It’s time for the Senate to put partisanship aside finally do something that 80% of American people want them to do. The establishments of the parties consist of the career politicians who consider Job #1 to be getting reelected—everything else is secondary.

This national petition campaign is part of the two-track strategy to pass the term limits amendment per Article V of the U.S. Constitution. On the national level, it is to force a vote on term limits in the House and Senate. In the states it is to bypass Congress by calling the Term Limits Convention. The convention effort is the likely successful route.

This strategy will work—if Americans stand together to help drain the swamp by working to pass the term limits amendment.

George Blumel is a husband, father, grandfather; retired entrepreneur; blogger www.posterchildrenfortermlimits.com; political activist—for freedom with responsibility.

Mail-in Ballot Law Revisions

By William J. Skinner

Florida's voting laws served us better than the laws in other states on last November 3rd. Our mail-in ballot law was tighter than those in other states. The Florida law made the verification of registration to the person and address of each individual. And the law was easily enforced. The Florida Legislature and governor have improved our elections laws considerably during the last decade, but there are other amendments that can be adopted if we have the will to get them on the books.

In the aftermath of the Trump loss, the uproar over fraud issues in the battleground states have to be reviewed and resolved soon or there will not be fair elections in the United States. Below is one brief suggestion from a Connecticut voter:

Fining Nonvoters Is a Terrifically Good Idea

Connecticut state Sen. Will Haskell's proposed \$20 non-voter fine may have an unintended consequence. My two adult children received mail-in ballots at my home despite the fact that they have lived outside Connecticut for a decade. My dead father received a mail-in ballot at his home, where my bed-ridden, stroke-victim mother lies in bed 24/7. She also received a ballot.

Given the reality of having one's credit report hit or a state of Connecticut collection agent chasing to collect \$20, plus penalties and interest, attention will be directed to nonvoters. These nonvoters, dead residents, nonresidents, illegal aliens and college students with more than one residence will be putting effort into getting the fine reversed by proving their ineligibility to vote.

Gov. Ned Lamont thought nothing of threatening a \$1,000 fine for violating the Covid curfew. Raising the nonvoter fine to \$1,000 would guarantee that our voter rolls would be cleaned up in one election cycle. The \$20 fine is a method for forcing the uninformed, unconcerned, ignorant population of voters out to vote blindly for Democrats. A more substantial fine would clear noneligible voters from our voter rolls.

Letters to the Editor, *Wall Street Journal*, Feb 10, 2021, A 18, Accessed: 2-1-21

All states need comprehensive safeguards of the voter's right to have one vote each. Some people seem to be voting more than once. Who are these people?

You may not know about a California organization called VOTE.ORG, but you should take a look to see what they do. Sign up for their e-mails and see how they may be getting more than one vote from some voters. Tracking back to the URL given here will yield this message:

Tell Congress to support the For the People Act

Our democracy is at stake. Take action by contacting your representative and urging them to support the For the People Act. Among other reforms, the For the People Act would:

- Expand automatic voter registration to every state
- Ensure that Americans who have completed their felony sentences have their full voting rights restored
- Guarantee a minimum of 15 days of in-person early voting and expand access to absentee voting
- Reduce partisan gerrymandering by creating independent redistricting commissions in every state
- Enhance federal support for election system security, including increased oversight or election system vendors

We urge you to join us by contacting your representative in Congress and asking them to support the For the People Act.

To get a broader view of what might have happened in the November 3rd election, I recommend you read *Time* magazine's recent article, "Secret History of the Shadow Campaign That Saved the 2020 Election" at <https://time.com/5936036/secret-2020-election-campaign/>

If you have trouble downloading this, send me an e-mail and I will send you a copy. Suffice it to say, we must know what is going on with our votes if we want them to mean anything again.

The *Time* article describes the alliance of many organizations outside of the regular political parties, namely unions, chambers of commerce, and issue organizations. If I understand these groups, Trump was not bested by the Democrats, but by other organizations who worked their people to get out the vote.

The research to discover the truth about what happened must be uncovered if we are to beat them at their election game in 2024.

Florida may need to prohibit third-party registration groups from providing mail-in ballot requests as well as other measures. Each of us need to be on the lookout for who is promoting the Peoples Act.



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Reminder: Teachers Unions, the Real Threat to Our Nation's Future

By Alan Bergstein

A 20th century dictator said it best, "He alone, who owns the youth, gains the future." It stands to reason then, that the first military-like objective of any budding totalitarian regime is to capture the minds of the young, to indoctrinate them, to force feed them the mantra of those re-writing history and the rule of law. Schools, their staffs and teachers, those formulating the curricula to reinforce the radical goals of those running the show, must be the puppets of those pulling the strings of power. Once having a foothold in the educational system, like termites embedded in a structure, these revolutionaries reproduce from within, towards one goal . . . the inculcation into the minds of the young, the well-formulated ideas set by the powerful few. And the current administration has the entire teaching system, from kindergarten way up through graduate school, willing and able to promulgate its Progressive program which is now based on the lunacy of our nation's supposed race inequality, white supremacy, gender identity, America's evil history, racism, and homophobia. That's currently on our educational menu.

But, now that we're enmeshed in this Chinese Virus net, teachers unions are focused on blackmailing the entire country into meeting yet another set of Leftist demands for re-opening the schools. Recently an alliance of teachers unions and other leftist groups throughout the country staged a "National Day of Resistance," demanding, before they return to work, such madness as: rents and mortgages canceled, increased taxing of billionaires and Wall Street, and moratoriums on new charter schools, voucher programs and standardized tests. Throw in for another chuckle, they want "police free schools." Big Apple teachers, who've been paid to stay home for almost a year, want their paid vacation extended by demanding they not return until a min-

imum of 14 days have passed after any new Chinese Virus cases are reported. Their lives are at risk, they claim. But so are those of grocery workers, truck drivers, police, fire-fighters, doctors and nurses. But our teachers hold themselves above all others. They are a selfish group and are willing to lie about the science of the transmission of this virus by their students. In Los Angeles, the political nature of their educators was indicated by their demands for the passage of Medicare for All, a state wealth tax, a federal bail-out for school districts and again . . . the defunding of police departments. Nothing supporting education, but that's now standard practice for these faux educators.

We support and favor the alternatives to public education. That would include private schooling, religious and secular as well as home schooling, where concerned parents, working with like-minded dedicated neighbor/parents include in their lessons, family values, American greatness and its genuine good/bad history combined with the three "R's," according to the needs of the children. No, "One curriculum for all," as utilized in public schools, taught by teachers, many of whom, because of affirmative action-based hiring, lack the basics themselves. Home schooling protects kids from the sexual abuse and gender confusion now prevalent in schools. There are many options for concerned parents to remove their kids from the influence of the organized school systems overseen by our current breed of teachers who are union and politically dominated. Let's save our kids and their futures from them.

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A Rush Limbaugh Message to President Trump

". . . My days on earth are numbered; But before I fade away, there is something important I need to say. It may not be important to anyone else; but it's important to me. Win, lose or fraud . . . President Trump, I just want to say thank you for the last four years. Thank you for making it cool to be an American again. Thank you for showing us that we don't need to be under China's thumb anymore economically, or any other way. Thank you for one of the strongest economies we've ever experienced in my lifetime. Thank you for all you have done for the minority communities, and the outstanding decrease in the unemployment rate you had. Thank you for making it feel good to love our country and to be a proud patriot again. Thank you for supporting our Nation's flag and the men and women who fought for the freedom that stands behind that flag. Thank you for supporting our nation's law enforcement organizations, and understanding how difficult their job really is. Thank you for quelling the flood of illegal immigration, and bringing to justice the thousands of criminals that flood brought us. Thank you for giving corporations a reason to come back to America to make our own products and put Americans back to work. Thank you for bringing our troops home from endless deployments that presented us with little more than body bags; and for your commitment to strengthen our military. Thank you for operation warp speed and keeping your promise to bringing the Covid 19 vaccine to us in less than a year. Thank you for your never-ending attempts at bringing peace to the Middle East and your support for Israel. Thank you for your Tax relief, and thank you for our energy independence. Most of all though. . . THANK YOU for taking a damn rotten job that you never had to take!! Thank you for caring enough for this country to want to try and make a difference. Thank you for showing America how little Career Politicians actually work for their constituents; and for showing us how much those politicians despise you for showing America how easy it is to build a great nation, rather than rape her to line their own pockets and stock portfolios. Thank you for allowing us to experience a President that wasn't a lifelong politician, but a lifelong American. THANK YOU, MR PRESIDENT . . . YOU DID YOUR BEST. . ."

Letters

Great GOP Newsletter!

Tom, this new Newsletter [January 2021] was an excellent read. It renewed my faith in our party and this country's future. I've been reading a lot of calls online for Trump supporters to form a new party, because the GOP betrayed Trump. I shared the Newsletter in several places to show that the Republican Party is fully behind the MAGA movement. I also encouraged my peers to run for committeeman/woman in their local precinct. (I served #4 in Miami-Dade back in 2016, but I've been too busy to get involved much since moving up here.)

Anyway, thank you for sending this, and for all you do!

—Madeline Moreira

I Want to Get Involved

Hi Tom,

I just completed my first debate online Zoom meeting with Mr L. Luck + Nancy and others of Broward County Republicans. I'm age 42 now, so I'm neither too old nor too young, but I haven't done an online meet 'n greet before. It was great! I just moved to Royal Palm Beach weeks ago, after living in Hollywood since 2018 (and Alabama prior to that). I'm a diehard conservative and I'm heartbroken that there are "gypsies" in both parties that Trump has Drained the Swamp of.

I WANT TO GET INVOLVED MORE with CONSERVATIVE/PATRIOTS PARTY of S. Florida—Broward and Palm Beach County. Mr Luck made comment that the Red Tide votes rolled upward from 31% to 34% recently? That's amazing. So let's keep it up. I hope to meet others soon. I'm good friends with Scott Newmark and Richard Logis at Americans4Trump.org. Maybe I will meet more at CPAC in Orlando this February 25–28?

Thanks.

—Daniel "Dax" McKeever
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A Walk Down Memory Lane

When I was a kid, I couldn't understand why Eisenhower was so popular. Maybe this will explain why General Eisenhower Warned Us.

It is a matter of history that when the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, General Dwight Eisenhower, found the victims of the death camps he ordered all possible photographs to be taken, and for the German people from surrounding villages to be ushered through the camps and even made to bury the dead.

He did this because he said in words to this effect . . .

"Get it all on record now—get the films—get the witnesses—because somewhere down the road of history some b*st*rd will get up and say that this never happened."

This week, the UK debated whether to remove The Holocaust from its school curriculum because it "offends" the Muslim population which claims it never occurred. It is not removed as yet. However, this is a frightening portent of the fear that is gripping the world and how easily each country is giving into it.

It is now more than 70 years after the Second World War in Europe ended. This e-mail is being sent as a memorial chain, in memory of the six million Jews, 20 million Russians, 10 million Christians, and 1,900 Catholic priests who were "murdered, raped, burned, starved, beaten, experimented on and humiliated while many in the world looked the other way"!

Now, more than ever, with Iran, among others, claiming the Holocaust to be "a myth," it is imperative to make sure the world never forgets.

This e-mail is intended to reach 400 million people! Be a link in the memorial chain and help distribute this around the world.

How many years will it be before the attack on the World Trade Center "NEVER HAPPENED"? Because it offends some Muslims???

Remember when all classrooms had an American flag in them?

Do they even teach our children about the World Trade Center attacks in 1993 and 2001, or did it go the way of Pearl Harbor and Veterans Day?

Don't even mention Christmas or prayers in school. Many schools no longer recite the Pledge of Allegiance and many children do not know the words to our National Anthem, or that we even have one.

Do not just delete this message; it will take only a minute to pass this along.

—Howard M. Rensin
Palm Beach Gardens FL.
howard@rensin.com

Florida Alert! Safety of Churches Bill PASSES in Senate Committee

Friends:

Florida law presently mandates that places of worship that also include schools on the same property must be a gun free (sitting duck) zone. The proposed legislation below would remove that state law gun free zone requirement and would allow the place of worship to determine its own policies on the matter.

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It is a known and proven fact that gun free zones increase the likelihood of massacres of innocent people. Criminals and shooters never abide by the law, only law-abiding citizens do. Please call or write your State Senator and let them know that you SUPPORT SB-498 and request the same of them! See the link below for the contact information of your Senator!

—Larry Snowden

Florida State Senate Directory:
<https://www.flsenate.gov/PublishedContent/ADMINISTRATIVEPUBLICATIONS/sdir.pdf>

My Opinion

How soon the voters forget the fantastic accomplishments of Trump's administration. Yes, the voters forgot when they went to vote in November. The drum beat of hate and lies soon drove a wedge. The constant drum beat in the media to create distrust in this President soon led to the Democrat edge.

He is embattled fighting for his political future. The Democrats are out to destroy him, his corporations, and his legacy.

Pray for the man and his family for they are in a war in the public media and against loud voices of the hate from the Democrats.

—Ron Harp

President Trump Acquitted . . . Again

February 13, 2021

My dear diehard, true conservative, Republican patriots,

Once again we watched the stupidity of the left-wing, communist Democrat Party attempt another hi-tech lynching of an innocent man, President Donald Trump, who is not even in the office of the president at this time. What complete asinine idiocy, we were again permitted to watch, as the brainwashed, professional career Democrat politicians, and their back-stabbing Republican RINO cohorts, continued their massive hatred against President Trump, the best president America ever had.

As the ancient saying goes, "No good deed goes unpunished." Talk about a truism. President Trump, a non-political, successful businessman, was able to establish, and complete, more than 50 extraordinary benefits and laws that would benefit all true American citizens for years to come, with his program of "America First," and his conservative agenda, such as merit-based immigration into the United States. President Trump's accomplishments and love for all

the American people have not been seen in the past 70 years, as far as I am concerned. The phony career, political prostitutes of both parties were deathly afraid of his implementation of future term limits, and draining the ultra-deep Washington, DC, political swamp that has been a home for many useless politicians of both parties over the years.

The idea that this non-member, President Trump, of this so-called phony elite political group—that has been allowed to wield power over all the citizens of our country for years with their motto of "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours," while their offices and lobbyists rake in monies to enable them staying in office, by selling political favors to their supporters—was now going to be led by a president who wanted clear transparency and total swamp draining, is something they could not and would not accept. So from day one, President Trump, his family and trusted associates were all deemed outsiders, and never accepted by the so-called "crooked political elite of both parties." The numerous phony Russian collusion hoaxes, the phony impeachment investigations, the trumped-up phony cases of his loyal trusted associates and conservative thinkers who wanted to Make America Great Again, were the main objectives to destroy, of this treacherous deep state group of both liberal, socialist Democrats, and their RINO cohorts of the Republican Party.

As the more than 75 million people who strongly supported President Trump and voted for him in the last presidential election saw, the past four years of this president's term was filled with treachery and collusion, terminating in the biggest crime committed against all the American people—the stealing of a presidential election and rendering their votes meaningless. It was then again, the willing partners of the left-wing, liberal Democrat Party, the mass media news outlets, and the many billions of dollars from the select Wall Street brokerage houses, and hateful Democrats and Republicans, jealous of President Trump's success in the Supreme Court, and his warp speed presentation of a tested Covid-19 vaccine for the entire country.

So now, at the termination of this final impeachment fiasco, due to the inbred hatefulness and fear of a non-professional politician, President Donald Trump, his more than 75 million voters and supporters will still not abandon his America First policies, and love of God and country, something that will still continue to haunt left-wing, anti-American Democrats and RINOs for years to come.

God bless President Donald Trump, his family and all his supporters, and God bless our United States of America.

—William Petraglia, Sr.
 Vice President

Judeo/Christian Republican Club of Palm Beach County

Book Review

***One Vote Away: How a Single Supreme Court Seat Can Change History*, by Ted Cruz. Washington, DC: Regnery Press, 2020. Hardcover, 240 pp. ISBN No. 978-1-68451-162-4.**

I do not get much satisfaction out of reading what I like to refer to as “cookie-cutter” books. These are books written by politicians or wanna-be politicians who feel a need to impress the rest of us by convincing us of their breadth of political wisdom and grasp of issues of the day, to the point where we feel compelled to give them our support. There’s nothing wrong with that, of course, except for the fact that most fail in that mission, revealing in their writings an unhealthy desire for personal political power and aggrandizement and little else. I’ve read dozens of them and for most there’s a sameness that reveals little *gravitas*.

One exception, in my humble opinion, is Senator Ted Cruz’s *One Vote Away*, which is about as far removed from the “cookie-cutter” variety of books as one can hope to obtain with their writings. I found this to be a terrific book that made me reconsider by opinions about the man, so much so that I would now give him serious consideration as a candidate for the presidency in 2024, right up there with Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

The book is dedicated to William Rehnquist, the sixteenth Chief Justice of the United States, who Sen. Cruz clerked for and whose influence was profound on the conservative legislator. Rehnquist earned the nickname “The Lone Ranger” because he dissented alone, over and over again, from the decisions moving the Court further and further left.

Another man who influenced Ted greatly was the late Antonin Scalia, who died during the final year of Obama’s presidency. That vacancy became—perhaps—the deciding issue in the 2016 presidential campaign and was Sen. Cruz’s single most important reason he voted for Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton. This book is about the critical cases before the Supreme Court and the imperative for us to defend our constitutional liberties. And Ted should know. He’s a superbly trained constitutionalist, much like Scalia was. More than anything else, that’s who he is and what he’s about. During the 2016 election he urged “those listening, don’t stay home in November. Vote your conscience, for candidates who you trust to defend our freedom and to be faithful to the Constitution.” His purpose was to lay out a path for Trump to win and to govern as an actual conserva-

tive, defending freedom and the Constitution, which is what happened.

Decades ago, activists on the far left decided that democracy was too slow. It was too difficult to persuade their fellow citizens that their policy prescriptions were sound. So instead, they resorted to litigation, trying to get judges to mandate the public policy outcomes they wanted—even if the voters disagreed.

Many don’t understand just how precarious our core constitutional liberties and structures can be when they fall into the hands of rogue judicial activists.

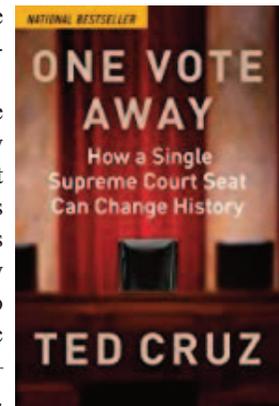
One doesn’t need to be a lawyer to enjoy this book. All you need is to have an interest in preserving the constitutional liberties we enjoy as Americans. Or to have an appreciation for federalism, separation of powers, and national sovereignty. If you’re interested in the Constitution, or in liberty, or in your own fundamental rights, then this book is for you.

Ted Cruz has authored over 80 U.S. Supreme Court briefs and argued before the high court nine times, more than any other member of Congress. And in case after case, he won major victories. *One Vote Away* tells you the inside story of those constitutional battles, most of which were decided by just a single vote.

Sen. Cruz loves serving in the United States Senate, where the responsibilities of defending the Constitution, of drafting the law, and of overseeing the Executive are so often interconnected with the realities of politics, the battle in the media, and the needs of public persuasion.

In the world of Washington, there were always trusted insiders, gray-beards, who will tell a president, “I know so and so,” and even though the record doesn’t demonstrate it, “trust me, deep down in their heart, they’re going to be conservative.” History teaches us that those siren promises are always, always, always wrong. If a judicial nominee does not have a demonstrated proven record, if we cannot be confident he or she will withstand the praise and punishment, the carrot and stick of the press and the academy, then they should not be named to the Supreme Court. The stakes are simply too high. After all, we’re just one vote away.

—Tom Mullings



Editor's Postscript

The Tyranny in the Glass House of Democracy

By Tom Mullings

Absolute power corrupts absolutely.

—Lord Acton

*It is oh so wondrous to have the power of a giant
But oh so tyrannous to use it like a giant.*

—Shakespeare

It is the eternal struggle between these two principles—right and wrong—throughout the world. They are the two principles that have stood face to face from the beginning of time; and will ever continue to struggle. The one is the common right of humanity, and the other the divine right of kings. It is the same principle in whatever shape it develops itself. It is the same spirit that says, "You toil and work and earn bread, and I'll eat it." No matter in what shape it comes, whether from the mouth of a king who seeks to bestride the people of his own nation and live by the fruit of their labor, or from one race of men as an apology for enslaving another race, it is the same tyrannical principle.

—Abraham Lincoln, *The Lincoln-Douglas Debates*

The beast in me

Is caged by frail and fragile bonds.

God help the beast in me.

—"The Beast in Me," Johnny Cash

Many Americans believe in the Old Testament's explanation for humanity's origins, and understandably so. The story of Adam and Eve is truly a wonderful story and one can do much worse than believing that mankind originated "on the 6th day" in the manner that the Old Testament teaches.

But there is another story of humanity's beginnings that is much less appealing and a great deal more humbling, that comes from the more secular world of scientific inquiry. Many find this scientific view of mankind arising from a lower form of animal, nothing short of appalling, thus rendering it, in my mind at least, the most significant theory to emerge from the scientific world that meets with the most resistance from people.

Nonetheless, whatever your religious or scientific beliefs may be in these competing views of where we came from, it is useful, in my judgement, to speculate on the implica-

tions for America in general and we Americans in particular, if the world's paleoanthropological community is in fact onto something. What follows is my own view of what that would mean.

During a visit to the Miami Metropolitan Zoo one day, my brother and I watched as a keeper tossed food from a wheelbarrow to the three great apes in the outdoor gorilla paddock. "Why are they doing that?" asked one woman, seeing the two females standing with their backs to us in the rear of the enclosure, while their leader, JJ, a 450-pound silverback stood out front and hogged all the food.

"They're afraid of him," answered the keeper.

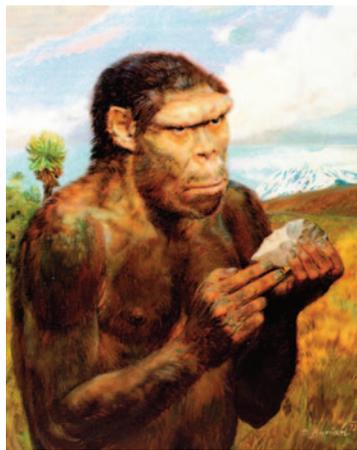
There is no democratic tradition in gorilla societies, just one dominant male who rules with an iron fist until another male, competing with him for power, replaces him.

The same power struggle being waged among the great apes is also occurring in human societies as well, and is the main reason why large countries dominate small ones. Nation states can compete in these power struggles on a global or regional basis or submissively leave the competition to others, but, sadly, they cannot prevent it from occurring.

Twenty million years ago the equatorial forest of Africa spanned the breadth of the continent from the Atlantic Ocean in the west to the Indian Ocean in the east, providing

habitat for numerous species of great apes. Right around that time, a tectonic event (scientific theory of Plate Tectonics) occurred, creating the Great Rift Valley of East Africa. East of the rift, the old equatorial forest broke up, forming savannah, and into that more open terrain at least one species of bi-pedal* great ape evolved through Darwinian natural selection into the primitive Habielenes, the earliest species of our own genus, *Homo* (man).

If you trace the evolution of human stone-tool technology back through time, the earliest ones first appear about 2½ million years ago, matching the emergence of our own genus—*Homo*. Which seems to not be a coincidence. The cranial capacity of the non-human bi-pedal great apes who



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proceeded *Homo* is roughly the same as a modern-day chimpanzee and chimps are not smart enough to flint-knap a cutting-edged tool from a core stone, and there is no evidence that the pre-human bi-pedal apes were either. But the *Habilenes* (*Homo habilis*), whose brains were just a couple hundred cc's larger, evidently were. Fascinatingly, the makers of those primitive stone implements, the *Habilenes*, are hard to distinguish from the non-human bi-pedal apes that preceded them, with the twin exceptions of the slightly larger size of their brains and the revolutionary, knapt-edged tools they invented.

Whichever species our earliest ancestors are ultimately assigned to, one thing seems certain: if the Darwinian origins of our own genus is correct, our natural instinct to dominate others has anthropoidal roots and extends back at least into the Pleistocene epoch, and so may our stone tool technology.

The Founding Fathers of the United States were not familiar with Charles Darwin's theory about the origin of earthly species, but they knew human nature, and their fear of concentrated human power weighed heavily in the democratic polity with its three branches of governmental power that they created. In doing so, they gave birth to the most decentralized polity in human history, providing humanity with a path away from, perhaps, the most troubling of human urges—the struggle for dominance. Communists would disagree, but we Americans are mankind's most meaningful revolutionaries. Today America stands as the great guardian at the gates, rallying others to that magnificent "shining house [of decentralization] on a hill." They've bequeathed to us the most noble of gifts—a mission to tame the ancient, despotic heart of man and help to lead humanity into a more humane, decentralized future.

Sadly however, this noble gift from our Founding Fathers, a truly sacred attempt to disperse human power that



JJ, Male Western Lowland Gorilla, 1979–2014

has caused so much misery, goes against mankind's most troubling natural urge and is thus forever doomed to frailty. Doing away with man's urge to dominate others, instilled in us by God/nature to compete for the food, energy and land resources of the earth, is tantamount to making the lion lie down with the lamb. Therefore, that magnificent "Shining house on a hill" is forever made of glass and there is a kind of ironic tyranny in the glass house of democracy.

*Bi-pedal in this instance refers to apes that walk on two legs, unlike all modern-day great apes which are quadri-pedal knuckle-walkers.

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Republican Executive Committee Membership Application

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

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

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 _____

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

Please return your REC Application to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County Headquarters,
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Republican Party of Florida Party Loyalty Oath

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

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

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

Signature of Member

Signature of Witness

County/Precinct #

Date

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

Address, as it appears on voter registration

Email

City, State, Zip

Phone Number

CANDIDATE OATH –

Committeemen and Committeewomen

Check applicable one:

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

OFFICE USE ONLY

Candidate Oath

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

I, _____

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

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

Precinct/District Number _____ (Not applicable to State Committeemen and State Committeewomen),

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

Statement of Party

(Section 99.021(1)(b), Florida Statutes)

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

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

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

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Signature of Candidate	Telephone Number	Email Address

Address _____	City _____	State _____	ZIP Code _____
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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: _____