



# The R I G H T W R I T E - U P

## 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, July 28, 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 refreshment theme for July is “Texas, Our Texas!” and will include a chili cook-off, with prizes for the winners.

This meal for this meeting will be **chili and frito pie**.

Members are encouraged to bring 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](mailto:Albert.Highfield@yahoo.com).



**Our guest speaker will be**

**Texas Ranger Lieutenant  
Joseph “Joey” Evans**

**Ranger Evans serves the State of Texas in Company D of the Rangers, which is based in Weslaco, Texas.**

**He will talk about what the Texas Rangers do today.**

**Please join us for this informative talk.**

*For more information about Ranger Evans, see p. 6.*

## A Message from our Club President

God bless our club, county, state, and country! May our God and Savior, Jesus Christ, guide us through these trying times! We must fight hard these next few months to keep our state and national legislative bodies as **RED** as possible and hopefully end with a majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. In addition, we all need to encourage our neighbors, friends, and relatives to vote this November for the Republican conservative candidates. Personally, I would like to ask each member of the Republican Club of Comal County to reach out to past and present club members, not attending meetings regularly, to come back and join us. Our newsletter and lots of other good Club information can be found at [rcocc.org](http://rcocc.org). Also, there are lots of photos, videos and events posted. Keep the faith and keep reaching for the stars. 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, [rcocc.org](http://rcocc.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.

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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.

## Our Officers for 2022

President	Al Highfield
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## Committee Chairs

Membership	Patty Kirk-Trimble
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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
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203	James "Hoss" Boyd
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207	John Brewer
301	Will Moravits
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303	Kenneth Kasper
304	Amanda Ackerman
305	Isabel Ibarra
306	Barbara Harrell
307	Timothy Davis
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## 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 2022 Principles of the Republican Party of Texas (RPT)

The following is a portion of the RPT 2022 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 human nature is immutable.. We further 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 2022 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 individual, Texan, and American 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.

## Joseph Evans

Lieutenant Joseph "Joey" Evans is in Company "D" of the Texas Rangers. Company "D" extends along the Texas/Mexico border region; from Val Verde and Edwards Counties to the north, stretching south along the Rio Grande River to Cameron and Willacy Counties at the Gulf of Mexico, then North along the gulf coast to Refugio County. This region encompasses 640 miles of the Texas/Mexico border and 21 international border crossings.

Company "D" was realigned in May of 2011 in response to a demand for greater law enforcement presence along the Texas/Mexico border. It was previously designated Company "G" (2008-2011).

The ever-increasing population and vibrant economy in parts of this region has brought with it an increased level of criminal activity attempting to prey on the region's success. This, coupled with contemporary issues of transnational organized crime and terrorism, places Company "D" personnel on the front lines of Texas' homeland security efforts. In addition to the traditional criminal investigative functions of the Texas Rangers, Company "D" personnel play an integral role in the State's border security strategy and operations.

By more than doubling the previous authorized strength in this territory, the Texas Rangers of Company "D" stand ready to work with our local, state, and federal law enforcement partners in providing a safe environment for the residents and visitors of our region.

## More than one million voters switch registration to GOP as suburbs break from Biden

Dems are trying to shift the conversation toward abortion

by Anders Hagstrom, Fox News

More than one million U.S. voters have switched their party affiliation to the GOP over the past 12 months, painting a grim picture for Democrats in the 2022 midterms.

The GOP is benefiting most in the suburbs of large and medium cities, where voters who supported President Joe Biden in 2020 are struggling with inflation and growing increasingly critical of Democratic social issues, according to an analysis from The Associated Press.

Roughly 1.7 million Americans have changed their party affiliation over the past 12 months. Two-thirds of those have gone to the GOP, while just 630,000 have switched to the Democratic Party, according to the report.

While not the final nail in the coffin for Democrats, the voter trend is yet another indicator that Republicans stand to make large gains in Congress and state governments across the country in November.

Republican National Committee Chair Ronna McDaniel attributed the big gains for her party to "Biden's gas hike, the open border crisis, baby formula shortage and rising crime."

"Biden and Democrats are woefully out of touch with the American people, and that's why voters are flocking to the Republican Party in droves," McDaniel told Fox News Digital in a statement. "American suburbs will trend red for cycles to come."

Biden's administration has scrambled to address skyrocketing gas prices, as well as inflation that sits at a 40-year high and shows no signs of slowing down.

Members of Biden's own party have criticized the White House response to the economic crises, saying he is being too passive.

"I support the president's efforts, but we need a bolder vision and faster action," Rep. Ro Khanna, D-Calif., wrote in an op-ed for the New York Times earlier in June.

"To meet the moment, Mr. Biden should convene an emergency task force empowered to lower prices and address shortages. We need an all-out mobilization, not just a few ad hoc initiatives reacting to headlines," he added.

## Comal County goes strong at Republican State Convention Senate District 25

by Sonja Heldt

The Texas Republican State Convention was held on June 16-18 in Houston, Texas. More than 8,000 delegates and alternates convened to conduct state party business.

Matt Rinaldi was elected as state party chair and Dana Myers was elected as vice chair, each for a two-year term. Each of the 31 Senate Districts elected a committeeman and a committeewoman. Comal County is part of Senate District 25 and landed both the SREC committeeman and committeewoman. Senate District 25 is one of the largest delegations with over 500 in the state. Comal County alone sent over 100 delegates and alternates.

Naomi Narvaiz, a newcomer to Comal County, has a history of advocacy for the Republican Party and was a former committeewoman of SREC SD21. She bested the incumbent because of her proven conservative record. Well-known Chris Byrd, a longtime Comal County resident, easily beat his Hays County opponent. He had been previously elected to serve the unexpired term of Mark Dorazio, who resigned to run for the Texas House. He is an attorney/CPA by profession. His vast knowledge of the law makes him an excellent choice for committeeman. Both will serve SD25 well by representing the district's conservative values.

The Legislative Priorities for the 88th Texas Legislative Session (2023-2024) were also announced. They are:

- ◆ Protect our Elections: Restore felony penalties and enact civil penalties for Election Code violations, which shall be enforceable by any Texas jurisdiction, including the Texas Attorney General. Require citizenship verification of each voter. Restrict the distribution of mail-in ballots to only disabled, military, and citizens who are out of the county. Reduce the time allowed for early voting, and eliminate the three-day gap between early voting and Election Day. Establish closed primaries in Texas. As technology evolves, we encourage the passage of legislation that ensures the security of our elections.
- ◆ Ban Democrat Chairs: To ensure that all legislative Republican priorities are given a fair opportunity to become law, the Republican-controlled Texas legislature shall adopt a rule that would end the practice of awarding committee chairmanships to Democrats.
- ◆ Abolish Abortion in Texas: Abolish abortion by ensuring the right to life and equal protection of the laws to all preborn children from the moment of fertilization, including adopting effective tools to ensure the enforcement of our laws to protect life when district attorneys fail to do so.
- ◆ Stop Sexualizing Texas Kids: Repeal the Texas Penal Code "Obscenity Exemption" 43.24(c), which allows children access to harmful, explicit, or pornographic materials, and 43.25(f)(2 3), which allows sexual performance by a child. In addition, prohibit teaching, exposure, and/or discussion of sexual matters (mechanics, feelings, orientation, or "gender identity" issues), and prohibit the use or provision of related books and other materials using criminal, civil or other enforcement measures.
- ◆ Ban Gender Modification of Children: Texas must ban chemical castration, puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, genital mutilation, bodily alteration surgery, psychological/social transitioning, and any other methods applied to or performed on children.
- ◆ Seal the Border and Protect Texans: Texas shall immediately deny all taxpayer-funded services and subsidies to illegal aliens. We call upon the Governor to assert his duty under Article 1, Section 10, and Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution to declare an invasion on our Texas border and do everything in his power to protect Texans from this invasion. The legislature shall direct the Governor to enter into an Interstate Compact with one or more states for Border Security.
- ◆ Parental Rights and Educational Freedom: Parents are the primary decision-makers for their children in all matters. This authority shall be protected as an inalienable right. This shall include the choice of schooling where the money follows the child without strings attached, and enforcement and penalty mechanisms when parents' rights are violated. The right to education shall be free from any social theories.
- ◆ Defend Our Gun Rights: Protect our gun rights against threats, such as red flag laws, federal, state, or other restrictions, by strengthening and preserving our inalienable rights under the second amendment to protect our life, liberty, and property. The Texas Legislature should eliminate gun-free zones.

## Pro-Abortion Lies and How to Debunk Them

The Patriot Post, Emmy Griffin, July 1, 2022

Misinformation has led to more division and moral confusion on what should be an obvious fact

There's an awful lot of rhetoric on the topic of abortion. Here are some common leftist talking points on the subject and how to refute them.

### "Abortion should be available in the case of rape or incest."

This is an important debate because it is one that evokes a lot of sympathy. Is abortion moral in the case of rape or incest? The mother was not given a choice in the creation of the baby. Pro-abortionists argue that there should be exceptions to abortion bans or restrictions under these circumstances.

Morally, the answer is no. A person should not compound evil with evil when dealing with the aftermath of rape or incest. An innocent child should never pay for the sins of the father.

Statistically, this horrific circumstance in conception only accounts for less than 1% of all pregnancies. This is according to a 2004 study by the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute. A separate, more recent survey that includes Guttmacher's findings but with additional data suggests the percentage is closer to 0.3%. In the grand scheme of things, rape and incest are exceedingly rare. Let's assume state laws concede that these circumstances are acceptable reasons for abortion. That still leaves 98-99% of all abortions illegitimate by the pro-abortion standard of rape and incest.

Rape and incest are inexcusable. In 2018, Congressman Ben Sasse stated: "The tragedy of sexual violence is an act from the pit of hell. People — men and women — are created in the image of God. Imago Dei, as we say in Christianity. Sexuality is a deep and precious gift — it is an intimacy, it is a oneness — that is to be shared and given, never taken. Sex is big, not small — and you don't get to decide it for someone else."

Maybe the conversation ought to be about harsher punishment for the brutish men who have committed these crimes.

### "Anti-abortion laws will prevent mothers from having safe miscarriage treatments."

When pro-abortionists imply that medicine taken after a miscarriage is an abortion, that is blatantly misleading.

A miscarriage is when a child passes away in the womb. Medicine given to the mother to help pass her child — to hold, grieve, and bury her child — is not abortion. The child, sadly, is already deceased.

Abortion is the intentional killing of a child through medical or surgical means. The living baby is tortured by poisons or ripped limb by limb before being extracted from the mother's womb. He or she is then put into a bag dubbed medical waste.

### "Women have lost the right to bodily autonomy."

Second- and third-wave feminists have fought long and hard to convince the world that there is no difference between men and women. The "right" to abortion was a major victory in their eyes. Women and men could now engage in promiscuous sexual behavior without the consequence of commitment.

Abortion is a choice that neglects to account for the bodily autonomy of the child. Women who committed the act that led to impregnation already had a chance to engage in bodily autonomy. They shouldn't get to compound the choice of engaging in sexual relations — one purpose of which is to create children — by destroying the innocent child who was conceived in the act. Children in the womb have their own bodies and should be allowed their own bodily autonomy.

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**"Forced pregnancy and birth is a burden on the poor."**

This is patently false. There are many resources mothers can tap to help alleviate the financial and material needs of a child. Some of these resources are government run, some are crisis pregnancy centers, and some are churches. This is a non-issue, but it does reveal a lack of care for women in poverty to suggest that they have no resources to help them out.

**"Some women are not emotionally ready to be mothers."**

This may be true, but destroying the lives created by women being "emotionally ready" for intercourse is patently immoral. Women who aren't ready for parenting need all the love and support available to them when the time comes for their babies to be born. There are thousands of couples out there that would love to adopt.

**"Abortion is only 3% of what Planned Parenthood does."**

If that's true, then why are so many clinics closing down in states where abortion is now illegal? Shouldn't there be enough revenue from Planned Parenthood's other "services" to continue to help the women and families it claims to support?

**"Abortion is about the mother and her right to choose."**

This is the biggest misdirect of all. The whole reason the Left's language is littered with euphemisms is because at the heart of abortion is eugenics. Margaret Sanger herself was a eugenicist. Recall Ana Navarro's rant on the difficulties and expenditures of having a child with special needs, and how Iceland brags that it is on the verge of eliminating Down syndrome. It's not just children with disabilities who are offered up for death but also children of color whose parents are persuaded that their child is better off dead than being adopted by a white person. Poor families are convinced that destroying one more unwanted mouth is better for them and humanity overall.

**"Businesses that pay for their female employees' abortion tourism are pro-women."**

Some companies will be paying for women seeking abortions to travel to states where it is still legal. To these desperate women, they see this as kindness and caring. It's not. It's a cold hard calculation that employers make. In the long run, it's much cheaper for them to pay for an abortion vacation than to have an employee on maternity leave. Here are some of the companies that are advertising their avaricious agenda: Disney (of course), PayPal, Amazon, Expedia, DICKS's, Uber, Meta, Apple, Mastercard, Discord, Patagonia, Tesla, Microsoft, Reddit, Hello Bello, and Starbucks. There are many, many more. Which means your consumer money is going toward paying for abortion tourism.

As you can see, the pro-abortion movement is built on a series of lies. Fighting those lies with the truth is paramount.

## Communities in Schools

The RCCC will have a box at our next meeting for members and guests to donate school supplies for students who have a difficult time affording them. These items are needed: 24-count crayons, glue sticks, child scissors, #2 pencils, wide-ruled notebook paper, kleenexes, hand sanitizer 8 oz., black dry erase markers, highlighters. Thank you for your donations.

## HOW TO STOP MASS SHOOTINGS

The gun debate is over. Let's fix the fatherless, faithless culture drugging our boys.

By Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, July 11, 2022

It took a tragedy on America's birthday, and the death of seven people, to demonstrate once and for all that gun control doesn't work. Shooter Bobby Crimo bought the murder weapon himself, legally, in Illinois, a state with some of the strongest gun control laws in the country. Red flag laws didn't stop him. There's no reason to think they would work anywhere else.

What's more, the city of Highland Park passed a total ban on assault rifles in 2013. Around the time, Mayor Nancy Rotering bragged: "Banning assault weapons ... is one common-sense action to reduce gun violence and protect our children and our communities from potential mass violence and grief."

It turned out Republicans against gun control were right all along. On July 4, Highland Park's residents came to know the terror, carnage, and grief that come with living in a "gun-free zone," areas better described as killing fields. No one can deny it anymore. Gun control comes with a body count. It makes everyone less safe.

Curbing Second Amendment rights won't stop these shootings. But I know what will. As I reviewed photographs of the cross-dressing killer, who called himself "Awake the rapper," and as I read about his life and upbringing, Highland Park took on another meaning.

As I watched those rambling, cryptic, sometimes threatening videos on YouTube, and tried to make it through Crimo's chaotic music videos, I saw psychosis and desperation, a young man searching for meaning, alone, lost in angry fantasy.

I saw the unmistakable signs of drug abuse. Crimo was a marijuana smoker—that was obvious. You can see how, over the years, heavily smoking weed turned his skin gray and hair dull. While marijuana use can ease anxiety, PTSD, and even perform miracles for epileptics, for others it can cause psychosis.

There was more to Bobby Crimo's decline than just dope. In addition to self-medicating, it's a safe bet that he was on prescription drugs. Crimo was a member of an online movement called the "Sad Boys," men who defy stereotypes and share their mental health struggles online. Most have depression.

Crimo was known to police as they had been called to his family home multiple times after he made threats of suicide and murder. These are clear signs of depression.

27 per cent of teens aged 12 to 19 are on prescription drugs, most commonly something for ADD. Over 20 years old—the age range of many white male shooters—it switches to antidepressants. The numbers increase every year, as does the percentage of young people who say they're depressed.

I understand why journalists are so keen to defend SSRIs, the most common variety of antidepressants. Half of them have prescriptions themselves. I'm not trying to be mean. Just read their social media feeds to see how heavily medicated America's elite media class is.

Meanwhile, everyone is being paid to lie to you about the medicines. Elites were rewarded during Covid to praise rushed, experimental jabs. We still don't know if they work (seems not), or what the long-time side effects are (heart attacks in fit 22-year-olds)

Big Tech, politicians, entertainers, and the press closed ranks starting in 2020 to lie to us for Big Pharma. It was an assault on our right to know what they were putting in our bodies. No one was too obscure to bribe. Tiny TikTok influencers with a couple hundred followers were handed \$1,200 to make the jab sound safe and cool.

Everyone has their own favorite example of this cringe pharmaceutical propaganda. Mine is LA singing teacher Lisa Donahey belting out THIS GIRL IS ON PFIZER!, screwing up the tune while showing off her "Fauci ouchie."

Incentives for celebrities, cable news, and newspapers remain huge. Last week, Britain's Daily Telegraph reported that hundreds of people are dying without warning every week in the UK. The experts have no idea why, except it's definitely not Covid, they insist.

We all hate being deceived, treated like we're idiots. We're not fooled by made-up terms like "sudden adult death syndrome." But there's no slowdown in the bare-faced lies. America's corporatized, low-IQ media can't be trusted to hold power at all.

Away from the corrupting influence of corporate money, some stories simply don't excite mainstream journalists, because many hold extremist politics and hateful social attitudes.

White, working-class Americans don't qualify for victim status. (Even worse, they're held responsible for Trump.) So journalists only mention them to call them racist, or laugh at their suffering. Consider the horrible, spiteful coverage of OxyContin.

One writer in 2016 said towns ruined by oxycodone, which were overwhelmingly rural, white and Republican, "deserve to die." That was in National Review, a supposedly "conservative" magazine. Left-wing reporters had even less sympathy.

To the media, men are oppressors, never victims—even children, even though white male literacy is in the gutter, and even though men are hopelessly behind in college. That's why journalists continue to ignore a scandal that has touched millions of American lives, and which may have contributed to hundreds of acts of mass violence.

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I'm talking about the boys placed on drugs to "calm them down," because teachers find them tough to manage, or to "level them out," because they are angry and disaffected without God, a stable home life, discipline at school, challenging lessons, sport, or, in many cases, their fathers.

Bobby Crimo joins a long list of shooters with brains damaged by mind-altering substances. Was he on prescription antidepressants as well? The public must see his medical records. We know enough about previous shooters to demand answers.

The media insists there's no link between violence and SSRIs. Their "fact checks" are never very convincing. The truth is, it's hard to find a mass shooter who wasn't on some form of psychotropic, a class of medication that includes antidepressants, anxiety pills, painkillers, and most illegal drugs.

Dylann Roof, who killed nine people in the Charleston church shooting, was on Suboxone. Sandy Hook shooter Adam Lanza took the antidepressants Lexapro and Celexa. Aurora killer James Holmes? Clonazepam and Zoloft. Virginia Tech mass murderer Seung-Hui Cho was prescribed Prozac. The list goes on forever, but the media says you're guilty of "baseless" and "unfounded" conspiracy theories if you notice a pattern.

Why are so many young men put on SSRIs, Adderall, and other life-wrecking drugs, at rates unthinkable to previous generations? Sometimes, it's because they are lifelines, at least when used sparingly. For some, under close supervision, they provide essential support with the traumas of teenage years.

More often, however, boys are placed on addictive, dangerous substances almost vindictively, for being full of energy and disruptive when bored—in other words, for being boys. Teens once let off steam in competitive sport and demanding physical activity. But in today's feminized educational environment, teachers judge boys against female standards of behavior, and punish them when they don't behave like girls.

In her book *The War Against Boys*, scholar Christina Hoff Sommers describes how young men are punished for normal, healthy behavior, and how they fall behind in school as a result. Codes of conduct, behavior standards and even exams have all been rewritten to favor girls by the three-quarters of American teachers who are women.

The average age of these teachers is 41. There are very few male teachers who are heroic masculine role models. Schoolteachers of both sexes lean Democrat. 60 per cent of K-12 educators say "white supremacy" is a major problem; some are thinking of their own students.

Our country is becoming fatherless and faithless, with a teaching workforce offended by masculinity and occasionally outright hostile to the sex and race of its students. Stir in decades of reflexive pill-popping culture, and we arrive at a dangerous moment in history: The tranquilization of the American male.

Parents use a variety of potent drugs to make boys obedient and submissive. Usually they don't consider the potentially devastating consequences. SSRIs can produce the opposite effects to the ones intended. They can create mood swings, paranoia, rage, and outbursts of violence. They have even been linked to murders.

The same adverse reactions can occur in unsupervised patients who abruptly stop taking their pills. Withdrawal can lead to persistent dark or rage-filled thoughts, and suicidal or homicidal urges. When you consider how many people are on these medications, it's no wonder the country is falling apart.

Footage of Antifa marching in DC on July 4, and a stampede in Philadelphia after two cops were shot on the same day, reveals an America as volatile, frail, and close to snapping as its elderly President. Joe Biden's mental deterioration and the social decay on our streets are starting to resemble one another.

We can't safeguard the President's mental faculties from decline, but we can and we must protect the mental health of the young men in our charge, and the generations to follow. The side effects of SSRIs and other psychotropics is a deliberately overlooked but crucial factor in America's mass shootings that we still don't properly understand.

If we don't act quickly, these mass shootings will continue. They may become more frequent. But to make any progress, we must first accept the lessons of Highland Park, and put gun control behind us. By studying common characteristics of these tortured, psychotic mass shooters, we can work to prevent future attacks.

According to a 2019 Secret Service report, 91 per cent of school shooters exhibit observable mental health symptoms ahead of time. Two thirds announce their intentions before they act. 80 per cent were bullied; 83 per cent are retaliating over a grievance. None of this has anything to do with guns, but it might help us identify potential killers.

Mass violence occurs with or without guns, as Europe demonstrates. Mass stabbings are no less terrifying than shootings. Trucks driven into crowds of pedestrians are no less deadly. More people were killed with hands, fists and feet than rifles in 2020, per the FBI.

Whatever the facts say, Democrats won't give up their gun obsession willingly. And there are plenty of weak Republicans who vote for a band-aid approach that won't stop the hemorrhaging. But gun control is a failed solution. We don't need any more data, in the form of dead bodies, to underscore the point.

So long as Republicans and Democrats are fixated on gun control, we can't address the true cause of violence. It's time to tackle the systemic neglect of the American male; the alienated, unstable boys our godless communities and feminized culture have created, and the dangerous drugs we've relied on for decades to cover it up.

Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene represents Georgia's fourteenth district.

## The Biden Admin Just Made It Easier for Terrorists To Enter the United States

Adam Kredo, June 29, 2022, The Washington Free Beacon

Lawmakers, former officials say change will let Iranian terrorists come to US

The Biden administration altered federal law to make it easier for individuals who have worked with designated terrorist groups to legally enter the United States.

The State and Homeland Security Departments last week amended federal immigration laws to allow foreigners who provided "insignificant material support" to designated terror groups to receive "immigration benefits or other status," according to the policy published in the Federal Register. Examples of individuals who would fall into the new category, according to the announcement, include individuals who provided "humanitarian assistance" or "routine commercial transactions" to terror groups.

The policy shift is fueling concerns that the Biden administration wants to make it easier for individuals who work with or for Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC), the country's paramilitary fighting force that has killed hundreds of Americans, to enter the country. Notice of the change came several days before the Biden administration and hardline Iranian government resumed talks aimed at securing a revamped version of the 2015 nuclear deal.

A State Department spokesman said the law was amended to help vulnerable Afghans, who might have inadvertently worked with terror groups, gain refuge in the United States following the Biden administration's bungled withdrawal that left the Taliban in power. Lawmakers and former U.S. officials, however, say the new regulations are so broadly written that they would apply to organizations like al Qaeda and the IRGC. The policy change is also raising red flags as U.S. officials, including former secretary of state Mike Pompeo, face credible death threats from Iran.

The rule does not specifically mention Afghanistan but is written to cover all U.S.-designated foreign terrorist organizations, such as the IRGC and al Qaeda, experts told the Free Beacon. The Taliban is not designated as a foreign terrorist organization, leaving lawmakers and former U.S. officials concerned the changes extend far beyond vulnerable Afghans and cover those tied to some of the globe's most violent terror groups.

Gabriel Noronha, a State Department special adviser for Iran during the Trump administration, said that "the Biden administration is claiming this regulation is all about Afghanistan, but they didn't even mention Afghanistan once in their action, and have made no serious attempt to limit the scope to the situation there."

"Instead," said Noronha, who is a fellow with the Jewish Institute for National Security of America think tank, "this looks like a massive watering down of our immigration restrictions against members of terrorist organizations."

The State Department says the changes are limited to Afghanistan, but would not say why the country is not mentioned once in the new order.

The changes "are an effort to address issues related to Afghanistan," a State Department spokesman, speaking only on background, told the Free Beacon. "The circumstances between Afghanistan and Iran are very different." The new rules "are not applicable to people who have received military-type training from [foreign terrorist organizations], including IRGC conscripts." Rather, the administration is trying to make it easier for those tangentially tied to terrorism to legally enter the country, the official maintained.

When the Free Beacon requested additional information and an explanation as to why the IRGC or similar groups would not be covered by the changes, the State Department declined to answer, saying, "We have no further information or comments to share." This lack of clarity is fueling concerns about the policy change.

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Noronha and others who spoke to the Free Beacon say the broad reference to "foreign terrorist organizations" leaves open the possibility that groups like the IRGC and al Qaeda would benefit from the relaxed immigration guidelines. The revamped guidelines do not specifically include restrictions on either of these groups. "At best this is a horribly written regulation. At worst, it's an attempt to pull the wool over the eyes of Congress and the American people and make it easier for terrorists to come to America," Noronha said.

Richard Goldberg, who under Trump served on the White House National Security Council as the director for countering Iranian weapons of mass destruction, said that any effort to loosen restrictions on terror-tied individuals is worrying amid Iran's threats to kill U.S. leaders.

"Given Iran is actively plotting to kill former American officials, the administration should carefully explain if and how this [rule] might apply to a potential affiliate of the IRGC, and provide a high-level commitment to take all necessary steps to bar any potential IRGC associate from admission to the United States," Goldberg, a senior adviser at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies think tank, told the Free Beacon.

Republican lawmakers agree with this assessment. Five Republican foreign policy leaders who spoke to the Free Beacon expressed concerns the administration is trying to quietly grant concessions to Iran as it reenters nuclear talks.

"It's outrageous that the Biden administration is lifting the blanket ban on individuals who have provided support to terrorists from entering the United States," Rep. Joe Wilson (R., S.C.), a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, told the Free Beacon. "The timing raises concerns coming just a few days before the latest round of Iran talks. President Biden should end these failed negotiations once and for all and return to a policy of maximum pressure, rather than continuing to make concessions to the terrorist regime in Iran."

Rep. Jim Banks (R., Ind.), a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said he and his colleagues worry the Biden administration is attempting to grant concessions to Iran via backdoor changes to American laws.

"What do Americans gain by letting members of Iran's terrorist army cross our borders?" Banks asked.

Rep. Mike Waltz (R., Fla.), a combat veteran and also a member of the Armed Services Committee, said the change is purely about "appeasing terrorist groups—whether it's the IRGC, Houthis, or Taliban."

Reps. Lisa McClain (R., Mich.) and Pat Fallon (R., Texas), both Armed Services Committee members, expressed shock at how broadly written the new regulations are.

"In what world is it an acceptable decision to allow terrorists into our country?" Fallon asked the Free Beacon. "Instead of ending the nuclear talks with Iran all together, Joe Biden has decided to bend over backwards to the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism. Before it is too late, I urge them to immediately reconsider this foolish decision."

## The Dishonesty of the Gun-Control Mob

Michael Reagan, July 11, 2022

Fewer than .005 percent of America's 400 million guns were used to commit a murder in 2021

It's so predictable, maybe we should start calling it "Gun Control Day."

Like the movie "Groundhog Day," it happens again and again after a mass shooting, like the one at a July 4th parade near Chicago that killed seven people and wounded two dozen.

The professional anti-gun mob — i.e., liberal Democrats and the major media outlets — immediately spring into action and exploit the tragedy as much as they can.

As they did this week, they automatically blame guns, renew their calls for stricter gun reforms or dream about completely outlawing the private ownership of guns.

It doesn't matter if the mass shooter was crazy, a terrorist or just plain evil, the gun-control nuts are as unrealistic and dishonest as they are predictable.

If we'd only outlaw handguns and "weapons of war" like the semi-automatic AR-15, they cry again and again, these bloody mass killings and street shootouts would virtually disappear.

Sounds easy, doesn't it?

But in the real world, the one we 330 million Americans live in, there are nearly 400 million guns in the hands of private citizens.

Guns of all kinds are virtually in every corner of America, thank the Lord.

About 44 percent of U.S. households contain at least one, according to the 2021 National Firearms Survey.

About 32 percent of those over age 18 own a firearm — that's 81 million people.

About 42 percent are female, 58 percent male. About 25 percent of blacks, 28 percent of Latinos and 34 percent of whites own guns.

The average gun owner owns five firearms. Handguns are the most common type, but 30 percent of gun owners — 24.6 million individuals — have owned an AR-15 or similarly styled rifle that looks like an assault weapon.

About 20.7 million gun owners have a permit to carry a concealed handgun in public and that number is growing, notably among black women.

The gun-controllers like to mock conservatives who say guns don't kill people, people do. But last time I checked, Glocks and AR-15s don't pull their own triggers.

Fewer than .005 percent of America's 400 million guns were used to commit a murder in 2021.

Only about half of the year's 20,000 homicides involved handguns — and far more people were killed by knives, fists, and rocks than rifles of all kinds.

We know who — not what — is responsible for most of America's gun violence.

It's not law-abiding gun owners. It's criminals, gang members, and other lawbreakers who laugh at the idea of abiding by any tougher gun law.

The liberal media are generally quiet about the gang-related gun violence that kills dozens of young black men each weekend in cities across the country.

They don't give us Monday morning body counts from deadly places like Chicago — where 70-plus people were shot on the July 4th weekend and eight died.

In case you haven't heard, over the holiday weekend at least 220 Americans were shot to death and about 570 were wounded, according to the GunViolenceArchive.com, which documents each incident.

It'd be nice if the country's top journalists would do their jobs and challenge the gun-control mob when they say they want to rid America of guns.

"Whose guns will you take away exactly?" the media might ask. "Everyone's?"

"And how do you plan to do it? Are you going to go to the south side of Chicago or South-Central LA, knock on doors, and take people's guns away?"

"Who will actually take the guns? The National Guard? The Marines?"

"Realistically, how many of America's 400 million guns do you think you'll collect?"

It's a certainty that a whole bunch of good Americans will refuse to cooperate with the totalitarian dream of the gun-control mob, but my son Cameron has a deal he wants to make with them.

"As soon as they disarm the inner city neighborhoods of Chicago, St. Louis, and East LA, the rest of us will all turn in our guns. Let us all know when you're done with that."

## The Real Danger to America

by Bill O'Reilly, June 26, 2022

Once again, we've become the United States of Hysteria. The two Supreme Court rulings last week will not affect society much (as I will explain), but the outcry from the left-wing cadres is instructive and very important for alert Americans to understand.

By ruling New York State's restrictions on law-abiding citizens carrying handguns unconstitutional, the Supreme Court simply did what the Constitution states: allow Americans to "bear" arms.

The leftist view that legal self-protection will lead to more mass murder is actually foolish. Almost everyone in Vermont is allowed to carry a gun, and there are few murders there. That's because Vermont doesn't attract many violent criminals as it lacks an extensive drug market.

Again, thugs who purchase guns illegally are responsible for the overwhelming number of gun crimes. Oh, and banning weapons will not stop insane loons from killing, as the recent mass murder in Norway demonstrates.

Got it, Joe Biden?

The abortion ruling is a bit more problematic. Even though the procedure will remain largely available in the USA, some states will attempt to eliminate most abortions now that Roe v. Wade is no longer federal law. Other states like New York and California will continue to allow abortion anytime for any reason - something even ultra-liberal countries in Europe reject because late-term abortion is barbaric.

But there is a public safety component here that pro-life Americans should consider. If a woman is in danger of physical harm by birthing a baby, that woman should have legal protection. Any state that denies that is violating the "equal protection" statute. Men cannot birth babies.

Thus, in medically dangerous pregnancies, doctors and the individual women should make the decision, not the state government.

Most Americans agree with that analysis; the polls prove it. So, I hope all states uphold the constitutional law and are legally challenged if they do not.

There is no question that the Democrats are using guns and abortion to advance party politics. Instead of respecting citizens who believe that killing the unborn is wrong, Nancy Pelosi and her acolytes demean and defame them.

Same thing with honest, law-abiding Americans who want firearms to protect themselves from harm. That view and the person who holds it is condemned by the far left. In progressive precincts, there is absolutely no tolerance for opposing points of view.

And where are those "precincts?" Here's a partial list: Hollywood, especially the Disney Corporation. Ivy League colleges and most other higher-learning institutions. Much of the corporate media, including legacy newspapers in New York, Los Angeles, Washington DC, Boston, and almost everywhere.

In addition, Democrats in the House and Senate are terrified of progressives and do their bidding, as does the Oval Office.

That's quite an assemblage of intolerance, is it not? Try being pro-life in Hollywood or at Yale. You'll be attacked and shunned.

That's the big takeaway from the Supreme Court reaction this week. And, by the way, intolerance should be unconstitutional.

But it's not.

## A Needless Mental Health Crisis Among Teens

Rainbow Mafia, Emmy Griffin, June 28, 2022

The pointed instruction in "Ethnic Studies" leads to self-hatred in young people

Within the social biome of a school, children are taught to understand how the world supposedly works. In the '90s, children were encouraged to be colorblind and to treat everyone with respect, regardless of skin color. Today's children are instead taught the tenets of critical race theory through rebranded classes such as "Ethnic Studies."

Young girls are the main victims of this psychological torture. Women, both young and old, are inherently social creatures. They care particularly keenly about what other people think — especially as teens. School classes which teach them that being white and straight means they are evil upholders of the institutions that keep their black and brown friends from success are horrifying to them. This teaching goes beyond making "white kids uncomfortable." These children don't wish to be seen as evil just because their skin is white. To alleviate that stigma, many are convinced that the only way to escape their racism is to declare that they are LGBTQ+ as a form of self-hatred.

City Journal writer Leor Sapir explains the dilemma perfectly: Lacking maturity and self-confidence, they [teens] fail to put "anti-racist" indoctrination in its proper context. They do not appreciate its ahistorical, anti-intellectual, and anti-humanist foundations, nor are they aware of the incentives leading teachers and administrators to foist it on them. Being white is not something these teenagers can escape, but they can mitigate its social costs by declaring themselves part of an oppressed group.

Once they've fallen into the LGBTQ+ rabbit hole, the anxiety and depression these teens may have been internalizing from being discriminated against are now going to metastasize. The Rainbow Mafia happily pushes these kids from being sad and confused to declaring a gender identity secretly at school. In some cases, it culminates in family separation for "protection." And it happens so quickly: Horrified parents can find that their teen is being taken away from them simply because they questioned their child's sexual identity.

Other teens choose the "poor mental health" route to establish their membership in an oppressed class. In other words, they claim to have serious mental disorders such as obsessive compulsive disorder, ADHD, anxiety, depression, bipolar disorder, or multiple personality disorder. This is not a perfect solution to their problem, but if they are seen as mentally damaged, they could construe that as being part of an oppressed group. They play at suffering a mental disorder to mask what they cannot actually help — being white.

These two terrible "solutions" — identifying as LGBTQ+ or exploiting poor mental health as a mitigator for being seen as the oppressive class — seem to have one major thing in common: Teens denying what they are because of what they can't control doesn't make them feel better. Instead, it separates them from their core support group: their families. This state of affairs generally sends these teens into rapid mental and physical decline.

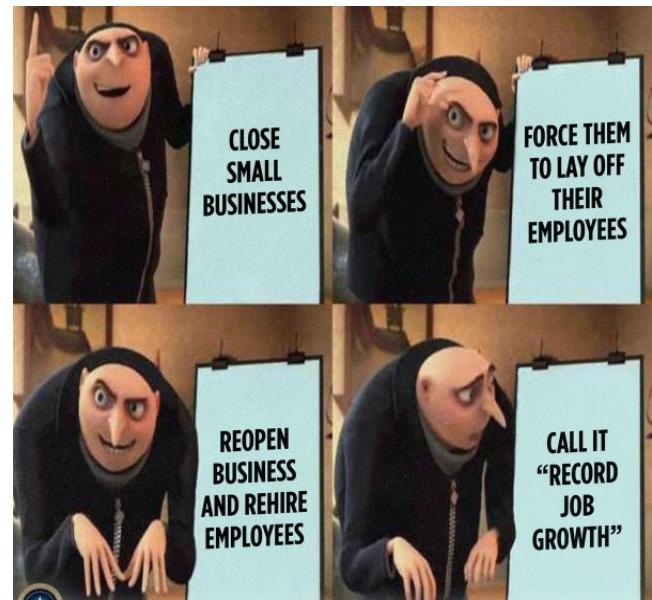
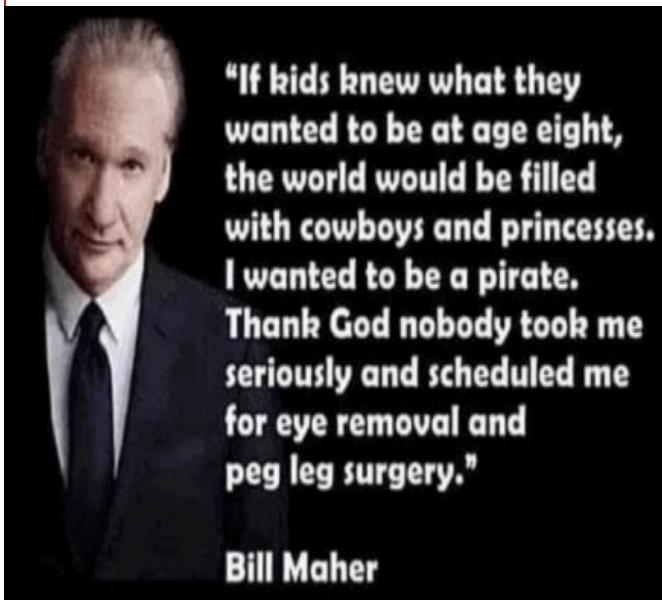
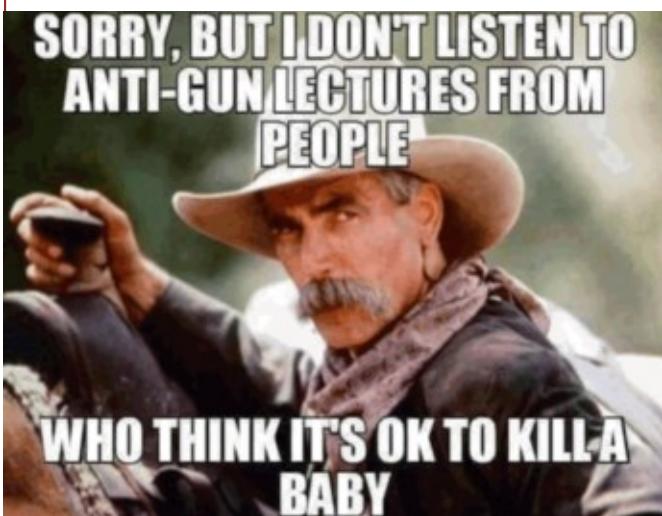
U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy released a report in 2021 that documents the rise in teen depression and anxiety. According to the data, there has been an uptick in both depression (25%) and anxiety (20%). Suicide attempts in girls have gone up by 51%, and by 4% in boys. This coincided with the COVID lockdowns and the death of George Floyd (which subsequently ramped up the critical race theory indoctrination in schools).

The tree of CRT continues to yield poisonous fruit. Among those bad apples are the ones creating mentally damaged children.



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The notion that you can simply 'identify as' whatever you wish, and that everybody must instantly accept it and play along 100% without asking any questions, is possibly the silliest idea in modern society.



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