



The RIGHT WRITE-UP

The Republican Club of Comal County

*A political group of conservative Republican men and women.
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, July 27, at 6:30 p.m. (setup at 5:00, social mixer at 5:30)

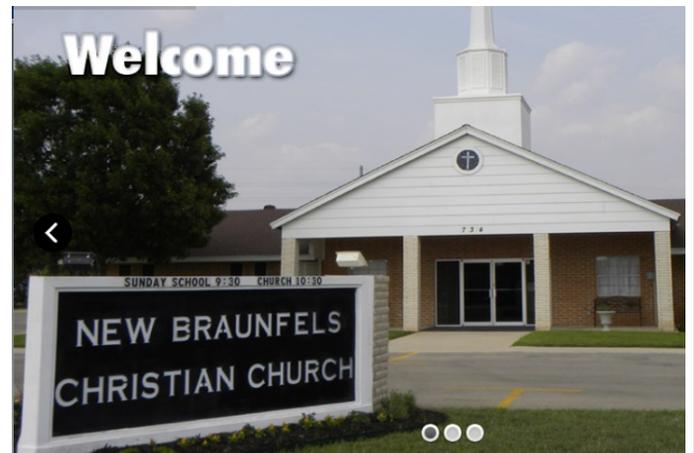
at the New Braunfels Christian Church, 734 North Loop 337, New Braunfels

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@rccctx.org.



OUR PROGRAM

Our guest speaker will be

Jerome Greener

Vice President of Engagement for the Texas Public Policy Foundation

He will talk about election integrity and critical race theory.

Don't miss this interesting, timely, and informative meeting!

(For more information about Jerome Greener and others who will be joining him, see page 5.)



A Message from our Club President

As we look back to the previous years under President Trump, who could have imagined what this country would be like today under the current administration. On a daily basis, there is more turmoil and disbelief on what is going on in Washington and the things that are taking priority over Americans. Now more than ever we need to get energized and involved in the upcoming 2022 elections and ensure we take back the House and Senate and keep Texas Red. Our Country depends on it!
Thank you to all our members, God bless you, stay safe and healthy, God Bless Texas and America.

Thank you all and God Bless you!

Respectfully,

Mary Wohl, RCCC President

OUR PATRON PROGRAM

The Republican Club of Comal County is thankful for those who have contributed to our Club through the Patron Program during 2020.

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

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Legislative Affairs	Don Johnson
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Hospitality	Lori Mayfield
Parliamentarian	<i>(Currently vacant)</i>
Publicity Chair	<i>(Currently vacant)</i>
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Special Events	Donna Lee
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Patron Program	Carolyn Herbert
Precinct Whip	Joe Carroll
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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	Diane Zornow
205	Bob Dosee
206	Richard "Tex" Hall
207	John Brewer
208	Joanne Martin
301	Ruth Chambers
302	Mary Lou Erben
303	Cheryl Jacobs
304	Amanda Ackerman
305	LaFawn Thompson
306	Barbara Harrell
401	Robbie Borchers
402	Beryl Josephson
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.

Jerome Greener

Jerome Greener joined the Texas Public Policy Foundation as Vice President of Engagement in Nov. 2020. In his role, Jerome leads engagement efforts to connect Texans with opportunities that will help them live their best version of the American Dream.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Jerome served as the Texas State Director for Americans for Prosperity, where he helped orchestrate \$7.6 billion in tax relief. Jerome also helped found a Facebook gaming company that empowered social gamers to generate real funds for humanitarian aid projects in Africa.

Jerome earned a B.A. in Politics and a M.B.A. from the University of Dallas. A San Antonio native, Jerome now resides in Austin with his wife, Jennifer and their dog, Bailey.

Jerome will be joined by two others from the Texas Public Policy Foundation. They are Crystal Bonham and Sam Pohl.

Crystal Bonham serves as the Digital Communications Director for the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

An entrepreneur at heart, Crystal lives out her belief in the free market as a small business owner and entrepreneur who has launched several nationally recognized ventures, advised Fortune 100 companies, trade associations, political campaigns, and non-profits on digital marketing, brand strategy, and strategic communications.

When Crystal is not slinging strategy at TPPF you can find her rocking the mic as one of the nation’s premier indoor cycling instructors, or enjoying the Texas hill country with a strong cup of coffee in hand alongside her husband Caleb and their golden retriever pup, Bailey.

Sam Pohl joined Texas Public Policy Foundation in May of 2020 and serves as the Director of External Relations.

As a 6th generation Texan, Sam is passionate about the Lone Star State and advancing Liberty. He has a background in political campaigning in Texas and Florida. Most recently Sam was the Communications Director with the Republican Party of Texas (RPT), where he managed media relations and digital efforts for the Party. Prior to joining RPT, he was the Political Director for Don Huffines for Texas Senate and several other campaigns.

Sam received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. He was a member of the U.S. Polocrosse Team which competed in England, South Africa, Australia, Canada, and United States. He is an avid angler, outdoorsman, and golfer. He currently lives in Austin with his wife, Leanna, and their Brittany Spaniel, Piper.

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.

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.

Call It the Critical Trump Theory: Free Enterprise Is a Miracle for Minorities

by Lawrence Kudlow, July 13, 2021

Critical race theory is all the rage among far-left progressive intellectuals, and at least part of it has permeated mainstream chief executives, who should know better. Systemic racism, and CRT, along with something called racial equity, have become both the diagnosis and the solution.

In other words, we need more discrimination to solve discrimination and it all started 250 years ago by a bunch of white males — pardon, white supremacist — males. While I have no doubt there is unfortunately still some discrimination in America, I also totally reject the idea of systemic racism.

It is precisely the genius of American democracy that has fostered huge and equitable changes in race, gender, color, everything. The 1619 project sponsored by the crazy people at the New York times has been disputed up and down the line by highly respected historians.

As I argued on my Independence Day Special, the solution to what ails us can be found in the 1776 project, which is about freedom and the consent of the governed, and the authority of a higher power that makes our system work.

About a year ago, when I served in the Trump administration, I was frequently attacked for my denial of systemic racism. I continue to hold that view. And I could never get straight answers from interviewers on a whole bunch of networks — CNBC, CNN, NBC, and others.

If America is so racist how is it that an African American was elected twice to the presidency? Twice mind you. And during those two victories was supported by 80 million white voters. That is not systemic racism. Nor were the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, which were triggered by Abe Lincoln and continued under President U.S. Grant.

Nor was the turnaround of the United States military by Harry Truman and the great civil rights achievements by Lyndon Johnson with large-scale Republican help in the Senate. They passed things like the Civil Rights Act, the Voting Rights Act, the Fair Housing Act. The fact that Ku Klux Klan Democrats in the Senate tried desperately to block these reforms, just as they had blocked them for 50 years prior, didn't stop it from getting done in our representative democracy.

Martin Luther King has always been a hero of mine for arguing the importance of the content of our character rather than the color of our skin. Another hero was Thurgood Marshall, who ran the legal department of the NAACP. And won cases that effectively overturned bad laws. Then he went on to become an outstanding Supreme Court justice.

Now we come to the economic part of this story. Usually, welfare and entitlement subsidies are at the center of discussions of black economic development, but they didn't work. Government dependency won out over black ownership. During the Trump years, though, a new model was put in place with great success.

In his National Review online article, my friend and Trump alumnus, Scott Turner, writes convincingly with facts about the success of African Americans under free enterprise policies. While Mr. Trump is often accused of being one of the most racist presidents, the facts are that black Americans experienced huge benefits from lower taxes and fewer regulations.

The unemployment rate, pre-pandemic, for blacks reached a record low of 5.2%. The poverty rate for black Americans hit record lows, while a total of 1 million lifted themselves out of poverty. Real median household income for black families rose above \$4,000 dollars after falling over the previous 14 years. Black homeownership sky-rocketed.

Median weekly earnings grew 4.1% on average, higher than the 3.4% earnings growth for whites. Scott argues that the 2017 tax cut was crucial, as was the de-regulation of business and perhaps most important, the creation of nearly 9,000 opportunity zones, which attracted roughly \$75 billion in capital for under-served communities.

That's enough to create half a million jobs, lift another million persons out of poverty, by using a simple tool where capital gains of long-term investments were taxed at zero. These are important achievements by a Republican president and a Republican party who are always viciously attacked by the CRT, woke crowd. The wokes, though, are wrong.

And their woke economics of welfare and entitlement subsidies do African Americans over the long run a great disservice and great harm, with poor results. The same holds true for other minority groups. It's no secret that Mr. Trump's reelection attracted a big increase in African American voters and a whopping gain from Hispanics.

Give free enterprise a chance, and it will work economic miracles. Unfortunately, President Biden appears to be siding with the woke crowd.

Is the Fight for Freedom Really Worth It?

by Roger Helle, Patriot Post, June 30, 2021

In a word, yes. America is still the beacon of hope for millions around the world.

We were spellbound as she shared her story of escaping from Vietnam. Her mother, a widow of a South Vietnamese soldier, had three daughters. She was only two and had tuberculosis. Her mother learned the American embassy in Saigon was hiring secretaries and she obtained a job. It was 1975 and the nation was in turmoil. North Vietnamese Army (NVA) troops were flooding across neighboring borders, slaughtering soldiers and civilians and creating terror throughout the country.

Her mother's supervisor gave her four passes to give them passage out of the country. Before he was evacuated, he told her mother not to sell the passes as there were no more. On April 30, as the NVA approached Saigon, her mother gathered her children and pushed through the terrified crowd to the gates of the embassy.

Along the way, she was offered gold, jewels, and cash for her passes. One woman who knew about her sick daughter begged her to take her child and leave her youngest behind. Her mother said they would either get out together, or they would die together. She was brought through the crowd inside the walls of the embassy. Slowly, civilians and government workers boarded helicopters taking the terrified passengers out as fighting drew closer.

Finally, she said with tears in her eyes, her family was placed on the next to last helicopter leaving the roof of the American embassy. They were placed in a refugee camp, then sponsored by a Baptist church in the U.S. She told the story of how, at four years old, she climbed over pews to get to the altar to give her heart to Jesus! There wasn't a dry eye in the room as our medical team in Vietnam listened to Mai, now a doctor serving her former nation on a medical team of Vietnam veterans and others.

It got even more emotional for us veterans. Tran told the story of how when he was eight years old, the communists attacked his village, killing men, women, and children. He continued to say, "The Marines came and saved us!" I have the same tears as I write this as I did years ago when he first shared the story. His family escaped by boat and made it to America. He had just completed nurse's training and was part of our team to serve the people of Vietnam.

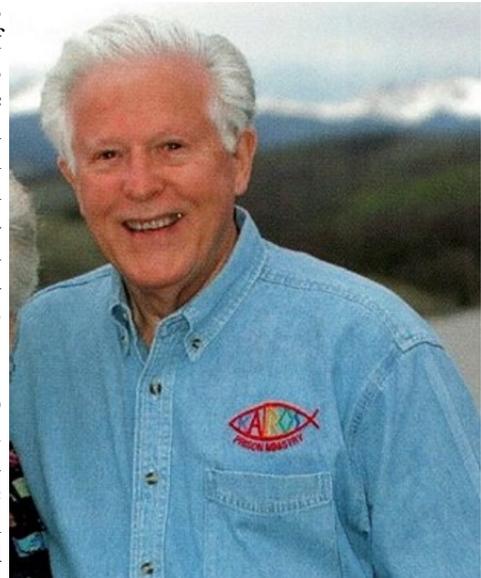
Whatever I experienced in Vietnam was nothing compared to what the people there endured. That's because politicians decided to cut off aid to South Vietnam, ensuring the nation's destruction. For 32 years, I have been regularly going back to Vietnam. I have witnessed the aftermath of Socialism/Marxism firsthand. It is NOT the utopia promised by their communist leaders. Vietnam's economy is better because of trade with America, but there is no true freedom. They are under Marxist dictators!

We hear constantly from leftists how horrible this country is. But can they explain why Cubans flee Castro's paradise? Or why people flee communist Vietnam on frail boats? Or why people from over 140 nations have flooded across our southern border this year alone? It's because they know the truth! America is still the beacon of hope for millions around the world. That's why I fought and all who served after me. Yes, it WAS worth it! Yes, I would do it again!

Something to think about?

Joseph James Lodovic III July 17, 1939 – July 1, 2021

Jim Lodovic entered into eternal peace on July 1, 2021, at his home in New Braunfels. Jim was a long-time supporter of Republican causes and organizations in New Braunfels. He was born on July 17, 1939 and was the son of the late Joseph and Jeanne Lodovic. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in San Antonio, TX in 1957. He continued his education at Southern Methodist University and graduated in 1961 with a degree in finance. He worked for several investment firms over the years as a successful municipal bond trader and ended his career with Morgan Stanley. Jim was known by all for his love, loyalty, service, and generosity. He had a passion for giving to and helping others. His faith and desire to serve others led him to Kairos Prison Ministry, where he ministered faithfully and passionately for many years. Jim loved his country and served in local politics until he was no longer able. Additionally, Jim consistently served in his local church, most often in financial capacities. Jim also enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing card games, and watching sports. He strived to attend every activity his children and grandchildren participated in. Most of all, he loved God and his family and served them well. He set a high standard, and has left a godly legacy, for which his family is extremely grateful. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Jeanne Lodovic and his sister, Clara Jeanne Baca. He leaves his loving memories to be cherished by his wife of 61 years, Sharon Kay Imes Lodovic; his sister, Mary Lodovic Howell; his children and their spouses, Jody and Allison Lodovic, Mark and Whitney Allen and Michael and Bonnie Cole; his grandchildren, Amber McNeil, Kalyne Rogers, James Lodovic, Shay Allen, Micah Allen, Makayla Allen, Katherine Palomo, Jaden Allen, Caleb Palomo and Karissa Cole; and his great grandchildren, Jaxson Hogg and Annabelle McNeil.



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



Three Ways Conservatives Can Save Their Communities We need to be proactive by protecting our communities in these ways.

by Patrick Hampton, The Patriot Post, June 2021

Marxism has fully infiltrated our society. Many areas of American society are at risk — from the security of our streets to the education of our children. The progressive communist Left is capitalizing on the complacency of conservatives who, for the most part, have been sleeping on local community involvement. This is especially common in "red" states that have long enjoyed Republican leadership and conservative values. Spoiled by a society that's free from progressive chaos, they grow lax in terms of voting and vetting their elected officials, and they even support organizations that do very little to fortify our neighborhoods and protect them from harmful policies.

We are witnessing elections in which candidates are too timid to reveal their ideological leanings, leaving much to be desired by their constituents. We are appointing school board members who may play the politically neutral card and then bait and switch upon accepting their roles. We are seeing institutions like Planned Parenthood quietly infiltrating urban and low-income communities under the guise of "women's healthcare."

But it isn't enough to show up at school board meetings to loudly express concerns. It isn't enough to stand in the street and protest. Instead of being reactive to the influx of far-left voters moving to red states, we need to be proactive by protecting our communities in these ways:

1. Vote. Actually vote. I've spoken with too many conservatives who say they support a local candidate then fail to make it to the ballot box. They get complacent with the status quo and can't fathom the idea of their neighborhood changing due to demographic shifts. Then they wake up one morning with a leftist mayor because the only candidate that mattered to them is the one vying for the White House. This is a poor way to think. Everyone who is able to vote should wake up and never assume that a red state will always stay the same.

2. Support Conservative Businesses and Organizations. Too many of us complain about this sort of "enterprise takeover" as these large corporations put their allegiance to the Left on full display. While I'm not a supporter of cancel culture, I do believe that conservative consumers should be conscious on a local and national level about the organizations they support, but also the initiatives that these organizations fund. If we want to see conservatism praised and elevated in our society, we need to be the ones praising and elevating companies that embrace these values and not wishing for someone else to do the uplifting. This is why I support local conservative media platforms across my beautiful state to ensure those voices are never silenced.

3. Be Active in the Education System. When I first ran for the county school board, I met with parents who were greatly concerned about student outcomes. My question to them was, "How involved are you?" Sadly, many parents have work and life obligations that make educational involvement a difficult if not impossible task. So my message for able-bodied parents is to design life in a way where a child's education isn't an afterthought. Because, sadly, leftists have been thinking long and hard about your kids and how they'll mold their minds. While I know plenty of excellent educators in my community, it doesn't hurt to become familiar with the origins of every curriculum and then decide if this approach is right for your child. These considerations should certainly apply to school board elections, most notably before the elected official takes seat — not after. Lack of parental involvement in public school is exactly how concepts like (Marxist) Critical Race Theory and the 1619 Project proliferate. That said, I'm grateful for the families who care enough to prevent this from emerging in our education system. Fortunately for my family, we live in a state that has banned CRT in school curriculum. Unfortunately, other states won't be so lucky — largely due to progressive takeovers of their local communities.

Ultimately, we can't sit by and hope that Marxism and socialism won't reach our regions. As people across the U.S. flee their states for more prosperous ones, we must stand firm on our values and teach these transplants how to treat us. As in all things, we must set healthy boundaries so that our local communities continue to thrive while cutting out the weeds from the garden before they destroy the fruits of our labor.

Kerry J. Ledford, Ph.D.



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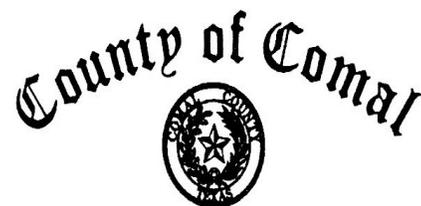
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: _____ CITY: _____

ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

*DUES: FAMILY—\$25 _____ INDIVIDUAL - \$15 _____

*PATRON MEMBERSHIP—\$100 per member _____

AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER:

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|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| ___ Legislative Liaison | ___ Refreshments | ___ Programs |
| ___ Events | ___ Training | ___ Election Clerk |
| ___ Clerical/Data entry | ___ Phone bank | ___ Fund raising |
| ___ Media/Letters to Editor | ___ Help at office | |

**MAIL TO: RCCC TREASURER,
P.O. Box 310283, NEW BRAUNFELS, TX 78131**

** Note: Separate checks are not required when paying 2021 dues
along with Patron Memberships*