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

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OUR NEXT MEETING

THE REPUBLICAN CLUB OF COMAL COUNTY

will meet on Tuesday, August 27, 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.



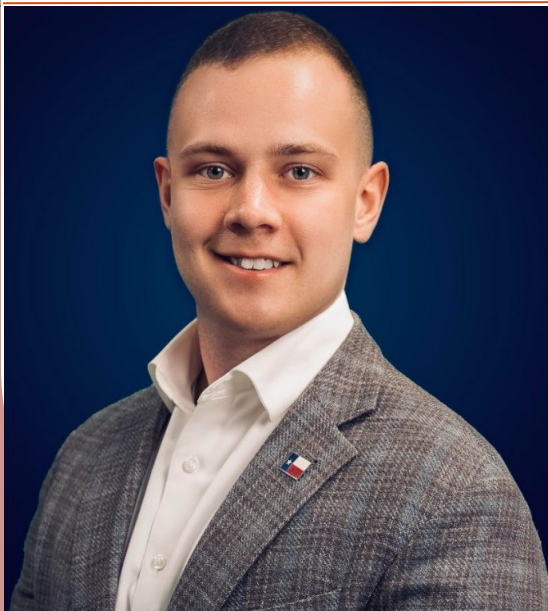
The speaker for our August meeting will be

Andrew McVeigh

President and CEO of
Texans for Fiscal Responsibility

He will talk about the TFO
and how they work to promote fiscal
responsibility in our state government.

Please see more information about him on page 3.



A Message From Our President

Good day, fellow Patriots! We are being inundated with the left progressives pushing an untrue agenda upon our county and the New Braunfels area. The Democratic Women of Comal County recently posted in a local newspaper a comparison of the Democrats’ and Republicans’ values and agendas. The posting was very biased and disgusting about our agenda. Of course, the Democrats’ agenda was very positive, unattainable, and untrue. Being an older American, I truly do not believe that the Republican values/agendas want to (I quote) “cut Social Security, Medicare, and Food Assistance programs” or “dismantle public education.” Do not believe this quote from the advertisement: “Democrats care about you, your family, and your future... Republicans do not.” We all must get out to vote, in November, and ensure that all of our friends, relatives, and neighbors do the same. Check the Comal County Republican Party facebook page for the full article.

God bless and keep Texas and America RED forever!

Please visit our website at rccc.org for helpful information.

President Albert F. Highfield

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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, to become a Patron member or for more information. Patrons receive a special personalized Texas flag name tag.

Andrew McVeigh

Andrew McVeigh currently serves as President and CEO of Texans for Fiscal Responsibility (TFR). Born into a military family, Andrew is a graduate of Texas A&M University, with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science. Andrew has worked on or managed campaigns for conservative candidates in Texas, and worked in the Texas Legislature for three sessions. He is a husband, a faithful Christian, and proud son of Texas. He currently resides in Austin with his wife.

Texans for Fiscal Responsibility is an independent, educational, non-profit organization seeking to illuminate the actions of government, educate and equip citizens to effectively advocate for pro-taxpayer reforms, and hold lawmakers accountable for their actions.

The TFR produces the Fiscal Responsibility Index, which holds lawmakers accountable to taxpayers. The Texas Prosperity Plan Is TFR's Policy Goals to achieve a fiscally responsible Texas. They also produce a weekly newsletter "The Fiscal Note" and other publications to help keep taxpayers continually informed. And, as we will see at our meeting, they speak to educate taxpayers around Texas year-around.

Families First — An Offensive Concept for Leftist Media

by Brent Bozell, Media Research Center, July, 2024

Graduation season always makes news these days. Typically, the top story would be about the student at Columbia who tore up her diploma and mortarboard or the students at Duke who walked out on Jerry Seinfeld.

But the big story from this year's graduation season revolves around Harrison Butker, kicker for the Kansas City Chiefs, and his speech at Benedictine College in Kansas.

He lauded Catholic values in this conservative Catholic school. He called out our Catholic president for abandoning Catholic teachings on abortion. He also raised the point of Catholic families and the fulfillment people get from raising their kids.

What was so exceptional about this, you ask? Good question.

Exception was taken to his remarks that Pride Month effectively condoned a mortal sin — sex outside marriage — and his comments on abortion. But the big attention-getter was his statement to the women graduates: "Some of you may go on to lead successful careers in the world, but I would venture to guess that the majority of you are most excited about your marriage and the children you will bring into the world."

His wife, he added, "would be the first to say that her life truly started when she began living her vocation as a wife and as a mother."

With so little to actually object to, the left simply made up things. "He said that women should focus on being wives and mothers instead of having careers," one late-night talk show personality said. Joy Reid of MSNBC said Butker had told the Typical of the left-wing press, CBC Mornings co-host Nancy Chen mischaracterized Harrison Butker's speech by saying, it "seemed to dismiss women with career goals." graduates, "including scores of women, that their degrees are a lie and they should just embrace their true vocation of making their husbands a sandwich."

It's not remarkable that a commencement speech at a conservative Catholic college is pro-God, pro-life, and pro-traditional values and marriage. So what about this so infuriated the left?

What Butker did was to suggest that a happy, successful family was itself a worthwhile career goal for women and men. He correctly asserted that parents' top job — beyond even what they do professionally — is to raise good, faithful, honest children of God.

The left prefers the government to assume the roles of mother, father, and savior. The existence of faith-based nuclear families disrupts their twisted ideology.

The left sees the family as the enemy, but it is what sets us apart as a people and a country. The left wants to destroy America, and tearing apart families is the easiest way to do it. We've been fighting this since 1987, and we're not about to stop now.

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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.

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County Chair	Mark Montgomery
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Letter to the Editor of the San Antonio Express-News

Sent by Kerry Ledford, August 8, 2024

Regarding the song "Imagine," by John Lennon, which was sung during the opening ceremonies of the Olympics. One of the lines says "Imagine no possessions." Who would enjoy that? Don't you want to have your own clothes, food, and other belongings? Having no possessions is a Communist idea, where everybody is equally poor, and there is no incentive to improve yourself. People naturally want to make things better for themselves and their families. That is human nature.

That song also has the line "Imagine there's no countries." How could they run the Olympics if there were no countries? It is based on competition between countries and national pride.

This song is unrealistic.

Trump, History, and Divine Intervention

By Robert B. Charles, AMAC Magazine

Donald Trump--former president and candidate for president--was shot by a would-be assassin on July 13. While some minimize his survival, it is neither overstatement nor messianic to say his survival is miraculous, given the intent, range, and agility of the shooter. History foreshadows more.

For those with no inclination to history, miracles, faith, or divine intervention--no patience for those who see the Hand of Providence in American history--so be it. But history never stops teaching.

On July 9th, 1755, 274 years ago, George Washington found himself under intense fire at the Battle of Monongahela. At 23, he was not used to being shot at, became defiant, rallied hundreds, and survived two horses being shot from under him and four shots through his coat. He should not have survived.

Without George Washington's survival at Monongahela, and later facing down point blank attempts on his life at Long Island, Brooklyn Heights, Princeton, and Trenton, the Revolutionary War would likely have been lost: no President Washington, no young nation,...no now.

On July 2, 1863, 161 years ago, Joshua Chamberlain turned the flank of Lee's troops at Gettysburg, 20th Main, Battle of Little Round Top, where he was confronted and shot at. But those shots miraculously missed, or the guns misfired.

Without Joshua Chamberlain's survival at Little Round Top, that battle would have likely gone to Lee, no Union victory, no Gettysburg Address,...no now. On July 1, 1898, 126 years ago, Theodore Roosevelt (TR) stormed San Juan Hill in Cuba with his Rough Riders, helping to end the Spanish-American War. In the charge 144 died, but not TR.

In 1912 TR was speaking at a rally in Milwaukee when he was shot. The bullet penetrated his suit, hitting a metal glasses case and papers in his vest pocket. Wounded, he defied the would-be assassin, and finished his speech.

Without TR's survival at San Juan, no President Theodore Roosevelt, no Nobel Prize for ending the Russo-Japanese War, no trust busting, national parks, Panama Canal, expanded Navy, "Man in the Arena" speech, and no preparation for World War I--questionable now.

In March 1981, a would-be assassin shot Ronald Reagan at the Hilton Hotel in Washington DC, leaving a bullet lodged near his heart. Reagan recovered. In May 1981 Pope John Paul II was nearly assassinated in St. Peter's Square. In 1984, Margaret Thatcher was nearly killed in a terrorist bombing in Brighton English.

Without those three individuals surviving those three assassination attempts, each narrowly, they would not have lived to coordinate an end of the Soviet Union, no "Evil Empire" speech, no "Tear down this wall" speech, no conversion of Gorbachev--no now.

American history is a constant teacher, as is world history. But history is filled with examples of divine intervention, and this looks like another one.

Red States, Blue States: A Tale of Two Economies

August 1, 2024, Vance Ginn, American Institute for Economic Research

The latest employment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for June 2024 offers a compelling snapshot of the divergent economic fortunes of red and blue states. The national unemployment rate remained steady at 4.1 percent, a modest increase of 0.5 percentage points from June 2023. Yet, beneath these headline figures lie significant contrasts between states, particularly economically vibrant red and struggling blue states, with Texas and California as prime examples.

Texas: A Beacon of Prosperity

Texas continues to exemplify the benefits of more free-market policies, evidenced by its impressive employment growth and relatively low unemployment rate. Over the past year, Texas added 267,400 nonfarm jobs in a pro-growth environment and favorable regulatory climate.

According to the Texas Workforce Commission, the state's civilian labor force now exceeds 15.3 million, highlighting the ongoing expansion of job opportunities. This growth is supported by a diverse economy encompassing technology, energy, and healthcare industries. The unemployment rate in Texas stood at 4.1 percent in June, mirroring the national average but significantly lower than California's 5.2 percent rate.

Texas' economic model emphasizes fiscal responsibility, including adopting more sustainable budgeting practices. This has helped the Lone Star State claim the 7th best fiscal freedom according to the Cato Institute's Freedom in the 50 States. The state also ranks 20th in regulatory freedom and 17th overall when considering economic and personal freedoms. Texas ensures that its budget remains manageable by limiting government spending growth to less than the rate of population growth plus inflation over much of the last decade. This approach keeps taxes low and promotes long-term economic stability and growth. However, the current irresponsible budget, which increased by more than 20 percent, challenges past budget successes in Texas and should be addressed in the next session in 2025.

California: A Contrast in Economic Management

California, on the other hand, presents a stark contrast. Despite adding 223,600 jobs over the year, California's unemployment rate rose to 5.2 percent, the second highest in the nation, just behind the District of Columbia at 5.4 percent. This increase underscores the state's challenges, including high taxes, stringent regulations, and a high cost of living, which collectively stifle business growth and job creation.

According to the Freedom in the 50 States report, California ranks 48th in fiscal freedom, 49th in regulatory freedom, and 48th in overall freedom. The Golden State ranks poorly compared with Texas and all but two states, New York and Hawaii, regarding overall economic freedom. California's economic struggles are not a recent phenomenon. Over the years, the state's policies have created an environment less conducive to business investment and innovation. High-profile businesses and individuals have been leaving the state, seeking more favorable conditions in states like Texas, further exacerbating the economic divide. The Wall Street Journal recently reported the Internal Revenue Service's latest migration data for net adjusted gross income by state in 2022 showed California had the largest net loss of \$23.8 billion while Texas had the second largest net gain of \$21 billion, next to Florida of \$36 billion. This is yet another example of how people and businesses move from high-tax to lower-tax states.

Unemployment Trends Across the States

The broader employment trends in the June 2024 report revealed that eight states saw an increase in unemployment rates while only one state experienced a decrease. The majority of states, however, saw no significant change in their jobless rates. South Dakota boasted the lowest unemployment rate at 2.0 percent, followed closely by North Dakota and Vermont at 2.1 percent.

In contrast, states with more interventionist economic policies, like California and Nevada, struggled with higher unemployment rates of 5.2 percent. This trend highlights the broader pattern where states with more market-friendly policies enjoy better employment outcomes.

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Job Growth and Economic Policies

The BLS data also shows that nonfarm payroll employment increased in eight states in June 2024, with North Carolina, Massachusetts, and Virginia leading in job gains. Over the year, 27 states saw employment increases, with Texas, California, and Florida posting the largest gains in absolute numbers. These large job gains often reflect the fact that these states have the largest populations, but what's revealing is that the percent increases over that year were just 1.3 percent in California while a more robust 1.9 percent in Texas and 2.0 percent in Florida.

The nuances become clear when considering these states' economic policies and environments. States like Texas and Florida, prioritizing low taxes and minimal regulation, have created environments where businesses can thrive. This is reflected in their strong job growth and relatively low unemployment rates. In contrast, states with higher taxes and more regulatory burdens, such as California, face more significant economic challenges despite adding jobs.

The Flat Tax Revolution

A significant aspect of the economic success seen in many red states, including Texas, is their embrace of the state flat tax revolution. This movement, which simplifies tax codes and lowers rates, has been crucial in attracting businesses and encouraging investment. By moving toward flat taxes, states can reduce the complexity and burden of taxation, making them more competitive and appealing to businesses and workers.

This revolution is part of a broader trend towards sustainable budgeting, where states aim to maintain fiscal discipline while ensuring they do not overburden their citizens with high taxes. The success of states like Texas in implementing these policies demonstrates the potential for other states to achieve similar economic prosperity by adopting these principles.

Policy Implications and Recommendations

The stark differences in economic outcomes between red and blue states underscore the importance of policy choices. Red states like Texas continue demonstrating that free-market principles lead to more robust economic growth and better employment outcomes. For policymakers, the lessons are clear:

Reduce Regulatory Burdens: Streamlining and eliminating regulations can make it easier for businesses to operate and expand, fostering job creation.

Pass Sustainable Budgets and Lower Taxes: Implementing sustainable budgeting practices and reducing the tax burden on businesses and individuals support more economic activity and attract investments.

Promote Economic Freedom: Ensuring a business-friendly environment that supports entrepreneurship and innovation is key to sustainable growth.

As we look to the future, it is crucial that states learn from these examples. By adopting policies prioritizing economic freedom and reducing government intervention, states can create environments where businesses flourish, and jobs are plentiful for widespread prosperity. The contrasting fortunes of Texas and California serve as a powerful reminder that policy decisions have real-world consequences.

States can pave the way for a prosperous future by examining these trends and implementing effective policies.

Five Things the GOP Needs to Do to Win in 2024

Mollie Ziegler Hemingway, Amac Magazine, June 2024

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump is leading in the polls, even as Democrat politicians and their policies are receiving historically low approval ratings. But if Republicans think that all it's going to take to win in November is to show up in force on Election Day, they need to wake up. Here are five things that the GOP needs to do to secure victory in November.

Vote Operations

The nature of elections has changed radically in recent years. Instead of an Election Day where people arrive to vote and where results are announced the same evening, we now have an "election season." The period can last weeks and even months before and after Election Day. Tens of millions of unsupervised ballots are mailed to addresses and trafficked by armies of left-wing activists who are fielded by well-funded outside groups. Then, lawyers fight over the rules determining the eligibility of those ballots.

Until Republicans can successfully improve election laws in their states, they must stay competitive with Democrats, who will be aggressively banking votes months before Election Day. Republicans will need to compete with Democrat infrastructures including unions and other special interest groups that are paid to traffic mail-in ballots. And they'll have to perform oversight of the entire months-long election season, not just Election Day.

If they want to win elections in competitive districts, Republican leaders should encourage early voting, ballot harvesting where it's legal, and strenuous election oversight.

Win Media Battles

Legacy media is the Democrats' primary and most useful political weapon against Republicans. Whereas the media used to be merely biased, now it is engaged in outright propaganda. It is responsible for crafting fake news, such as the Russia collusion lie and the Kavanaugh rape smear. It will frame and amplify stories that help Democrats and downplay and mischaracterize those that help Republicans. Legacy media helps Democrats normalize lawfare, push radical transgender ideology, keep borders open, and pass anti-police initiatives.

Republican leaders need to be far smarter at engaging the media as an actual political opponent, if not their primary political opponent. At every opportunity, they must publicly question the framing and language that the media uses and forcefully high light its lies when engaging with it.

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Fight Lawfare

Democrats are engaged in a coordinated strategy to bankrupt and imprison their top political opponents through “lawfare.” They even attempted to remove the Republican candidate from the ballot, a move reminiscent of tin-pot dictatorships or other corrupt countries, which was stopped by the Supreme Court in a rare 9-0 decision. Other legally preposterous cases have been brought by Democrat prosecutors in New York, Arizona, Georgia, and Washington, DC. In several cases, these prosecutors won their perch by campaigning on promises to engage in lawfare against Republicans. This lawfare strategy violates all norms against using courts to punish political opponents.

Republican voters need to send a loud, clear message to their representatives in Washington that they must get serious about fighting back against the weaponization of the justice system by Democrats to win elections. After the FBI raided Trump’s home in Florida, former Republican Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy said the Justice Department had reached “an intolerable state of weaponized politicization” and told Attorney General Merrick Garland to “preserve your documents and clear your calendar” for Republican congressional investigations.

Yet, the GOP-led House of Representatives has done next to nothing to hold the Justice Department accountable for prosecuting Trump for allegedly harboring classified documents, even though Joe Biden and Hillary Clinton were excused for worse instances of committing the same supposed crime. Criminally charging one’s opponents to win elections is the real threat to democracy, and voters need to demand that Republicans in Washington fight this with everything they’ve got.

Clearly Articulate Policy Goals

Before the 2022 midterm elections, which proved disappointing for Republicans, Sen. Minority Leader Mitch McConnell rejected calls to release a platform of what Republicans would do if they were given control of Congress. His claim was that focusing on Biden’s deficiencies would be sufficient for victory.

While it’s true that Americans are deeply dissatisfied with Democrat policies, it’s not true that this dissatisfaction translates into Republican votes. Republicans must explain how they’re different from Democrats and how that difference will help improve the lives of voters. This task is made more difficult when Republicans in the House and Senate vote to advance Democrat policy goals. Still, the recently elected Republicans in the House and Senate are articulating domestic and foreign policy goals that are more in touch with average Americans.

Copy Effective Campaign Strategies from 2016

When Donald Trump was running for his first term, many conservatives were worried. Notably, they were concerned about whether Trump was as conservative as he claimed, particularly regarding judicial nominees. To assuage those concerns, he presented a list of potential Supreme Court nominees and promised to pick from it. One of every four Trump voters told pollsters that concern about the courts determined their vote.

Trump should consider naming potential justices and cabinet officials. The move could help voters feel confident about what a second Trump administration would accomplish and could generate excitement about moving the country in a better direction.

Republicans should forcefully communicate a unified message, have the courage to take on corrupt media, and prepare a laser-focus on “get out the vote” operations.

Trump campaign projects confidence and looks to young male voters for an edge on Harris

By Jill Colvin and Michelle Price, San Antonio Express News, August 11, 2024

As Donald Trump adjusts to the reality of his new race against Kamala Harris, his campaign is counting on younger male voters to give him the edge in November in a presidential contest they insist is his to lose.

Trump and his Republican campaign now face a dramatically different race than the one just three weeks ago, before President Joe Biden abandoned his bid. While they acknowledge polls have tightened with Harris as the Democratic nominee, they maintain that the fundamentals of the race have not changed, with voters deeply sour over the direction of the country, and particularly the economy.

“What has happened is we are witnessing a kind of out-of-body experience where we have suspended reality for a couple of weeks,” Trump campaign pollster Tony Fabrizio told reporters during a briefing in West Palm Beach on Thursday of the current state of the race.

It was a message echoed by Trump during a news conference at his Mar-a-Lago club.

“The honeymoon period’s gonna end,” he insisted while minimizing the size of the crowds Harris has been drawing and lashing out at his new opponent. “Let me tell you: We have the enthusiasm.”

Campaign officials acknowledge that Harris had energized the Democratic base and that her team has taken the lead on fundraising. But they insist they have more than enough to do what they need to win. Trump’s campaign and its affiliates reported raising \$138.7 million in July — far less than the eye-popping \$310 million sum reported by Harris. Her campaign began August with more cash on hand.

With less than three months to go, senior campaign officials are focused on a group of persuadable voters that they believe is key to victory. The targets, which they say comprise about 11% of the electorate in key battleground states, skew younger and are disproportionately male and moderate. While more than half are white, they include more nonwhites, especially Asians and Hispanics, than the broader electorate.

They are especially frustrated by the economy, including their personal finances, and are pessimistic things will improve.

“It’s a very narrow band of people that we are trying to move,” Fabrizio said of the efforts. Since these voters don’t engage with traditional news outlets and have traded cable for streaming services, the campaign has been working to reach them in novel ways.

“There is a reason why we’re doing podcasts. There is a reason why we’re doing Adin Ross,” Fabrizio said, referring to the controversial internet personality who ended his interview with the former president earlier this week by giving him a Tesla Cybertruck wrapped in images of Trump raising his fist after his assassination attempt.

“There is a reason why we are doing all of those things. You know what these people pay attention to? MMA, Adin Ross,” he said. “MMA” refers to mixed martial arts.

Trump campaign officials acknowledge the Democratic base is now motivated in a way it wasn’t when Biden was the nominee. Harris, they say, will likely do better than Biden would have with Black voters, especially women and older men.

But they argue Harris is doing little to appeal to swing voters. And they intend to spend the next 80-plus days painting her as a radical liberal and as the incumbent rather than a change, tying her to the most unpopular Biden administration policies.

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“There’s way more information about her that they don’t know that they’re going to hear. And we’re going to make sure they’re going to get,” Fabrizio said.

By the end of the race, they believe, neither candidate will be liked, but voters will choose the candidate they feel will most improve their economic conditions.

They pointed to a line Harris has been using to refer to Trump’s presidency — “We are not going back” — as particularly ill conceived, given that some voters say things were better when Trump was in office than they are now.

Trump campaign aides said they now have staff on the ground in 18 states, ranging from critical battlegrounds to states like Virginia, where Democrats have been favored, that they hope they can put into play.

The campaign says it now has hundreds of paid staff and more than 300 Trump and GOP offices open across battleground states. The Harris campaign, meanwhile, says it has 1,500 paid staffers and 265 offices across the country.

But much of the Trump effort relies on volunteers and outside groups.

They are trying to replicate a model they used successfully during the GOP primary in Iowa this winter, where volunteer “caucus captains” were given a list of 10 neighbors they pledged to get out to the polls. The campaign has credited that model with boosting turnout on a brutally cold and icy caucus night.

The “Trump Force 47” program is focused on targeting low- and medium-propensity voters. Volunteers will be canvassing, writing postcards, phone banking and organizing their neighbors.

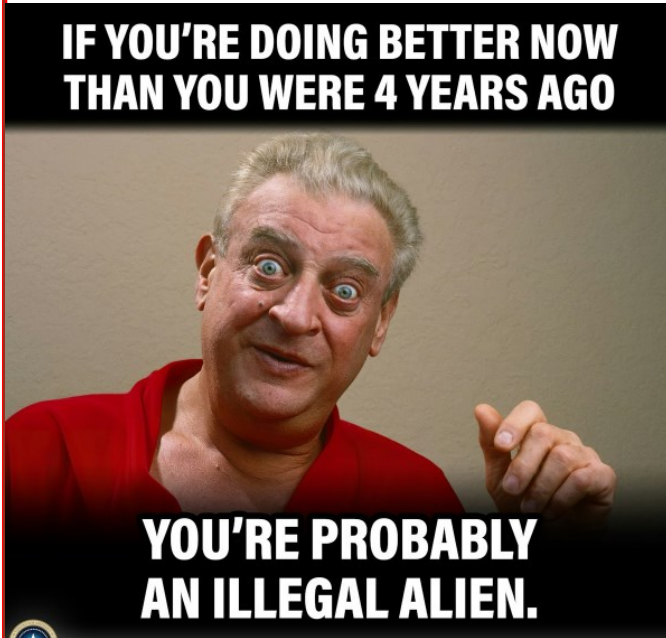
So far, 12,000 captains have been trained and given voter target lists, according to officials. An additional 30,000 have volunteered, with more than 2,000 expected to be trained per week between now and Election Day.

A large part of the campaign’s outreach will also rely on outside groups, which will be running paid canvassing and get-out-the-vote efforts thanks to new guidance from the Federal Election Commission that allow campaigns to coordinate with outside groups in ways that were previously not allowed.

The campaign said more than 1,000 paid canvassers are on the ground in battleground states, and they’re also working to register about 1.6 million targeted voters in those competitive places.

The Harris campaign, meanwhile, says it is amassing its own army of volunteers. In the first two weeks of her candidacy, they said, 200,000 volunteers joined the campaign and signed up for 29,000 canvass shifts and 197,000 phone banking shifts.

“The reality is, Donald Trump and his orbit were late to build a program, and they’re now scrambling to play catch-up,” said Harris-Walz battleground director Dan Kanninen in a statement. In an election that is expected to be extremely close, he said, “building an effective and disciplined field operation, and being able to be in communities and build trust and relationships for months as we have, is absolutely essential. The Trump campaign simply isn’t doing it.”



- 1.) full time employment
- 2.) literacy
- 3.) professional or technical degree
- 4.) regular church/temple attendance
- 5.) common sense





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Occupation: _____ Home Phone: _____

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Spouse Occupation: _____ Spouse Phone: _____

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