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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, March 26, at 6:30 p.m. *(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 Club will provide light refreshments such as veggie trays, snacks, and desserts. The Club will also provide utensils, water, tea, and coffee. Members and guests can bring salads and desserts to share, if desired.

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

Weston Martinez

**Candidate for Texas Land Commissioner
and former Texas Real Estate Commissioner.**

**He will talk about the voter fraud and
border security situations in Texas.**

Please join us for this timely and informative talk.

A Message From Our President

Hello, my fellow Republicans! I pray that all are well. The next few months will be busy with voting in the Run-Off Election and the New Braunfels elections! Then to top it off in April and May we will be gearing up and having the Texas State Republican Convention in San Antonio. Also, before that, on 23 March, we have our County Republican Convention! During the recent Primary Election, as most of you know, the Comal County Republican Chair was not re-elected, and a new Chair was elected. We must all pull together to keep the Party together, especially through November 2024 and beyond!!! It is imperative for Conservative Republicans to maintain control of the House of Representatives and to gain control of the Senate! We must all focus on our Republican Candidates and their goals of the elections. Let us pray that our nation returns to the strong Christian values of our Founding Fathers!!

God Bless and keep Texas and America RED forever! Please visit our website at rccc.org for helpful information.

President Albert F. Highfield

“GOD BLESS TEXAS”

OUR PATRON PROGRAM

The Republican Club of Comal County is thankful for those who have contributed to our Club through the Patron Program during 2024.

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

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Contact our Membership Chairman, Maria Seiler, at 612-845-4027,
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Patrons receive a special personalized Texas flag name tag.



A Tribute to Sue Piner

Thank you for leading the Republicans of Comal County to a smooth-running operation.

I'm sure that your leadership helped to keep our county and state adhering to conservative principles.

I appreciated your help to our Club, the Republican Club of Comal County, and to me personally in writing the newsletter for that Club.

Basic Republican Principles

From its inception in 1854 and from its earliest stands against the oppressive institution of slavery, the Republican Party has defined itself as the protector of individual freedom. Today, 140 years later, we reaffirm our commitment as Republicans in the cause of freedom and liberty. And we redirect our course back to the basic tenets of our common Republican philosophy--a philosophy which includes among its components:

A Belief in Smaller Government: To preserve the sanctity of liberty of the individual, it is our belief that government must necessarily be limited. Otherwise, the paternalism of the few would restrict the freedom of the many to decide what is best for themselves.

Support of the Federalist System of Government: To bring power closer to the people, it is imperative that we restrict the growth of a centralized federal government. States ought to have the power to determine which programs and measures would be most appropriate and fitting for them.

Fiscal Conservatism: In keeping with our desires for the greatest individual liberty, we support policies of limited taxation and government spending.

Strong National Defense: We believe the best way to preserve the peace and protect our national interests abroad comes through a strong national defense.

Individual Liberties and Responsibilities: Along with individual liberties come individual responsibilities and duties. Government must act to preserve freedom, while individuals must exercise their responsibilities to preserve order.

Tolerance, Inclusiveness, and Optimism: We believe in the right of fellow Republicans to disagree on certain matters of principle and policy. We believe in being an open and inclusive party respectful of different points of view. We are indeed a "big-tent" party that offers no "litmus tests" or barriers to entry.

From the Washington State University Republicans

Our guest speaker for March:
Mr. Weston Martinez,
Candidate for Texas Land Commissioner
and former Texas Real Estate Commissioner.

Weston Martinez, a fourth-generation Texan, is a proven conservative leader who was born and raised in the Alamo City. He is now running to be Texas' next Land Commissioner, and has the experience and track record to serve the great state of Texas on Day 1.

Weston has already served as a statewide Commissioner, having been appointed as Real Estate Commissioner by former Texas Governor Rick Perry, the U.S. Secretary of Energy under President Donald J. Trump.

Martinez, during his term in office, served under both Governor Perry and Governor Greg Abbott. As Texas Real Estate Commissioner, Weston worked with the Legislative and Executive Branches of Texas government to oversee all licensing, regulation, and enforcement related to Realtors, Inspectors, and Appraisers. The agency maintains approximately a 23-million-dollar budget with close to 300 employees seeing nearly 10,000 new license applicants a year. Weston served as the budget chairman for the agency for 3 years. During this time, Weston worked with team members to modernize the agency while reducing costs and increasing service and profit. His gubernatorial appointment required confirmation by the Texas Senate and successfully passing a thorough background investigation.

Martinez has been blessed to have a diverse professional career including as an oil and gas business development specialist, a government affairs strategist, and vice president of business development at a major Texas law firm. Over the course of 26 years in the regulated telecommunications industry at Southwestern Bell and AT&T, Weston served in various roles including outside plant design engineering, lead manager for the Southwest United States reporting directly to the Office of the President overseeing resolution of Public Utilities, Attorney General, and Better Business Bureau complaints for the United States. Weston brings a strong corporate background from the oil and gas industry as the President of a leading oil and gas service company where he held his own unique operator's license with the Texas Railroad Commission.

Weston established the P5 operating company in Texas where he held the position of CEO. During his tenure of this startup, Weston strategically identified stranded assets, oversaw the securing of over 300,000 acres of water rights including site selection of a very prolific geological feature, while successfully negotiating a multiyear master service agreement with a major on-shore operator to provide all water needs in the Eagle Ford Shale. This contract created a bottom-line value of annualized revenue of \$62 million dollars per year.

His conservative pro-business, free-market approach to doing business has proven successful in identifying solutions where others see only problems. That is why he is uniquely qualified to serve as Land Commissioner during this unique time in our state's and nation's history. He has and will always stand up to Leftist Democrats Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer, and to moderates within the Republican Party who want to squander our freedoms and put our liberties at risk.

Martinez was an NCAA bull rider at Texas A&M University - Kingsville, later graduating from Wayland Baptist University where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Weston and his wife Geneva have been married for twenty-two years. They have five beautiful children. The Martinez family reside in San Antonio where they are active members of Friendship Church, where Weston also serves as Executive Pastor.

Our Officers for 2024

President	Al Highfield
Vice President	Marty Hiles
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Membership	Maria Seiler
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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	Mark Montgomery
Vice Chair	Marty Hiles
Recording Secretary	Judy Walker
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102	Kaci Sisk
103	Laura Buske
104	J.B. Williamson
105	Ernie Lee
106	Chris Byrd
107	Anita Valdez
108	Albert Highfield
109	Clint Palpau
110	JoAnne Martin
201	Marty Hiles
202	(vacant)
203	James "Hoss" Boyd
204	Marlin Brown
205	Steve White
206	Kathy Phillips
207	John Brewer
208	Geri Baker
301	Will Moravits
302	Edison Bryant
303	Kenneth Kasper
304	(vacant)
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.

Texas GOP top eight priorities for the upcoming legislative session

- **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 that are out of state. 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 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 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 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.
- **Secure 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, Clause 3 of the US 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.

No Crime in Revolution

What "justice" means to the Left.

Mark Tapson, The Culture Warrior Newsletter, February 5, 2024

All Americans surely agree that justice is a social good; everyone wants a just society. But definitions matter: to those of us on the political Right, justice means dispensing appropriate consequences for those who break the law or commit some moral transgression. It means righting wrongs. It means prioritizing the innocent and the victim over the guilty and the criminal. It means stabilizing society by, as much as possible, fairly maintaining law and order for all citizens.

In addition, for the Right justice is generally an individual matter, addressed on a case-by-case basis, meaning that if a single crime or sin against another has been punished and restoration made to the victim(s), then justice has been done.

But our justice is not their justice. To the Left, who see everything through the distorting Marxist lens of oppressor-vs.-oppressed, justice means overthrowing the oppressor, end of story. They view it collectively; justice is not served until an entire guilty society is torn down and rebuilt from the ground up, and restoration has been made to all who were oppressed. Think of civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer's famous declaration, "Nobody's free until everybody's free."

For the Left, the end justifies the means; whatever empowers the oppressed and deconstructs systemic oppression is just. It does not necessarily have anything to do with law and order or right and wrong; instead, it has everything to do with crushing opposition to the revolution, by any means necessary, to reverse the power dynamics of an unjust society. "There is no crime in revolution!" went the Maoist slogan of the Cultural Revolution – meaning, no act which furthers the overthrow of the "old" can be considered criminal.

A truly horrific example of this is in the Left's defense of the barbaric terrorism waged by Hamas in Israel four months ago. Decent souls everywhere were sickened by the shocking war crimes committed there on October 7th, but the Left have been untroubled – even celebratory – and defiant. "You don't get to decide how we resist," is their pro-Hamas slogan on placards – on which blood drips threateningly from the letters of the word "RESIST." The perverse narrative behind this slogan is that Israel is an oppressor regime that must be overthrown, and therefore no crime committed by the purportedly oppressed Palestinians can be considered unjust. Gang rape, torture, murder, kidnapping, all of which were gleefully carried out by sadistic Hamas "freedom fighters," are not seen by the Left as crimes but as just "resistance."

Recent events offer up many other examples of ways in which the Left demonstrates its lust for total, permanent power and a blatant disregard for law and justice in pursuit of it.

Breitbart News, for example, reported that on Wednesday, 150 House Democrats voted against the "Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act" by Rep. Barry Moore (R-AL) which would make drunk driving grounds for ineligibility to be in the U.S.

In another vote this week, 155 House Democrats voted against legislation from Rep. Tom McClintock (R-CA) that would ensure ICE agents can promptly deport illegal aliens convicted of Social Security fraud against American citizens.

Both laws nevertheless passed, but the point is that the vast majority of Democrats went on record as wanting to protect illegal aliens from the consequences of their crimes because Democrats, who always prioritize criminals over law-abiding American citizens, are hell-bent on using a tsunami of illegal immigration to destabilize the country and import an insuperable voting majority. Illegals are necessary to bring about the revolution – hence, their breaking of immigration law is not truly criminal.

Nor are any of their violent crimes truly criminal, as long as those are committed against the "oppressor." Saturday, January 27th in New York City, a mob of illegal aliens living in a taxpayer-funded migrant shelter ruthlessly and fearlessly assaulted police officers who tried to take one of them into custody. They were later released on bail because New York is a sanctuary city; one of them even grinned and gave both middle fingers to media cameras after his release, just as Democrats who harbor such violent thugs in their sanctuary cities give both middle fingers to law-abiding Americans.

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By contrast, the Left has for three years nursed outrage over what they call an "untold number" of police officers they claim were injured by Trump supporters during the manufactured chaos at the Capitol on January 6, 2021. In this instance, the Left views Trump supporters as members of the white supremacist "oppressor" group, and the Capitol police to be protectors of democracy (i.e., the Biden administration); hence, any attacks on the officers are considered heinous crimes. The administration continues to this day to hunt down, with a prosecutorial vengeance, any protestor who happened to wander onto the Capitol grounds that day (or be guided inside by welcoming Capitol police).

Last Tuesday, six pro-life activists were found guilty of "conspiracy against rights" and violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act with regard to a peaceful protest outside a Tennessee abortion facility in 2021. Among them, facing a maximum prison sentence of 11 years, are a 73-year-old and a 55-year-old Christian father of 11 children. This is not justice by any objective standard – this is unconscionable political persecution of pro-life Christians, a demographic that the Left despises because Judeo-Christian morality is an obstacle to the Democrat revolution against all traditional American norms.

By contrast, the male Congressional staffer who filmed himself and a male friend bugging each other after-hours in a Senate hearing room in December will face no charges, not even a basic obscenity misdemeanor, because, like drag queen groomers and gender ideology pornographers seeking to sexualize young children, their transgressive behavior is a form of revolution against the archaic, bourgeois sensibilities of an unjust American society.

Christian U.S. Navy veteran Michael Cassidy has been charged with a hate crime after tearing down a demonic Satanic Temple display at the Iowa State Capitol last December (check out my interview with him about that incident on The Right Take podcast). How many left-wing anti-Americans across the country have been charged with tearing down statues of the Founding Fathers, Christopher Columbus, and other historical icons in recent years? How many rioters and looters were charged with crimes in 2020, the year of Black Lives Matter devastation across the nation?

The Left views Cassidy's righteous outrage to be "hateful" because he destroyed a display dedicated to Satan, the first revolutionary (remember that left-wing strategist Saul Alinsky's book *Rules for Radicals* acknowledged Lucifer as "the first radical"), but the neo-Marxist revolutionaries destroying our national icons were given a pass because they were eradicating the history and monuments of their "oppressors." Similarly, the Left views Black Lives Matter looters not as criminals but as part of an oppressed class who are merely claiming reparations owed them.

The very definition of a despotic, anti-democratic government is one which weaponizes law enforcement against its political opponents while turning a blind eye to the blatant crimes of its own ideologues and allies.

Has the United States ever had an administration more committed than Joe Biden's to punishing cruelly anyone who has stood in the way of the revolution to fundamentally transform our nation? Or one so lawless that it willfully abandons immigration law and border security, refuses to charge violent Black Lives Matter rioters with crimes, and seeks to destroy the lives of peaceful pro-life protesters?

The blatant hypocrisy and double standards are jaw-droppingly egregious, but it isn't enough for the Right simply to point out the Left's hypocrisy, because the Left is impervious to being shamed. Leftists don't care what they're accused of, because they never play defense. They are perpetually on the offensive. They cannot be shamed even with undeniable evidence of hypocrisy or wrongdoing, which they simply ignore. For a Party and movement that are on a self-righteous mission to "save democracy" and "save the planet," no transgression is beyond the pale; anything and everything they do to further their agenda is justifiable in their minds ("No crime in revolution!"). And conversely, anything and everything the Right stands for is an evil obstacle to the Left's utopian vision and must be destroyed by any means necessary.

The Right needs to waste no more energy on futile complaints about leftist hypocrisy and focus instead on simply waging war against the Left's revolution to replace our civilization with a collectivist dystopia.

Biden SHOULD be angry and anxious — his re-election prospects stink

By Rich Lowry, March 19, 2024

Who knows if President Biden is as "angry and anxious" about his re-election prospects as a new NBC News report portrays him?

It could be that it's ordinary ill temper from a politician prone to shouting in private (an Axios headline not too long ago dubbed Biden "old yeller") or exaggerated reports from meetings where typical salty language is used by old political pros hashing out strategy and tactics.

According to the piece, an anonymous lawmaker said Biden began "to shout and swear" when told the Gaza war has hurt his standing in key swing states.

NBC relates that Biden has been questioning travel and communications decisions and complaining he doesn't get enough credit.

As all struggling politicians tend to do, the president apparently believes he's being poorly served by staff and overly controlled and mis-deployed.

If only the public could see more of Joe Biden, they'd be more enamored of Joe Biden is a natural thing for Joe Biden to believe.

Whether all this is accurate or not, there's no doubt that if Biden is not angry and anxious, he should be.

Frequent outbursts are fully justified by the precarious state of his re-election bid.

Biden's approval rating is in the danger zone, not anywhere close to those of his predecessors who won re-election, Barack Obama (52%), George W. Bush (48%) or Bill Clinton (54%).

But he's comfortably in range with Donald Trump (41%), George H.W. Bush (34%) and Jimmy Carter (37%), all of whom, of course, lost.

For the love of God — doesn't anyone here know how to do politics?!?

Gallup polling shows immigration is considered the most important problem in the country, and only 28% approve of his handling of it.

I knew Kamala Harris would mess up the border. Didn't I say so? Who remembers? I called it.

Grocery prices are up 21% since the beginning of 2021, an unmistakable reminder that even as the inflation rate has abated, prices remain elevated and have eroded wages.

I need another speech on shrinkflation pronto, people.

Trump lost to Biden in 2020, 303 electoral votes to 235. It's not hard to imagine a path to 270 for him this year.

If all else stayed the same and he picked up Georgia and Arizona, he'd be at 262, the cusp of victory.

Adding one of the blue-wall states, Michigan (15 electoral votes), Wisconsin (10), or Pennsylvania (19), would put him over the top.

Trump leads in Georgia in the head-to-head RealClearPolitics polling average by almost 6 points and hasn't trailed in a poll in the state since last November, while he's up more than 5 points in the polling average in Arizona and hasn't trailed in a survey there since last March.

Joe Biden seemed 'normal' in 2020, but then came his nothing-normal presidency. In Michigan, Trump has been leading in the last 10 polls and is ahead by 3.5 points in the average.

Biden should be upset because no one likes the prospect of losing a presidential race.

More profoundly, a loss to Trump would instantly vaporize what was to be Biden's most important legacy — stopping Trump and supposedly saving American democracy.

On his terms, Biden can't afford to go one-for-two in this endeavor.

History isn't usually kind to one-term presidents. A defeat would be particularly bad for Biden.

It would expose his decision to run again for president at age 81, when he's visibly in decline, as a historic blunder resulting from selfishness and an utter lack of realism.

It'd become undeniable that his pick of Kamala Harris, which helped keep Democrats from pushing for him to step aside, was a terrible mistake, and Democrats would be willing to say so.

In short, given the personal and political stakes for Biden and how daunting the landscape looks at the moment, Biden would be well-advised to be angry and anxious — very angry and anxious.

Comebacks

NUMBER 1: If you ever testify in court, you might wish you could have been as sharp as this policeman. He was being cross-examined by a defense attorney during a felony trial. The lawyer was trying to undermine the police officer's credibility.

Q: 'Officer --- did you see my client fleeing the scene?'

A: 'No, sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away.'

Q: 'Officer, who provided this description?'

A: 'The officer who responded to the scene.'

Q: 'A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?'

A: 'Yes, sir. With my life.'

Q: 'With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?'

A: 'Yes sir, we do!'

Q: 'And do you have a locker in the room?'

A: 'Yes, sir, I do.'

Q: 'And do you have a lock on your locker?'

A: 'Yes, sir.'

Q: 'Now, why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?'

A: 'You see, sir, we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers, like yourself, have been known to walk through that room.'

The courtroom EXPLODED with laughter, and a prompt recess was called.

NUMBER 2: Now We Know Why He Was a General -----

In an interview, General Norman Schwarzkopf was asked if he thought there was room for forgiveness toward the people who have harbored and abetted the terrorists who perpetrated the 9/11 attacks on America.

His answer was classic Schwarzkopf. The General said, "I believe that forgiving them is God's job. OUR job is to arrange the meeting."

NUMBER 3: Dana Perino described an interview she recently had with a Navy SEAL. After discussing all the countries he had been sent to, she asked if they had to learn several languages? "Oh, no ma'am. We don't go there to talk."

NUMBER 4: Conversation overheard on the VHF Guard (emergency) frequency 121.5 MHz while flying from Europe to Dubai.

Iranian Air Defense Site: 'Unknown aircraft, you are in Iranian airspace. Identify yourself.'

Aircraft : 'This is a United States aircraft. I am in Iraqi airspace.'

Air Defense Site: 'You are in Iranian airspace! If you do not depart our airspace, we will launch interceptor aircraft!'

Aircraft: 'This is a United States Marine Corps FA-18 Fighter. Send 'em up, I'll wait!'

Air Defense Site: (... Total silence)

The Thin Veneer of Civilization: Is America becoming a "sh*thole country"?

Mark Tapson, March 18, 2024

During a White House meeting with Senators in January, 2018, then-President Donald Trump reportedly questioned the reasoning for allowing immigration from “shithole countries” such as Haiti. This triggered the pearl-clutching mainstream media, and charges of racism flew fast and furious, including from Haiti Ambassador to the U.S. Paul Altidor, who said Trump’s language was based on “clichés and stereotypes rather than actual fact.”

Today Haiti is a shithole country, and that is not a racist cliché or stereotype but actual fact. It is a failed nation in a state of emergency, becoming a dangerous power vacuum in the Caribbean. Awash in violence and chaos, the country is run by a heavily armed gang whose messianic leader Jimmy Cherizier is grotesquely and justifiably nicknamed “Barbeque.”

Even reports of cannibalism have surfaced amid the current chaos, including videos on social media showing at least one gang member gnawing on a human leg from a burning corpse. An anonymous journalist on the ground told The Daily Express, “We have seen images of gang leaders eating people they have killed. We have seen images of people being tortured when they are kidnapped.”

As Horowitz Freedom Center Shillman Fellow Daniel Greenfield notes, Haiti is a failed state because it lacks “a legitimate government or a functional society,” and its police force is barely distinguishable from the murderous gangs it is supposed to control. The police there actually spawned “Barbeque” Cherizier, a warlord now the most powerful man in Haiti, who has orchestrated or been involved in a number of massacres of the Haitian people.

Predictably, left-wing elites blame Haiti’s long history of anarchy and corruption on European-driven slavery and colonialism. But as author Rod Dreher noted recently, a government minister told journalist Robert D. Kaplan in 1994 that the widespread Haitian practice of voodoo – a polytheistic folk religion derived from West African animism, with no central authority or institutional structure – is “the central fact explaining their country’s chronic misery,” as Dreher puts it. He continues: If people within a social order believe that they have no real moral agency, and that their fate lies in the hands not of a God of reason and justice, but of an irrational spirit with a mercurial will, then it will be hard to build ordered social structures and ways of life.

Haitian Protestants, Dreher adds, “say the country’s founders brought a curse on Haiti by consecrating it to demons in the slave revolt that sparked the Haitian Revolution... that eventually overturned despotic French colonial rule” in 1791.

States succeed or fail because of the cultural beliefs and practices that underlie them. Those beliefs and practices either empower the people to achieve community, freedom and prosperity, or keep the people mired in fragmentation, savagery and poverty. Haiti is a failure not because of Western rule that ended over 200 years ago but because it lacks the elevating values and practices that propelled Western civilization to greatness.

Now the open-border globalists of the left are salivating over the prospect of a mass exodus of potential Democrat voters from Haiti fleeing the war zone. While some pundits argue that the Biden administration may turn away Haitian refugees in order to look tough on illegal immigration in time for the election, the New York Post published a leaked email from border agents in Miami warning, “The Coast Guard may not be stopping Haitian sail freighter[s]. They will just be escorting them into land [ports].” The email added, “With the breakdown of the government in Haiti[,] repatriating Haitians may not be happening for the foreseeable future.”

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Of course they won't be repatriated. The Biden administration has no intention of ever repatriating anyone who is here illegally. Untold numbers of Haitians will simply be bused throughout the country like other illegals which the administration has prioritized over our own citizens. Will every immigrant fleeing Haiti be a violent cannibal like "Barbeque" Cherizier's gangsters? Of course not. Will some Haitians bring with them a perpetually broken culture of corruption, crime, and chaos? Of course. Just last Friday, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced that state law enforcement had intercepted a vessel coming to the coast carrying dozens of Haitian migrants, as well as firearms, drugs and – interestingly – night vision gear. Mass migration from Haiti will bring more social instability and disorder.

As one can see in the sobering example of Europe, mass migration – not immigration that is legal, controlled, and discriminating (in the sense of good judgment) – from cultures that do not share Western values has civilization-corroding consequences. But this is exactly what the Progressive left wants throughout the West.

The only country in the world that Democrats would condemn as a "shithole" today is America, a country whose Founders, Constitution, Judeo-Christian values, and capitalist prosperity they deeply resent and despise. It is a country and a civilization they actively have been trying to destroy by, among other means, fomenting lawlessness and disorder through pro-crime policies such as the defunding of police departments, no-cash bail, criminal justice reform, the decriminalization of shoplifting, and sanctuary cities. Add to this the left's support for the violent anarchy of Black Lives Matter, Antifa, and pro-Hamas Jew-haters; the justification of looting as "reparations"; the relentless aggravating of racial animosity; the push for "equity" and "restorative justice"; and a half-century of successful assaults on such cultural institutions of stability as the nuclear family, religious faith, and national pride, and you have a nation brought to the brink of civilizational failure.

The signs of such degeneration are legion. Last week a video capturing a teenage brawl in Missouri went viral; in it, one girl is seen savagely beating another, including pounding her head on concrete, in a clear attempt to kill her. As usual, none of the other youths bothers to intervene because they are too busy recording the sickening violence on their cell phones to be shared on social media. As of this writing, the victim, who is white, clings to life in a coma. The perpetrator, who is black, has been arrested, but we all know the legacy media will bury this story and she will not face the justice she deserves, because under the equity-driven Biden administration there is a two-tier system of justice in America – another sign of civilizational decay.

Incidents of subhuman brutality and mob voyeurism like this are shamefully routine in America now, because civilization is breaking down – and it is a half-century of Progressive subversion that has brought us to this point. (We have not yet descended into Haitian gang-style cannibalism, although as I wrote recently, there are hints that the left is laying the groundwork for the normalization of it).

When I was a boy, my favorite author was Edgar Rice Burroughs, the prolific creator of Tarzan of the Apes, John Carter of Mars, and other pulp fiction heroes. ERB, as he is known, noted on more than one occasion in the series of Tarzan novels that Tarzan, who was actually the son of royalty and who became a cultured, educated English lord, would sometimes feel the irresistible call of the wild, shed "the thin veneer of civilization," and return to roam the jungle once again. This reflects the Rousseauian fantasy of "the noble savage," in which the state of nature is idealized as good and pure, while civilization is seen as degrading and corrupting.

The prosperity and leisure afforded by modernity is in some ways corrupting, but the reality is that the true state of nature is feral, selfish, and amoral – the survival of the fittest. The elevating state of civilization is our buffer – and a thin one at that – against what Hobbes called the war of all against all. But that kind of disintegration into savagery is the state of society toward which we are headed in America as the far-left Democrat party rips away that thin veneer of civilization to keep the masses atomized rather than unified, at each other's throats, and under the totalitarian control of those in power.

You can be a delegate to the Republican State Convention!

What is the Republican State Convention?

It's a place for people who vote in the Republican Primary election, or affiliate with the party, to define our shared beliefs and to determine how we will promote them. We do this by creating a platform and by setting rules and electing people to run the party between conventions.

Who can attend the Republican State Convention?

Anyone who is a registered voter, who has affiliated with the Republican Party, either by voting in the Party Primary or by taking an oath of affiliation, and has been duly elected by the lower level conventions. You can only affiliate with one party during each election year.

What is a delegate?

Delegates are grassroots Republicans who participate in the shaping of the Republican Party, its role, and its direction regarding public policy. They volunteer and are chosen by their districts to attend the party's conventions in each even-numbered year.

Step 1: Precinct Conventions

When and where: Your 2024 Precinct Convention will be held sometime after the polls close on Primary Election Day (March 5, 2024) at your designated polling location and before the start of the County/Senate District Conventions (March 23, 2024, 4th Saturday in March).

Please check with your local Republican County Chair for the most up-to-date information. (See https://www.texasgop.org/county_chairs/)

What to expect: If you are a registered voter and affiliated with the Republican Party, you can participate in this convention. You can introduce and vote on resolutions. Then elect delegates and alternates to the next convention level.

Step 2: County / Senate District Conventions

When and where: Your County or SD Convention will be held on March 23, 2024. Your county party sets the location and time.

What to expect: In the days or weeks before the convention, you can visit committee meetings and let them know what issues are important to you. At the convention, you'll set the rules by which the convention will operate. You will be able to vote on resolutions the committees have worked on. Then you'll elect delegates and alternates to the state convention level.

Step 3: State Convention

When and where: This convention will be held in San Antonio from May 20-25. Committees will meet beginning May 20. General Session and Caucuses will meet May 23-25. Please check www.texasgop.org for convention details.

What to expect: You will be able to testify before the committees on issues you care about, vote on the platform that will state the beliefs of the Party, vote on the rules that will steer the Party, elect the State Chair, State Vice-chair and your State Republican Committeeman and Committeewoman who will serve the next two years. You will also elect the National Committeeman and National Committeewoman, and elect National Delegates, and Electors.

Why become a delegate to the Republican State Convention? Because you will have an instrumental role in shaping the beliefs of the Party and determining the methods of implementation in public policy.

RCOCC Community Outreach for 2024

New Braunfels Food Bank Partnership:

- ◆ Every dollar donated = 7 meals
- ◆ Need Food donated
- ◆ Volunteer opportunities (Packing Food & Garden)

Army Fischer House Partnership:

- ◆ Provides housing to Veterans whose families are getting medical attention at Brooke Army Medical Center
- ◆ Need monetary donations (tax deductible)
- ◆ Donations of supplies (toothbrushes, batteries, etc.)
- ◆ Volunteer opportunities as a team

Fourth of July Parade: New Braunfels:

- ◆ RCOCC Float
- ◆ Option to place Flags at one of the local bases
- ◆ We could partner with other Republican Clubs for the Flags

Freedom Walk: 9-11:

- ◆ Have RCOCC Members attend wearing RCOCC T-Shirts

Halloween: October 31:

- ◆ Have RCOCC Volunteers pass out Candy
- ◆ Collect Candy in September from volunteers

Christmas:

- ◆ RCOCC Parade
- ◆ Wreaths at Fort Sam or another military base
- ◆ We could partner with other Republican Clubs for the wreaths

An old physician, Dr. Gordon Geezer, became very bored in retirement and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's clinic. Get your treatment for \$500 - if not cured, get back \$1,000."

Dr. Douglas Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: 'Aaagh! -- This is gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Oh, no you don't -- that is gasoline!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500"

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!"

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, here's your \$1000 back" (offering him a \$10 bill).

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$10!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

The moral of the story -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer."

THE JOB INTERVIEW



HR: OK I have reviewed your resume' and your references. You lied in your resume' about graduating in the top of your class. You lied when said you have three college degrees. You lied about being a semi truck driver. In checking your references, not one agreed with you that you never discussed business with your family. Not one agreed about how many jobs you created. And almost all said you are currently lying about the other candidate we are interviewing for this position. Sir, with all due respect, you seem to be a serial liar. Why should anyone believe you?

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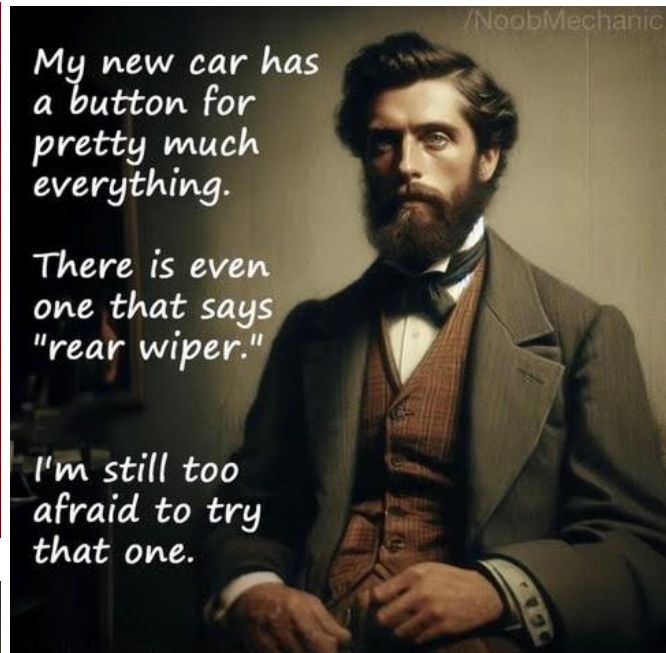
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