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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, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. (setup at 5:00, social mixer at 5:30)
at the First Protestant Church of New Braunfels, 172 W. Coll Street
(Enter the parking lot by the Civic Center from Coll St.)

The refreshments theme for May is “Honor our Fallen.”

This meal for this meeting will be a **roast beef banquet**. The Club will provide roast beef, gravy, and mashed potatoes. Members are encouraged to bring other potato dishes, vegetables, salads, or desserts. We encourage members to arrive early. This will allow time to pay dues, 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.

Questions? Call or email our President, Al Highfield, at 830-255-1367 or at Albert.Highfield@yahoo.com.



Our guest speaker will be

**George Rodriguez,
El Conservator,**

**a nationally known conservative
blogger and commentator.**

Please join us for this informative talk.

*(See page 6 for more information
about George Rodriguez.)*

A Message from our Club President

Hello to all the members and guests of the Republican Club of Comal County (rccc.org). It has been a very busy spring and the Club is growing by membership every month. That said, we need to continue to focus every day to recruit members. I would invite all our members who are not Patron Members, to step-up and upgrade. We, my staff and committee members, are working to get a special event together for all Patrons in June 2022. The schedule for the event will be published soon. RSVP will be required by 15 June 2022 to get a good headcount. On the political stage, we need to volunteer; block walk; and contact our local, state, and national Republican representatives to support the Republican platform. We live in TEXAS, and the border needs to be at the top of our want list. Also, abortion, energy independence, the education of our children, and control of our property taxes are important. Let's forge ahead to fill the Senate and House of Representatives with strong Republican leadership.

God Bless and keep us safe during these trying times. As always, my email and phone number are listed on the front of the newsletter and on our website, rccc.org.

President Albert F. Highfield

“Ask me what You can do to get involved!”

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 and 2022.

Robbie Borchers	Scott Haag	Susie Le Canu	Sue Piner
Glenn Breitung	Albert Haddad	Kerry Ledford	Jeff Shelton
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Paul Grohman	John Kucewicz	Sandy O'Brien	Michael Wooten
Gail Grohman	Sharon Kucewicz	Ruth Pharis	John Young

Patrons donate \$100 per year per person to help us finance our 2022 election strategy. Contact our Secretary, Patty Kirk-Trimble, at 830-483-1416 to become a Patron member or for more information. Patrons receive a special personalized Texas flag name tag.

If you have not paid dues recently, your dues are due!

Pay your dues for 2022 at our May meeting.

The dues are only \$35 for a family and \$25 for an individual.

**Another wise choice is to become a Patron for only \$100
as we strive to build up our Club's treasury to prepare for the
crucial election season that starts this year!**

Our Officers for 2022

President	Al Highfield
Vice President	Dr. Kerry Ledford
Secretary	Patty Kirk-Trimble
Treasurer	John Hobson
Past President	Mary Wohl
County Chair	Sue Piner

Committee Chairs

Membership	Patty Kirk-Trimble
Legislative Affairs	Don Johnson
Campaign Activities	Susan Walker
Hospitality	Lori Mayfield
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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
Vice Chair	Susan Walker
Recording Secretary	Judy Walker
Treasurer	Don Johnson
101	Sharon Hall Monge
102	Kaci Sisk
103	Laura Buske
104	J.B. Williamson
105	Ernie Lee
106	Chris Byrd
107	Anita Valdez
108	Albert Highfield
109	Geri Becker
110	Joanne Martin
201	Marty Hiles
202	
203	James "Hoss" Boyd
204	Marlin Brown
205	Steven White
206	Kathy Phillips
207	John Brewer
301	Will Moravits
302	
303	Kenneth Kasper
304	Amanda Ackerman
305	Isabel Ibarra
306	Barbara Harrell
307	Timothy Davis
308	Mary Lou Erben
401	Robbie Borchers
402	Melinda Rapp
403	Carolyn Besselman
404	Teri Taylor
405	Molly Vogt
406	Joe Carroll
407	Susan Walker
408	Don Johnson

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.

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.

George Rodriguez, El Conservator

George Rodriguez is a nationally known blogger and commentator who has served as the South Texas Coordinator for the national Tea Party Patriots. He has been a regular guest on Fox News, Univision, and various state and national news outlets. He has also spoken around the nation at many rallies.

Mr. Rodriguez was born in Laredo, Texas, and raised in San Antonio. He has dedicated his life to sharing conservative values with Hispanics and with all Americans. As a Ronald Reagan and George H. Bush appointee, he worked for the Department of Justice in community relations and immigration outreach. He also worked with the White House Office of Public Liaison on community outreach, and with Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) on judiciary legislation, including civil rights and immigration legislation. Mr. Rodriguez was part of the 1988 Bush Presidential Campaign, and then worked for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as a special assistant, then later as an office director. Mr. Rodriguez worked with the Katrina Recovery program as an anti-fraud compliance officer, and for the City of San Antonio as a real estate director before his retirement in 2010. Mr. Rodriguez served as the Harris County GOP Chairman of Outreach from 1999 to 2000 and continues his active leadership. Mr. Rodriguez made national history in March, 2011, when he was named President of the San Antonio Tea Party and became the first Hispanic president of a major Tea Party group in the U.S. In May, 2012, he stepped down to become president of the South Texas Political Alliance, a political action group concentrating on state and local issues. Mr. Rodriguez graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in Political Science, and has certificates in Community Building from DePaul University and Harvard University. He has a blog at El Conservator and a facebook page "El Conservator."

The Supreme Court

By Kerry Ledford

The Supreme Court's job was not to decide if abortion should be allowed. Their job was only to decide if the law allowing it is legal according to the Constitution. Liberals don't seem to understand that. According to the Tenth Amendment, "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." The Constitution does not give the power to regulate abortions to the federal government. It generally does not say what the people can and can't do, but instead it says what the government can't do. After the Supreme Court decision is formally announced, it is up to each state legislature to decide if abortion should be legal in their state, with any restrictions that they want. This is as it was supposed to be all along.

Whether a judge personally supports or opposes abortion should be irrelevant. The Supreme Court does not make laws. It is up to legislatures to make the laws. The Supreme Court only decides if a law is constitutional. According to their legal reasoning, this law wasn't. Many pro-abortion judges and lawyers agree with this reasoning.



Patrons we want you to Save The Date!

RCOCC is hosting a Patron Dinner for you and your guest.

You are very special to our club and community.

Take our hats off and let us get to know each other better.

Together we will Save America.

Save The Date
June 23
2022

RSVP by
6-15-2022



TIME: 5:30-6:30PM

**Place: 1554 Gruene Rd,
New Braunfels, TX 78130**

The High Stakes for Conservatives on Roe

The Patriot Post, Thomas Gallatin, April 28, 2022

How the Supreme Court decides Dobbs could have huge and lasting implications for the conservative movement

As June fast approaches, one of the most significant and most anticipated U.S. Supreme Court rulings in a generation will be handed down. The question the justices will be deciding in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* directly impacts whether the landmark and infamous *Roe v. Wade* ruling of 1973, and perhaps *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* of 1992, will stand or fall. With the current makeup of the Court leaning in a conservative direction, pro-life advocates are guardedly hopeful that *Roe* will be overturned and that the issue of the legality of abortion will once again be properly decided by individual states and not the federal judiciary.

There is little sound legal argumentation today suggesting that *Roe* is anything other than an example of bad jurisprudence. Even many on the Left have admitted as much, though they still contend that abortion should be a fundamental right. And that is the crux of the issue — not whether *Roe* should have ever stood, but the notion that if it falls, so too would abortion. Indeed, in several states that would be the case, though not likely as many as the left-leaning Guttmacher Institute's estimate of 26.

So, two differing scenarios face conservatives depending on how the Court decides *Dobbs*. Political analyst Philip Klein argues that the Court's failure to overturn *Roe* would not only have broad negative impact on recently enacted state laws limiting abortion but that "it could be the final blow to the conservative movement as it has existed for decades." The reason for this, Klein suggests, is that opposition to abortion has been one of the primary ideological issues uniting a wide swath of conservatives, despite disagreement over the best ways to combat the issue.

Traditional constitutional conservatives have put their faith in the judicial process, where there is a natural give and take. Not every issue is won, but that doesn't mean that the system is broken. Indeed, these conservatives see this as a feature, not a bug, of the American political system.

However, the newer populist conservatives have tired of what they see as a slow and steady reality of losing ground to the Left on both cultural and political issues. They're hungering to fight back, arguing it's time to stop playing by what they see as the Left's rules and refuse to give the other side any quarter. Chief Justice John Roberts's capitulation on *ObamaCare* is repeatedly pointed to as evidence enough that Washington is too broken to be trusted.

Klein therefore notes that if the Court fails to overturn *Roe*, it may only serve to confirm to the new populist conservatives that working within the current system to nominate judges based upon the ideal of strict adherence to the Constitution simply doesn't work. It will prove to some that it's time to throw off such past sentiments as ineffective when change is needed. Ironically, they'll insist that conservatives must adopt the Left's approach to the courts, meaning developing and nominating politically activist judges, just for conservative causes.

If the Court overturns *Roe*, it will serve as confirmation of the traditional conservative method of working steadily within the principles of the Constitution, while also encouraging a renewed trust in the governmental system the Founders established.

The stakes for conservatives on *Roe v. Wade* may be even higher than merely the question of who decides abortion law.

Fox News Exposes Soros-Funded Shadow Org Working Behind Biden Administration

MRC, Jeffrey Clark, April 26, 2022

Fox News peeled back the curtain of President Joe Biden's administration and revealed how a shadowy organization heavily funded by liberal billionaire George Soros is working behind the scenes to advance a progressive agenda.

Joe Schoffstall exposed the secretive group Governing for Impact (GFI) embedded deep in Biden's White House. The April 26 bombshell story found "internal memos" detailing "more than 20 of its regulatory agenda items as it works to reverse Trump-era deregulations by zeroing in on education, environmental, health care, housing and labor issues."

An MRC Free Speech search through Soros's Open Society Foundations (OSF) grant database dredged up more dirt on GFI. Soros sent at least \$12,980,000 to GFI and its affiliated action fund — Governing for Impact Action Fund — between 2019 and 2020. GFI's website was difficult to find on the internet.

A Google search did not reveal the site, but Schoffstall found the web address for GFI: "governingforimpact.org."

"Governing for Impact is the archetype of a 'dark money' political operation: discrete, tight-knit, and well-funded," Capital Research Center investigative researcher Parker Thayer told MRC Business. GFI's website described the group's mission as "build progressive power at the state and federal level."

The group also explained that "Many of the proposals on this site focus on how the new administration could unwind the previous administration's harmful regulatory legacy." One proposal was headlined "Repealing the Anti-Trans Single-Sex Shelter Rule" and criticized former President Donald Trump for a proposed rule to honor "'biological sex' rather than gender identity." GFI claimed that Trump's rule "exposes [transgender individuals] to abuse and potential violence, and requires many to closet or misgender themselves."

GFI Executive Director Rachael Klarman defended her Soros-funded dark money operation, reportedly telling Fox News: "Governing for Impact conducts and shares research designed to help ensure that the federal government works more effectively for everyday working Americans, not just for members of industry groups that have long devoted vast resources to pursuing their own policy agendas."

Thayer called out the left's blatant hypocrisy. "The Left and the mainstream media love to complain when conservatives use 'dark money' but remain silent about the much larger dark money habit that their own side has developed over the years," he told MRC Business."

Even The New York Times has recently acknowledged that the Left uses far more 'dark money' than Conservatives, but activists, journalists, and politicians on the Left continue to cast stones from the balcony of a glass mansion."

GFI's website prominently displayed over 30 legal strategy memos aimed at advancing a variety of leftist causes, including education, environment, health care, housing, and labor. Some memos listed partnerships with separate organizations such as the Economic Policy Institute, another Soros-funded group.

Conservatives are under attack. Contact ABC News at (818) 460-7477, NBC News at (212) 664-6192, and CBS News at (212) 975-3247 and demand they report Governing for Impact's influence in the Biden administration and its connections to George Soros.

The Age of the Absurd

Dennis Prager, May 3, 2022

Share these 11 absurdities with friends and relatives, especially with those who actually think they make sense.

The West has gone through many eras — the so-called Dark Ages, the Renaissance, the Age of Reason, the Enlightenment, the Industrial Age and the Post-Modern. The present era is the Age of the Absurd.

In terms of the absurdities the cultural elites believe, and have convinced masses of people to believe, there has never been a time like today.

Here is a list of the most ridiculous that immediately come to mind.

No. 1: Men give birth.

Heading the list has to be the radical redefinition — indeed, denial of — sex and gender, leading to such reality-defying statements as "men give birth," "men menstruate," "birthing person" instead of "mother," and to the Disney theme parks no longer greeting visitors as "ladies and gentlemen" or "boys and girls."

No. 2: It is fair to allow biological men to compete in women's sports.

We are supposed to believe that biological men do not have an innate physical advantage in competing against women. This is asserted as truth by every Ivy League university, virtually every other university, most high schools and by virtually all the elite media.

No. 3: Defund police and crime will decrease.

We are supposed to believe that with fewer police we will have less violent crime. Any 10-year-old recognizes the sentiment as absurd.

No. 4: Racial segregation is antiracist. Opposition to racial segregation is racist.

Columbia University and many other universities have all-black dormitories and all-black graduations. They maintain that race-based segregation is not racist. Opposition to it is.

No. 5: "Latinx."

Because human sexuality is "not binary," languages with gendered nouns must be neutered, leading to labeling Latinos "Latinx." That virtually no one from or living in Latin America uses this absurd word does not faze the New York Times or your local university.

No. 6: Your race matters.

One of the least important aspects of human beings is the color of their skin. It is no more important than the color of their shoes.

Its insignificance is easily demonstrated. If you know the color of a person's skin, do you know anything about the person? The answer, of course, is, no. If I know your race, I know nothing else about you. And if I think I can determine anything about you on the basis of your race, I am a racist.

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No. 7: Diversity is strength — and the happiest countries in the world are Finland, Norway, Denmark and Iceland.

It is an axiom of the woke, the home of the absurd, that "diversity is our greatest strength." Yet, The New York Times, the leading media voice of the Age of the Absurd, featured an opinion piece about the happiest countries in the world. The second paragraph began, "Finland, Norway, Denmark and Iceland led the 2018 ranking of the World Happiness Report."

Not once did the Times or the writer note that the four "happiest" countries in the world are not at all diverse. In fact, they are among the least diverse countries in the Western world. They are almost entirely white, almost entirely Protestant Christian (or from a Protestant Christian background) and all their citizens speak the same language. America, on the other hand, is by far the most radical experiment in racial, religious and ethnic diversity.

No. 8: Free speech does not allow for hate speech.

"I'm for free speech, but not for hate speech" is the view of almost half of America's young people and virtually all its elites. So widespread is belief in the absurd that these people do not understand that the statement is self-contradictory. It renders the words "free speech" meaningless. By definition, free speech allows for hate speech. If it doesn't, "free speech" means nothing more than speech with which one agrees.

No. 9: You're not a human being until you're born.

There is no need to believe in God or in any religion to understand the absurdity of this assertion. If we are not human beings until birth, what are we five minutes — or five months — prior to birth, when we have a heartbeat and brain waves? Nonhuman?

No. 10: Capitalism is evil.

Abject poverty has been the norm for nearly all people throughout history. Yet, in the last century alone, billions of people have been lifted out of poverty. And there is only one reason: capitalism.

No. 11: America is systemically racist.

The manifest absurdity of this claim is easily demonstrated. In the past decades, more than three million black people have immigrated to America from Africa and the Caribbean. And probably tens of millions more would like to. Are all these people fools — choosing to move to a systemically racist country? Are they ignorant — unaware that America is systemically racist?

The non-absurd know the answers: all these blacks are neither fools nor ignorant. They know how lucky they are to move to America — because this country is so tolerant and so overwhelmingly non-racist. People don't move to countries that hate them. No Jews moved to Germany in the 1930s.

We live in the Age of the Absurd. The only question is, why? I think I know the answer and will discuss it in a future column. In the meantime, share these 11 absurdities with friends and relatives, especially with those who actually think they make sense.

Ignorance and Apathy

The Patriot Post, Cal Thomas, April 28, 2022

Controlling language shapes public perception and eventually opinion.

There's an old joke about a fictitious poll taker who asked people what they thought about ignorance and apathy when it comes to politics and elections. One respondent said, "I don't know, and I don't care."

I thought of that joke after seeing a recent YouGov poll. It shows a vast gap between what people believe to be true and what is verifiably true.

Here are a few examples. According to the poll, transgender individuals make up just 1 percent of the U.S. population, yet people believe the estimated proportion is 21 percent. Only about 1 percent of U.S. households earn more than \$500,000 a year, but the survey shows respondents believe 26 percent earn more than that amount.

Three percent of the U.S. population identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, but the survey shows people think the figure is 30 percent. The Black population of the country is 12 percent, but people surveyed think it is 41 percent. Hispanic? The actual number is 17 percent, while the perception is 39 percent. It is the same for atheists: 3 percent (actual) vs. 33 percent (perception).

What accounts for this vast disparity between perception and reality? It can only be the news and entertainment media and what they choose to highlight, as well as the bias they bring to subjects and issues they seek to promote, denigrate, or ignore.

As James Freeman recently noted in *The Wall Street Journal*: "The current custom in journalism holds that legislation sponsored by Democrats carries the title preferred by Democrats, while a Republican-sponsored bill carries the title preferred by Democrats." He cites President Biden's "Build Back Better" proposal, which is about raising taxes and increased spending. The media call the measure by his preferred label. Compare that to "Florida's new law shielding 7-year-olds from state-sponsored gender identity," which the media and activists insist on labeling the "Don't Say Gay" bill.

Numerous other examples could be mentioned, including the media's propensity to use words like "hard right" and "extreme" when they mention conservatives, but often decline to attach the word "liberal" or "hard left" to people whose policies and views fit that description.

Controlling language shapes public perception and eventually opinion.

Variations of this quote have been attributed to different people, but it sums up the problem when it comes to the public's understanding of major issues: "Never underestimate the ignorance (or stupidity) of the vast American electorate." That sounds cynical but given how some elections have gone based on what people think is true (but often is not) it has the ring of credibility. President Biden campaigning as a "moderate" is another example of falsehood vs. reality.

People applying for a driver's license must take a written test to prove that they know the rules of the road. Those seeking U.S. citizenship must prove they speak English and have a basic knowledge of civics, the Constitution, and a familiarity with U.S. history. To earn a degree, students must pass written tests and for advanced degrees make a verbal defense of their thesis. Only when it comes to voting can someone cast a ballot with no knowledge, or incorrect knowledge, about the candidates and issues.

While I'm not suggesting mandatory tests before people can vote, which smacks of Jim Crow laws that discriminated against Black people, it would help strengthen democracy if an effort was made to ensure that voters have at least a minimal understanding of issues and candidates before they cast their ballots.

How this could be done without the imposition of one's own perceptions is key. I am open to suggestions, but the system we have now could be improved if people had a better understanding of economic, political, and cultural issues than what they get from major media.

Perhaps Elon Musk's purchase of Twitter will help swing the scale in the direction toward reality.

DeSantis shows the way forward for Trumpism without Trump

by Marc Thiessen, Washington Post, May 2, 2022

Perhaps the only person who triggers progressives as much as Elon Musk these days is Ron DeSantis. Every week, it seems, Florida's Republican governor takes some new action that enrages the left and delights the right. His poll numbers are rising, which is bad news for Democrats — because DeSantis is showing the way forward for Trumpism without Donald Trump.

Like Trump, DeSantis is a counterpuncher — minus the political baggage and personal vendettas. He punched back against the left-wing education establishment, signing a law banning critical race theory in schools. He punched back against Disney, moving to take away its special tax status after the Burbank, Calif.-based company demagogued his bill to protect the parental rights of Floridians. He punched back against Big Tech, signing a law that prohibits social media companies from censoring or de-platforming political candidates. (Enforcement of the law is on hold because of litigation.) He punched back against race-baiting Democrats who slandered GOP election integrity laws as "Jim Crow 2.0," signing a sweeping voting overhaul bill that strengthens voter identification requirements, prohibits the mass mailing of ballots and bans ballot harvesting.

Most important, DeSantis punched back against the perpetual lockdown establishment and turned Florida into a bastion of freedom during the pandemic. He put seniors at the front of the line for vaccines, banned vaccine passports, restricted vaccine and mask mandates, suspended local emergency orders, and granted full pardons for all nonviolent offenses and remitted all fines related to COVID restrictions by local governments. And in July 2020, his state education department ordered Florida schools to reopen in the fall for full-time in-person learning — limiting the catastrophic learning losses that have plagued children in other parts of the country.

His strategy is working. Americans have been voting for DeSantis with their feet, fleeing high-tax, covid-restrictive blue states and flocking to freedom in Florida. After languishing in the mid-40s last year, DeSantis's approval rating in the state has risen to 59% in a new Saint Leo University poll, with just 37% disapproving — almost President Joe Biden's approval rating turned upside down.

DeSantis is on track to win reelection this fall by a wider margin than the 3.4 points Trump won two years ago. DeSantis leads his most likely opponent, congressman and former governor Charlie Crist, by almost nine points in the RealClearPolitics polling average. He's ahead of his next-most-likely opponent, Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried, by 13 points.

If DeSantis secures a decisive victory in November, he could prove a formidable challenger to Biden — and an attractive alternative to Trump. While Biden continues to reach new lows in approval, polls also show most Americans still don't wish Trump were back in the Oval Office. A Harvard CAPS-Harris Poll survey finds that majorities do not want either Trump (55%) or Biden (63%) to run in 2024, with almost 6 in 10 saying they would be open to supporting a third-party candidate if faced with a rematch between the two. If they do both run again, Trump holds a mere two-point edge over Biden — a statistical tie.

The fact that Trump is deadlocked with Biden — whose approval has plummeted further and faster than any modern president — should be a red flag for Republicans. Right now, 69% of Republicans say they want Trump to run again, according to a CBS News-YouGov poll. But after seeing the disastrous policies Biden has implemented — the worst inflation in 40 years, the worst crime wave since the 1990s, the worst border crisis in American history — they also know that the 2024 election is one Republicans absolutely have to win.

DeSantis is putting himself in a strong position to be that someone else. He understands that Republicans don't want a nominee like Mitt Romney, who let Democrats walk all over him without fighting back. They want a counterpuncher. DeSantis is building a record in office that will send a powerful message to Republican primary voters: I'll give you everything you liked about Trump — except I will win.

**Poll: SCOTUS Overturning 'Roe v. Wade' galvanizes
Republican voters for the 2022 midterm election**

Samuel Mangold-Lenett, Blaze Media, May 8, 2022

The U.S. Supreme Court potentially overturning Roe v. Wade may galvanize Republican voters and discourage Democrats in the upcoming 2022 midterm elections according to recent findings from a CNN poll.

According to the poll's results, Republicans may be more likely to turn out for the upcoming midterm elections than they were earlier in the year whereas Democratic voters have displayed less interest in voting since this past November.

The poll asked, "If the elections for Congress were being held today, which party's candidate would you vote for in your Congressional district?" 42% of respondents indicated they would lean towards supporting candidates belonging to the Democratic Party and 49% of respondents said they would support Republican Party candidates.

The poll asked respondents who said they would vote for the Democratic Party's candidate for Congress whether that vote was "For the Democrat" or "Against the Republican." 59% said they would cast their vote "For the Democrat" while 41% said they would vote "Against the Republican."

Similarly, the inverse was asked of respondents who said they would cast their vote for the Republican Party's candidates. 65% of these respondents said they would vote "For the Republican" and 35% said they were voting "Against the Democrat."

Rates of enthusiasm for voting in the upcoming midterm elections are also lower for Democrats than they are for Republicans.

56% of Republican respondents said they were "extremely/very enthusiastic" about the upcoming election cycle while only 43% of Democrats said they felt similarly.

Additionally, 28% of Democrats said they felt "not too/not at all enthusiastic" about the elections while 13% of Republicans said they felt the same.

Among registered voters who lean Republican, 52% said they felt "extremely/very enthusiastic" about the election while 42% of voters who lean Democrat felt similarly inclined.

The results of this poll came after the May 2 leak of a draft decision from the U.S. Supreme Court indicating that the nation's highest court may be preparing to overrule Roe v. Wade which created the legal right for an abortion at the national level in 1973.

CNBC reported that the Democratic Party and nonprofit groups affiliated with the party were able to raise more than \$7 million just hours after the draft opinion leaked. This enthusiasm for donating to Leftwing causes suggested that Democrats had new waves of enthusiasm motivating their base to turn out, but, as CNN's poll shows, this is not the case.

Justice Alito's draft opinion on abortion is a courageous gift to American children

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Are we really shocked that the draft opinion in the most significant Supreme Court case in 50 years was leaked? We certainly should be, as the leak is, to quote legal scholar Carter Snead, a "shocking act of betrayal and a breathtaking breach of ethics."

To those who don't follow Supreme Court politicking closely, the leak matters because it is an act of corruption of the highest order, one that appears to have been done to exert political pressure on the justices to change their opinions.

The justices represent the one branch of government that was designed to be independent of political pressure. The leaker strikes at the heart of the American system of government and its design.

Yet, the leak feels more like the death rattle of a movement that has fought to keep decisions about how to regulate abortion out of the American people's hands for generations.

Alito demonstrates legal courage

The leak also is a misfire. If anything, the leak has given the American people a preview of the kind of constitutionalism that voters crave and a glimpse of the legal courage we have yearned for.

The draft opinion's greatest gift is its clarity. "We hold that *Roe* and *Casey* must be overruled," writes Justice Samuel Alito. "The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision."

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Perhaps the greatest thing to be feared from a ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* was another muddled opinion full of lofty language and lacking legal clarity that would have dragged out the years of legalized abortion for many decades more.

Supreme Court opinion drafts do not leak: Abortion may be at risk but so is court's sanctity.

The fight over abortion has raged precisely because the court, both in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, hijacked the issue from the American voters and left the lower courts and legislatures with an illegible road map for implementation. That legacy has gnawed away at the fabric of our culture and has wormed its way into nearly every issue in politics.

We need a clean break from *Roe*, and the leaked opinion gives us the way to make that break.
Draft opinion dismantles legal arguments for abortion

The opinion dismantles with great precision the many sagging lies that have upheld *Roe* for nearly half a century. It obliterates the viability standard, for example, as an arcane one founded on rusty science and on weak moral reasoning.

It soundly rejects the notion that *stare decisis* protects bad law forever and quotes from countless scholars on the left to make the case. And it rebukes the assertion that societal reliance on a bad law is grounds for permanence, pointing out that the same reasoning is what the court first used when it "blessed racial segregation."

But perhaps most notable is the courage that undergirds the writing. Justice Alito writes: "We do not pretend to know how our political system or society will respond to today's decision overruling *Roe* and *Casey*. And even if we could foresee what will happen, we would have no authority to let that knowledge influence our decision."

If the leakers think that a man who writes like this and the justices who stand boldly behind his words will be kowtowed by the wails of the elite, by the theatrics of red capes and by angry hashtags, then they betray their own blind desperation.

Nonetheless, the leak has given Americans the gift of seeing the truth come tearing out of the halls of justice. It's truth we are ready for.

And it's truth we desperately need if we are to begin the work of building up a culture where women can truly flourish without curtailing the civil rights of an entire class of people.



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