



The RIGHT WRITE-UP

The Republican Club of Comal County

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Our goal is to inform about current issues and conservative candidates.*

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OUR NEXT MEETING

THE REPUBLICAN CLUB OF COMAL COUNTY

will meet on Tuesday, August 24, at 6:30 p.m. (setup at 5:00, social mixer at 5:30)

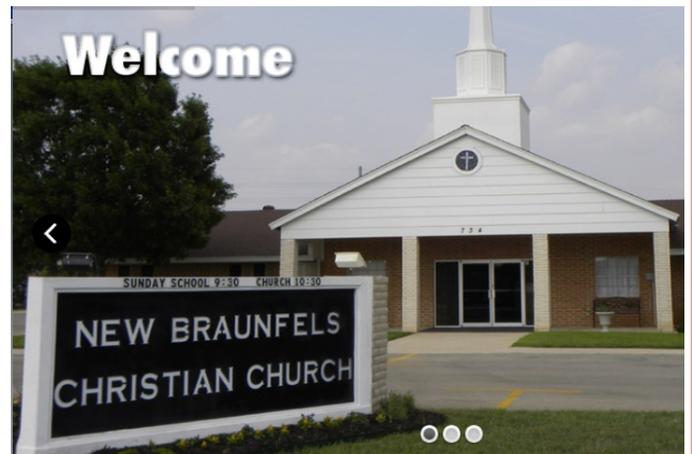
at the New Braunfels Christian Church, 734 North Loop 337, New Braunfels

The Club will provide basic refreshments. Members can bring salads or desserts that they wish.

We encourage members to arrive early.

This will allow time to pay dues and patron memberships, greet friends and guests, and partake of refreshments before the meeting starts. Please share this meeting announcement with friends and family. As we grow in numbers, our influence grows with our elected officials, and they will respond to our calls on legislative priorities and other Conservative Values.

Questions? Call or email our President, Mary Wohl, at 512-850-6680 or at president@rcctx.org.



OUR PROGRAM

Our guest speaker will be

The Honorable Jason Isaac

Jason is the director of Life:Powered at the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

His talk will be “Stop the Blackouts: Preserving Reliable Electricity for Texas”

Don't miss this interesting and informative meeting!

(For more information about Jason Isaac, see page 5.)



A Message from our Club President

I would like to thank all our members and guests for attending our meetings. Our attendance and membership have grown over the last couple of months and it is great to see how passionate and caring you all are about the Republican party and this country.

We all need to stand together during this troubling time and pray for our country. Again thank you for making a difference and God Bless each and every one of you.

RCCC President
Mary Wohl

OUR PATRON PROGRAM

The Republican Club of Comal County is thankful for those who have contributed to our Club through the Patron Program during 2021.

Patrons donate \$100 per year per person to help us finance our 2021 election strategy.

Robbie Borchers	Scott Haag	Kerry Ledford	Priscilla Shumaker
Glenn Breitung	Tex Hall	Donna Lee	Joy Streater
Mary Breitung	Don Hensz	Ernie Lee	Teri Taylor
John Brewer	Ginney Hensz	Al Malmsten	John Walker
Bob Byrnes	Carolyn Herbert	Sharon Hall Monge	Susan Walker
Joe Carroll	Bob Hieronymus	Cyndi Montgomery	Linda Williamson
Ruth Chambers	Albert Highfield	Mark Montgomery	Jim Wilson
Mark Delaney	John Hobson	Mallory Moore	Karen Wilson
Cassie Dyson	Karen Hobson	Reeves Moore	Judy Wooten
Paul Grohman	Don Johnson	Sue Piner	Michael Wooten
Gail Grohman	Susie Le Canu	Dennis Shumaker	John Young

Contact our Patron Program chair, Carolyn Herbert, at 830-515-5919 to become a Patron or for more information. Patrons receive a special personalized Texas flag name tag.

It's the Right Thing to do!

Your dues for 2021 are due!

Please pay your dues for 2021 at our next meeting.

The dues are only \$25 for a family and \$15 for an individual

You can also become a Patron for only \$100.

Our Officers for 2021

President	Mary Wohl
Vice President	Dr. Kerry Ledford
Secretary	Sue B. Walker
Treasurer	Nathan Morgan
Past President	John Hobson

Committee Chairs

Membership	Robbie Borchers
Legislative Affairs	Don Johnson
Campaign Activities	Susan Walker
Hospitality	Lori Mayfield
Parliamentarian	<i>(Currently vacant)</i>
Publicity Chair	<i>(Currently vacant)</i>
Founder/Facebook	Sonja & Bill Harris
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Associate Editor	Karen Hobson
Special Events	Donna Lee
Special Projects	Ruth Chambers
Patron Program	Carolyn Herbert
Precinct Whip	Joe Carroll
Web Master	Ashley Montemayor

Comal County Precinct Chairs

Why do we publish the Comal County Precinct Chair List in the Republican Club Newsletter each month? Our mission as active Republicans is to support the political process. Each one of us should know what Precinct we live in and who serves as our Precinct Chair.

We should offer our assistance to our Precinct Chair for the elections. We can assist as an Election clerk or Election Judge on Election Day. We can offer to block walk to inform our neighbors of early voting. We can block walk for our chosen candidates. We can offer to take a list of Republicans to call with a reminder of the times and places to vote early. There are a number of ways an individual can help to assure a maximum Republican vote.

Studies show that when people intend to vote, but fail to vote early, a substantial percentage of that vote is lost on Election Day. There is a lot to be done. Please offer your help to your Precinct Chair.

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Name</u>
County Chair	Sue Piner
Recording Secretary	Judy Walker
Treasurer	Minnie Altum
101	Sharon Hall Monge
102	Kaci Sisk
103	Laura Buske
104	Haskell Hart
105	Ernie Lee
106	Chris Byrd
107	Anita Valdez
108	Albert Highfield
201	Mike Penshorn
202	Sharlene Fey
203	James "Hoss" Boyd
204	Marlin Brown
205	Steven White
206	Richard "Tex" Hall
207	John Brewer
208	Joanne Martin
301	Will Moravits
302	Mary Lou Erben
303	Cheryl Jacobs
304	Amanda Ackerman
305	LaFawn Thompson
306	Barbara Harrell
401	Robbie Borchers
402	Melinda Rapp
403	Don Johnson
404	Teri Taylor
405	Molly Vogt
406	Joe Carroll
407	Susan Walker

Our Mission

The mission of the Republican Club of Comal County is to promote “Faith, Family, and Freedom” by providing information and education about critical political issues, by encouraging active participation in the political process, by supporting conservative Republican nominees, and by fostering loyalty to the Republican Party and its conservative ideals.

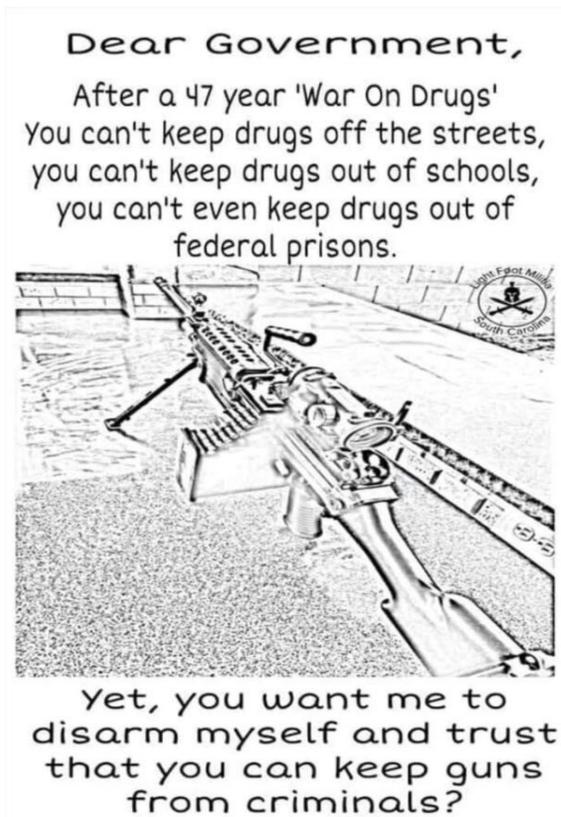
Jason Isaac

The Honorable Jason Isaac is the director of Life:Powered at the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Isaac, a fourth-generation Texan, was elected four times as the state representative for Hays and Blanco counties in the Texas Hill Country.

During his eight years of service, he passed legislation to reduce taxes, strengthen election integrity, improve public education, preserve Second Amendment rights, protect local groundwater, and protect private property rights. He was repeatedly honored for his commitment to limited government and proved to be an effective leader, excelling at both advocating for conservative principles and working across the aisle to find responsible solutions for the future of the Lone Star State. Isaac is a sought-after public speaker on energy and environment issues and has appeared on national news shows. His commentaries have been published in *The Hill*, the *Washington Examiner*, the *Daily Caller*, and other publications.

Isaac has a B.B.A. in marketing from Stephen F. Austin State University and serves as a board member for the Digital Education and Work Initiative of Texas. He’s a youth lacrosse coach and lives in Hays County with his wife Carrie and two sons. They attend Dripping Springs Church of Christ.



The 2020 Principles of the Republican Party of Texas (RPT)

The following is a portion of the RPT 2020 Platform. This is an outline of what we believe our Party stands for and should be made familiar to all Texas Republicans so when we are asked, "Why are you a Republican?" you can cite one or all of these ten primary reasons.

Preamble

Affirming our belief in God, we still hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. Throughout the world, people dare to dream of freedom and opportunity. The Republican Party of Texas unequivocally defends that dream. We strive to preserve the freedom given to us by God, implemented by our Founding Fathers, and embodied in the Constitution. We recognize that the traditional family is the strength of our nation. It is our solemn duty to protect innocent life and develop responsible citizens. We understand that our economic success depends upon free market principles. If we fail to maintain our sovereignty, we risk losing the freedom to live these ideals.

Principles

We, the 2020 Republican Party of Texas, believe in this platform and expect our elected leaders to uphold these truths through acknowledgment and action. We believe in:

1. "The laws of nature and nature's God," and we support the strict adherence to the original language and intent of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitutions of the United States and of Texas.
2. The sanctity of innocent human life, created in the image of God, which should be equally protected from fertilization to natural death.
3. Preserving American and Texas sovereignty and freedom.
4. Limiting government power to those items enumerated in the United States and Texas Constitutions.
5. Personal accountability and responsibility.
6. Self-sufficient families, founded on the traditional marriage of a natural man and a natural woman.
7. Having an educated population, with parents having the freedom of choice for the education of their children.
8. The inalienable right of all people to defend themselves and their property.
9. A free enterprise society unencumbered by government interference or subsidies.
10. Honoring all of those who serve and protect our freedom.

Republican Party of Texas Legislative Priorities 2021: Legislative Priorities Report

RESOLVED, that we, the Republican Party of Texas, urge the Texas Senate and House Republican Caucuses to adopt these legislative priorities as their own.

Election Integrity

Require citizenship verification of each voter, and felony penalties for Election Code violations that threaten election integrity.

Religious Freedom

Restore the rights of individuals, organizations and businesses, to exercise their sincerely held religious beliefs by prohibiting local ordinances, state laws, or executive orders that violate those rights.

Children and Gender Modification

Abolish the following practices for minors: intervention to prevent natural progression of puberty; administration of opposite sex hormones; and performance of any type of gender reassignment surgery.

Abolition of Abortion

Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization.

Constitutional Carry

Restore legal Texas firearms owners' rights to carry them openly or concealed without a permit, while maintaining the option of a permit for reciprocity purposes.

Monument Protection

All monuments or markers in our state shall be protected by law from being removed, defaced, destroyed, or otherwise dishonored. In particular, specific protection shall be given to the Alamo Cenotaph which shall not be removed from its current location off the Alamo Battlefield footprint.

School Choice for All

Empower parents and guardians to choose from public, private, charter, or homeschool options for their children's education using tax credits or exemptions without government restraint or intrusion.

Ban Taxpayer-Funded Lobbying

Abolish all forms of taxpayer-funded lobbying.

Ten Points to Keep Comal County and Texas Strong

by Sue Piner, Comal County Republican Chair

A quote from Thomas Jefferson: Freedom is lost gradually from an uninterested, uninformed, and uninvolved people.

We are a **RED** island surrounded by Blue. They WILL be coming after us!
Here is our plan to #Keep Texas Red and #Keep Comal County Strong:

- 1 - Support a strong Voter Registration program
 - All Precinct Chairs become Deputy Voter Registrars
 - Encourage volunteers to become Deputy Voter Registrars
 - Hold scheduled Voter Registration drives
- 2 - Develop a strong Election worker pool of Judges and clerks and prepare workers with clear training and backup.
- 3 - Recruit and train poll watchers
- 4 - Recruit strong Election Campaign activity:
 - Phone Calling
 - Block Walking
 - Holding signs outside polling locations
- 5 - County Precinct Chairs
 - Community involvement to educate voters
- 6 - Texas GOP
 - Our Platform and Legislative priorities
- 7 - The 2021 Texas Legislative Session (due to the virus we will have limited in-person access. Go to Live Streaming.)
- 8 - Rally to support Texas Strong, such as the Tea Party and Trump Train
 - Be seen by your community; participate in non-partisan community events
- 9 - Motivate and develop vetted Candidates to successfully run and be elected.
 - Training, funding, preparation
- 10 - Recruit
 - Educate and encourage participation of a diverse group of young people, Hispanic, African American, and others, in our community to see the wisdom of the Founding Fathers for our Nation.

Letter to the Editor

Sue Piner, the Comal County Republican Party chair, wrote the following letter to the Editor of the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung regarding Democratic statements about the Texas Election Integrity bills.

Defending the election law

A few clarifications regarding Kendra Manning's letter about voting difficulties.

If the Republican election integrity bills are passed, you could still vote by mail and vote curbside.

You could still vote early or on Election Day. Poll watchers would not be exempt from state law that no one can use a cell phone or any other device to take photos or video in the polling place or the counting room.

Poll watchers could not come in contact with voters. Our election workers in Comal County take all possible precautions to respect your space and your safety.

The election integrity bills before the Texas Special Session actually make it easier to vote and harder to cheat.

Sue Piner, New Braunfels

Three Reasons to Vote Republican

by Patrick Hampton, May 29, 2021

The core values of abolition, freedom of speech, and free markets.

As an American who is also a minority, I am frequently asked how it is I could vote Republican. Even in a severely polarized society where a great ideological chasm exists along racial lines, I stand firm on my party affiliation. When my values are questioned, my response is always the same: freedom.

My conversations with Democrats and Independents always circle back to the inception of the Republican Party, with President Abraham Lincoln being the first president to come from the newly established party. But why was it established at all? The very core value of the party is abolition.

Contrary to Leftmedia lemmings, the party did not use abolition as a strategic crutch to help the North win the Civil War. In fact, on July 6, 1854, an anti-slavery gathering called the Oaks Convention would be the inaugural political stage for the first Republican Party members. (The party itself was founded in Wisconsin in March of that year.) This new abolitionist party would facilitate freedom from tyranny for all enslaved peoples, while holding fast to the values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The GOP still carries these values to this day, despite progressives insisting that the party "switched" somehow with the Democrat Party — the same party supported by slave owners and hate groups like the Ku Klux Klan.

Second, I continue to vote Red as the Republican Party is our last stronghold for freedom of speech. Social media is the epicenter for public discourse, yet platforms like Facebook and Twitter have taken their liberties too far to be considered "platforms." Rather, the Big Tech entities behave as publishers, adding as many "fact-checking" stickers as possible on "incendiary" posts, while going as far as to ban a sitting president of the United States in Donald Trump.

Republican Florida Governor Ron DeSantis hopes to turn the tables in favor of Floridians who embrace freedom of speech with SB 7072, which would require platforms like Facebook and Twitter to not only allow user posts but consistently apply their terms of service or face lawsuits. A model Republican leader, DeSantis has further emboldened my faith in the party. My hope is that his motion encourages more states to do the same.

Finally, I remain with the Republican Party due to its consistent commitment to free markets. Small businesses were among our biggest casualties during the COVID "pandemic," leaving companies to survive on breadcrumbs while power-hungry politicians forced many to fully shut down operations (with many closing their doors forever). In order to rebound, companies must be open to customers regardless of whether they wear a mask.

With the survival of the Texas economy in mind, Republican Governor Greg Abbott took the first step with his recent executive order prohibiting government entities from mandating masks in the Lone Star state. Only a true Republican could have made this decision that keeps freedom from medical discrimination at bay. After all, freedom is why the Republican Party was founded.

It's not just Democrats and the politically illiterate that could use a history refresher. Republicans, too, can and should learn the roots of the party. And when more minorities come to understand what Republicans stand for, they'll return home to the side of the aisle that fought for them in the first place.

Democratic Party won't admit that it's become the party of wealth

Victor Davis Hanson Tribune Content Agency, July 17, 2021

How often during the past year of wokeness have middle- and lower-class Americans listened to multimillionaires of all races and genders lecture them on their various pathologies and oppressions?

University presidents with million-dollar salaries virtue-signal on the cheap their own sort of "unearned white privilege."

Meghan Markle and the Obamas, from their plush estates, indict Americans for their biases.

Black Lives Matter co-founder Patrisse Khan-Cullors Brignac decries the oppressive victimization she and others have suffered — from one of her four recently acquired homes.

Do we need another performance-art sermon on America's innate unfairness from billionaire entertainers such as Beyonce, Jay-Z or Oprah Winfrey, or from multimillionaire Delta or Coca-Cola CEOs?

During the 1980s cultural war, the left's mantra was "race, class, and gender." Occasionally we still hear of that trifecta, but the class part has increasingly disappeared. The neglect of class is ironic given that a number of recent studies conclude class differences are widening as never before.

Middle-class incomes among all races have stagnated, and family net worth has declined. Far greater percentages of rising incomes go to the already rich. Student debt, mostly a phenomenon of the middle and lower classes, has hit \$1.7 trillion.

States such as California have bifurcated into medieval-style societies. California's progressive coastal elites boast some of the highest incomes in the nation. But in the more conservative north and central interior, nearly a third of the population lives below the poverty line — explaining why one of every three American welfare recipients lives in California.

California's heating, cooling, gasoline and housing costs are the highest in the continental United States. Most of these spiraling costs are attributable to policies embraced by an upper-class elite — in Silicon Valley, Hollywood and marquee universities — whose incomes shield them from the deleterious consequences of their utopian bromides. The poor and middle classes have no such insulation.

So why are we not talking about class?

First, we are watching historic changes in political alignment.

The two parties are switching class constituents. Some 65 percent of the Americans making more than \$500,000 a year are Democrats, and 74 percent of those who earn less than \$100,000 a year are Republicans, according to IRS statistics. Gone are the days of working people automatically voting Democratic or Republicans being caricatured as a party of stockbrokers on golf courses.

By 2018, Democratic representatives were in control of all 20 of the wealthiest congressional districts. In the recent presidential primaries and general election, 17 of the 20 wealthiest ZIP codes gave more money to Democratic candidates than to Republicans.

Increasingly, the Democrats are a bicoastal party of elites from corporate America, Wall Street, Silicon Valley, the media, universities, entertainment and professional sports. All have made out like bandits from globalization.

Democrats have lost much of their support from working-class whites, especially in the interior of the country. But they are also fast forfeiting the Hispanic middle class and beginning to lose solidarity among middle-class African Americans.

The Democratic Party does not wish to admit it has become the party of wealth. All too often its stale revolutionary speechifying sounds more like penance arising from guilt than genuine advocacy for middle-class citizens of all races.

The wealthy leftist elite has mastered the rhetoric of ridicule for the lower-middle classes, especially struggling whites. Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and Joe Biden wrote off their political opponents as supposedly crude, superstitious, and racist, smearing them as "clingers," "deplorables," "irredeemables" and "chumps."

Class is fluid; race is immutable. So by fixating on race, the left believes that it can divide America into permanent victimizers and victims — at a time when race and class are increasingly disconnecting.

The wealthy of all races are the loudest voices of the woke movement. Their frequent assumptions of "victimhood" are absurd.

Americans who struggle to pay soaring gas, food, energy and housing prices are berated for their "white privilege" by an array of well-paid academics, media elite and CEOs.

Note that the woke military is the brand of admirals, generals and retired top brass on corporate boards, not of the enlisted. It's multimillionaire CEOs who bark at the nation for their prejudices, not saleswomen or company truck drivers.

America is a plutocracy, not a genocracy. Wealth, not race, is the factor most likely to ensure someone power, influence, and the good life.

In the pre-civil rights past, race was often fused to class, and the two terms were logically used interchangeably to cite oppression and inequality. But such a canard is fossilized. And so are those who desperately cling to it.

The more the elites scream their woke banalities, the more they seem to fear that they, not most Americans, are really the privileged, coddled, and pampered ones — and sometimes the victimizers.

**Harvard poll: 80% see border disaster, want Trump closure restored,
reject teaching critical race theory**
Republican Wire, June, 2021

The Biden administration is failing big time with its inability to control illegal immigration, adding it to one of several issues that could doom Democrats if left unchecked.

In a new Harvard/Harris poll, an overwhelming 80% said that illegal immigration is a serious issue and one that needs more attention than what President Joe Biden or Vice President Kamala Harris are giving.

What's more, 68% said that signals from Biden's White House are encouraging illegal immigration, and 55% believe that former President Donald Trump's border closing policies should have been left in place.

Pollster Mark Penn sized up the results this way: "Immigration is boiling up as an issue."

Add it to increasing voter concerns about inflation, taxes, and the critical race theory controversy, and this could be a summer of woe for Democrats. "These are not good numbers for Democrats," said an adviser to House Republicans.

The fears of illegal immigration were a key part of Penn's analysis of his June poll for Harvard's Center for American Political Studies and the Harris Poll.

He wrote: "Sixty-four percent of registered voters want the Biden administration to issue new, stricter policies to reduce the flow of people across the border. Only 7% of voters could accurately call out the amount of monthly illegal immigrants crossing into the U.S. with 84% underestimate the number, suggesting we should expect stronger voter reactions if the crisis evolves further. Overall, 74% of voters view the current surge in illegal immigrants as a crisis that needs to be addressed immediately, and 56% do not view climate change, racism, and sexism as root causes of migration from South and Central America."

Harris, who was tasked to solve the issue, didn't get a winning grade. Most thought she should have visited the border earlier than Friday, and more failed her trip to Central America, during which she sought to heal the "root causes" of illegal immigration.

And despite liberal media efforts to dismiss the debates in school districts around the country over the teaching of critical race theory, the poll found that it too was a hot issue.

"On schooling and education, another sleeper issue, 61% do not believe students should be taught that America is structurally racist and is dominated by white supremacy," said Penn in his email.

Why Black and White Relations Hit a New Low

The division we're seeing is driven by Democrats and their Leftmedia mouthpieces

The Patriot Post, Brian Mark Weber, August, 2021

On a daily basis, we're told that race relations are worse than ever.

But in the real world outside of the media bubble, millions of black and white Americans work, play, study, worship, and live together in peace. That doesn't mean there aren't any issues or problems to be resolved, but today's media have created an alternate universe that doesn't reflect reality.

Indeed, in that alternate universe, it sure does feel like something is wrong. And that's thanks entirely to the divisive efforts of Democrats and their media mouthpieces. Given the 24/7 propaganda, it's no wonder we've seen a shift in the way everyone perceives race in America.

A recent Gallup poll, for example, reveals that as recently as 2013, 70% of U.S. adults viewed race relations in a positive light. Today, that number is only 42%.

No, America hasn't become more "systemically racist" in the past eight years. We've just been led to believe it. The division plays right into the hands of the Marxist Democrats who benefit from a nation in chaos, even if the chaos also hurts people of color in the process (as it almost always does.)

It's shameful that some of our fellow citizens seek to tear apart the fabric we've worked so hard to mend throughout our history. But like anything else that comes from radical leftists, it's not that hard to figure out their long-term objective.

Leftist race-baiter B. Duncan Moench penned an article, titled "Americans Hate Each Other," in which he concluded that the only answer to this problem is to dissolve the United States and "start an American Union that works more like its European counterpart."

As they say, the devil lies in the details.

Moench doesn't think we're smart enough to see that the breakdown of our society and institutions is the objective of the radical leftists champing at the bit to take power when it all comes tumbling down. As the inimitable Thomas Sowell wrote a few years back: "Mob rule is not democracy. It threatens democracy, as it threatens lives — black or white."

Race hustlers like Ibrim X. Kendi, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and Bernie Sanders hope America dissolves so they can create a new world built on Marxist lies. And let's not forget that it was Barack Obama who promised a post-racial America only to spout identity politics from the White House.

But this is about much more than dividing us along racial lines; it's about a broader effort to turn America against its history, institutions, and traditions. Americans are now taught to hate those things and seek their remaking, revising, or outright destruction.

The poll isn't surprising. For too long we've been told America is a country built on lies and designed to oppress anyone who isn't white. Every instance of real racism is exaggerated, while progress is swept under the rug by journalists and politicians.

As Sowell biographer and Wall Street Journal columnist Jason R. Riley writes: "The political left has a stake in overstating both the existence and effects of racism so that it can advocate for more and bigger programs to combat it. And the media has long been willing to do the left's ideological bidding. Social media allows for wide publicity of statistically rare incidents."

Consequently, the media have the power to frame opinions and conversations and influence the way we think and interact with one another. But we can't afford to let them divide us any longer.

We're truly at a crossroads. Americans can either let the powerful media and political elites convince us that we hate each other, or we can ignore them and continue the progress we've made toward building a colorblind society.

Democrats' Hypocrisy Is Now Impossible To Ignore

Josh Hammer, Townhall, Aug 6, 2021

Earlier this week, New York State Attorney General Letitia James, a partisan Democrat, released a bombshell 165-page report that another partisan Democrat, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, previously sexually harassed at least 11 women in the workplace. According to the report, Cuomo engaged in nonconsensual touching, groping and kissing, in addition to making generally inappropriate comments toward numerous women. What's more, in James' words from a press conference earlier this week, "in doing so," Cuomo "violated federal and state law" and created a "toxic workplace environment."

Cuomo has nonetheless denied the allegations and thus far refused to resign. He has done so notwithstanding a direct plea from President Joe Biden -- a man similarly known for decades, perhaps an entire political career's worth, of inappropriate touching of women -- for him to do precisely that, as well as a strongly worded statement from New York State Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (another fellow Democrat) that Cuomo "can no longer serve as governor." In a galling display of a lack of self-awareness, a May 2013 Cuomo tweet was also recently unearthed for all to see: "There should be a zero tolerance policy when it comes to sexual harassment & must send a clear message that this behavior is not tolerated."

Apparently #BelieveAllWomen, the left's preferred hashtag during the 2018 Justice Brett Kavanaugh Supreme Court confirmation saga -- and a deeply discomfiting mantra, at that, for all who claim to care about basic norms of fairness -- only applies to Republicans, and not Democrats, accused of serial sexual misconduct. Uncle Joe would certainly know all about that. Does anyone in Washington even remember Tara Reade?

Democratic hypocrisy does not stop, of course, at personal sexual misconduct. On Thursday, Rep. Cori Bush, D-Mo., the newest addition to the socialist, America-bashing House "Squad," recorded a wild interview on CBS in which she advocated for defunding the police while conceding that she, a sitting U.S. congresswoman and thus nothing if not profoundly privileged, maintains a private security detail. "I'm going to make sure that I have security because ... I have had attempts on my life," Bush argued. She then artfully added, roughly 20 seconds later: "So suck it up, and defunding the police has to happen. We need to defund the police and put that money into social safety nets."

Huh?

The same people who hypocritically support defunding the police while simultaneously being privileged enough to retain a private security detail, of course, are also those who usually support draconian, rights-infringing gun restrictions. So for those keeping score at home, the hard left wants to defend the police and prevent you from securing your home and hearth with your own firearms, while it sleeps well at night comfortably protected by private security details. Many of these Democrats, as well as their major donors, also support open borders and tearing down even extant portions of the U.S.-Mexico border wall -- policies that disproportionately harm legal migrants and working-class ranchers who live near the border, including in such COVID-overrun areas as Texas' Rio Grande Valley -- while they live in wealthy, gated and well-manicured communities.

There is maybe something to be said for the old saw, "Do as I say, not as I do." But at a certain point, it is exceedingly difficult if not impossible to take these hypocrites' griping seriously. If an elected official is beseeching a certain lifestyle or otherwise advocating for major changes to public policy, it is not too much to ask that those doing the beseeching or advocating generally live what it is they preach. A leader who leads the polity in a moral and just direction by means of personal example is acting virtuously and properly. Shouting from the rooftop while privately contradicting everything someone says publicly, by contrast, is neither virtuous nor proper; it is immoral and laughable.

The only silver lining that might emerge from this, especially with respect to Cuomo's trials and tribulations, is that sullied Democrats could theoretically catch enough flak and be sufficiently publicly shamed so as to modify their irksome public-facing positions. In the case of Cuomo, that might take the form of eschewing a manifestly unreasonable "Believe All Women" stance in favor of one more consistent with basic civilizational norms of due process. Then again, if past is prologue, don't expect the great grandma slayer of Albany to go through much, if any, introspection.

Commentary: Nation evolves thanks to ideals of Founding Fathers

A response to an editorial
Robert R. Barton, July 30, 2021

After quoting the preamble of the Declaration of Independence and describing it as "soaring prose," this editorial asked: "How does the preamble square with the horrors of slavery that continue to haunt our nation? How does it square with women not having the right to vote until 1920? How does it square with historic literacy tests and poll taxes to exclude African Americans from voting?"

If the preamble is only "soaring prose," it doesn't "square" with any of these things.

The preamble "squares" with slavery by recognizing that, because of its ideals, slavery was abolished 156 years ago and constitutionally prohibited. The preamble "squares" with the denial of women's suffrage by recognizing that, because of its ideals, the franchise was constitutionally extended to women 101 years ago. The preamble "squares" with denying African Americans the right to vote by recognizing that, because of its ideals, literacy tests and poll taxes were held to be unconstitutional and prohibited by law more than 70 years ago.

Instead of lamenting past injustices and condemning our ancestors for not viewing matters by today's lights, we should honor the ideals promulgated by the Founders that ultimately corrected those injustices, and have the humility to be grateful to the Founders for expounding those ideals and fighting a revolutionary war against the greatest military power in the world to achieve them.

The editorial asserted that the history of slavery, denial of women's suffrage and deprivation of the franchise to African Americans is "inextricably linked to the present day." If it is, it is our responsibility to deal constructively with that link. Debasing the Founding of our nation because of its imperfections, and dishonoring the Founders for their flaws, do not excuse our failing to make our nation more just and free by implementing the preamble's ideals.

The editorial concluded with the statement, "And in this way, over the passage of time, one year after the next, marked by this nation's birthday, the moral arc ultimately bends toward justice."

That statement is true because of the evolving application of the eternal ideals articulated in the preamble of the Declaration of Independence.

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WHAT DOES CRITICAL RACE THEORY TEACH?

- 1 America is an irredeemably RACIST country
- 2 ALL white people are RACIST
- 3 Whites are OPPRESSORS and nonwhites are VICTIMS
- 4 American ideals like free speech and hard work are RACIST
- 5 Capitalism is RACIST
- 6 The only remedy to past discrimination is present discrimination



White House offers new excuse for why migrants are surging the border

Hint: It's still not Biden's fault.

Phil Shiver, August 05, 2021

First, the Biden administration insisted the surge of migrants on the country's southern border was the result of typical seasonal migration patterns. Now, it says the ongoing border crisis is due to the coronavirus pandemic's effects on Central American countries.

Either way, now more than seven months into the term, the administration still refuses to take responsibility for the crisis.

In response to a news report published Thursday by Politico, which called the administration's handling of the immigration crisis a "bust," the White House kept on peddling excuses and trying to avoid the issue altogether.

What did they say?

According to the news outlet, ahead of publication, "the White House declined to provide comment on the increases in migrants or to allow an interview with a policy expert to talk about the border."

Then after the story was published, the White House made sure to send over a statement blaming the coronavirus for the influx of migrants.

"The countries in the region are still grappling with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, now exacerbated by the spreading Delta variant. Thus many are still seeking out relief via irregularly migrating to the United States," the official reportedly said.

Politico noted that "the official also said this year's numbers should not be compared to previous years' numbers because so many more people trying to cross the border during the pandemic try to cross multiple times."

Similarly, White House press secretary Jen Psaki on Tuesday blamed a range of external factors for the ongoing surge of migrants, including "economic challenges, weather challenges, [and] crime."

Why does it matter?

The White House's response certainly does not bode well for America's chances at securing the border and stemming the immediate influx of migrants. The administration's focus appears to remain solely on a "long-term solution" for the supposedly "long-term challenge," according to Psaki.

Vice President Kamala Harris, who was tasked with managing the crisis earlier this year, recently unveiled a five-pillar strategy for handling the influx which said virtually nothing about increasing border enforcement. Instead, she suggested the U.S. give money to Central American countries in hopes of making them more desirable places to stay.

All the while, migrants are surging the U.S.-Mexico border at unprecedented rates. Last month, the number of unaccompanied minors stopped by Border Patrol agents hit an all-time high. The number of people who came in families reached its second-highest total on record. In all, U.S. immigration authorities reportedly encountered migrants approximately 210,000 times. June and July typically see a decrease in encounters.

Anything else?

White House officials aren't the only ones who have their blinders on regarding the reason for the surge, though. Immigration activists do, too.

"This has taken many people off guard," Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, policy counsel at the American Immigration Council, said, according to Politico. "We really genuinely can't pinpoint a specific precipitating event that has caused this new influx in July."

To most Americans, the "specific precipitating event" driving the influx is quite clear: President Joe Biden's election.

When asked in July by the Daily Caller why so many migrants are now coming to America, a smuggler openly admitted they're coming because it is easier to cross the river under Biden.

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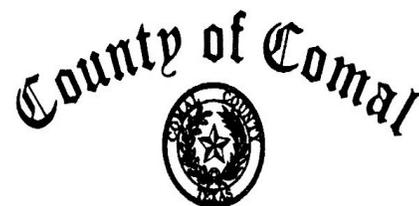
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