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President CJ's Letter:

Dear Colleagues,

What a difference a week, a month, a year makes! One week ago we were preparing for our November luncheon with speaker

Kate Obenshain Keeler, an event that was to be very well attended. Then, Governor Northam decided no private events with more than 25 attendees would be allowed. One month ago, we were preparing for the Presidential Election, having no idea the election would be so deeply fraught with massive fraud and unreliable voting machines, thus requiring recounts, and numerous court cases. And one year ago, in Wuhan, China there was about to be an unknown virus (Covid-19) released on the world causing a world-wide pandemic, the likes of which would dramatically change our country, economy, and basic way of life.

Also, one year ago (not having a hint of what was taking place in China), a group of conservative, constitutionally-minded women met to discuss the challenges they felt lie ahead in a changing America. The U.S. Constitution was the focus and topic of each meeting. This is how Women for the American Constitution began ... with an aspiration to teach and educate others about the Constitution and the desire to support political causes and candidates that value preservation of the founding fathers original intent.

Today, we know that an analysis of Covid-19's impact on the Constitution and constitutional law could fill the pages of a book. In some ways the government's response to the virus poses very questionable issues under the First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Tenth Amendments. From "stay at home" orders to the regulation of private industry and the economy, to infringement on education, children and parental discretion, to requiring citizens to wear masks and perhaps to be vaccinated, and so on. The effect on nearly all aspects of society has been profound.

Truly, what a difference a year has made! As we look to the Constitution for the answers, stay informed and vigilant. These are the times that test the very foundation of America.

C. J. Hatcher, W.A.C. President



Awaiting the Kraken

By Tadas Klimas, American Thinker

The only way the Left could win this election was by massive fraud. That is what they realized during the early morning hours after midnight of Election Day. So they piled it on.

This really is startling. Not that the Left cheated, not that they engage in psychological warfare to cover up their cheating.

But that all the constant pounding, the immense effort by the enemy-of-the-people, false and fake, media, the near-criminal defalcating do-nothingness of the DOJ, even the held-back news of Trump's vaccine -- failed miserably against the forces of MAGA.

We Republicans, or whatever we are, gained a governorship, at least ten seats in Congress, several statehouses, and, regarding the presidential race, support from nearly every demographic, including a tremendous gain amongst black and Latino voters.

President Trump himself garnered 73 million votes -- 10 million more than in 2016.

It was the forces of MAGA that triumphed, not the Democrats.

Why did this happen? Because under the administration of President Trump, our blinders were removed. The curtain

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was drawn back. The sick cult of the left is the state religion no longer. Its high priests have been exposed as frauds and hucksters.

And we've realized we don't have to lose. Trump taught us that.

And we've realized we can be joyful winning. It's amazing, and a whole lot of fun.

Witness the D.C. MAGA march. How can it not be fun – after all, the MAGA movement is one of love. Does that need summing up? We are unified around the flag.

The entire message, the foundational idea, of the Left is the opposite. Witness the boarding up of D.C. – and the non-boarding up during the MAGA march.

Moreover, there is no set-in-stone reason the shift should not continue.

There are even indications that the pace of the shift, the awakening, will continue. There are new social media replacing the old, censored and propagandizing, media, and a large shift to them is occurring. People are also fleeing a newly leftist, propagandizing, news network for more objective ones.

All of this in the face of a concerted effort to make us accept results of an election; we are supposed blindly to believe everything is O.K. with it. Anything claimed is at once condemned; even Trump's attorneys are being told – by other attorneys, a big no-no – that they are traitors.

That is the measure of their desperation.

They are relying on deep state bureaucrats, the ones placed in positions by the various states to monitor the election process, to maintain the party line that everything is all right.

(Remember when no one believed in the deep state because, well, there wasn't one?)

In the corrupt deep state's maintenance of the party line, one of the things they played on early on relates to the difference between the crime of election fraud and its consequences.

Briefly, a criminal case for election fraud is a criminal case; a crime is a crime, whereas an election result that cannot be certified, because of lack of confidence in its results, is a completely different thing.

The Left has been conflating the two on purpose. But the purpose of criminal law is completely different from a process undertaken to assure the legality of votes cast. The former we generally leave to law enforcement. The latter we don't.

The difference between the two should be obvious, but because it has been obfuscated, an example might do.

Someone places a faked ballot in with lawful ones. This is a crime. It is within the precinct of law enforcement. *It is also irrelevant.*

What is relevant is whether the votes cast were lawful and lawfully, properly, counted. Discrepancies by themselves, without more, are, let us repeat, *are*, enough to make this determination.

For it is evident that, say, 100,000 illegal ballots were secretly mixed in with the rest. If they are physically indistinguishable from legal ones, recounts or audits might be of no use.

Jonathan Turley describes this problem as one of "authentication." He recently said,

But the main thing I'm looking at is, when you talk about systemic problems is the, is how these ballots were authenticated. Because if there is a problem in the system as to authenticating ballots, that would affect the entire election.

The same certainly can be said about votes, especially if the insertion were accomplished by means of a computer program. Such chicanery would subvert even a fair ballot authentication and vote counting system.

Thus, the question of whether to have confidence in the election is in the first place left to the legislature. That is what is meant by the idea of their having to *certify* results. They don't certify that they were collected. They certify *they are believable*.

The power the legislatures have is plenary. How plenary? As many have newly discovered, legislatures can and have appointed the electors themselves, *without elections*. (Bush @B)

The state legislature could decide to ignore, for instance, an unfair election and to exercise the power to appoint electors

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itself. As the Supreme Court has said,

[T]here is no doubt of the right of the legislature to resume the power at any time, for it can neither be taken away nor abdicated. McPherson v. Blacker, 146 U.S. 1, 35 (1892).

It's not mechanical, although the Left would like it to be that way. It's not a matter for the deep state to handle silently.

The point, really, is that state legislatures have a great deal of power in this matter. They certainly should and must take into account the evidence of fraud and chicanery, not to mention the perception of so many of their voters that the election was rigged. State legislatures are close to the people, and the people should let their concerns be known, without letting the legislatures squirm off the hook of their responsibility.

Having said that, a moment can be spent reflecting on how we got here.

Was any of this unpredictable? Of course it was. Yet it should have been prepared for. A major effort should have been expended in order to guarantee fair elections. We were caught flat-footed.

Should Trump have seen it coming? Yes. In his defense, he's been attacked so fiercely and continually, it may well have been too much, even for him. And the scale of it all is shocking.

But we can take comfort in that no matter what, this election rigging need never surprise us again.

We know now we are the majority. We know the Left will stop at nothing, even targeting our children.

They do not realize that they give themselves away by seeking to brand as illegitimate *ab initio* any questioning of the voting process. This in itself is a hijacking, a perversion, of the process. It militates necessarily to the conclusion that any proclamation of their favored candidate is illegitimate as well.

And such an illegitimate outcome, if that is what is to occur, will only serve to galvanize us further.

Indeed, no matter whether our well-founded objections to the chicanery and discrepancies in this election will play out in a very un-level playing field, with the electoral gains we've made and the growing strength and size of our movement, there is little doubt that, with some effort, we will restore real, not feigned, democracy.

Our efforts will be energized by our righteous anger.

Paradoxically, we forbear only because of our lingering faith in the process, the same process that the Left has hijacked and perverted. But a day may soon come when we are provoked beyond the limits of our forbearance.

Then truly shall the kraken shall awaken.



Q&A for State Legislators and Citizens – the Constitution and How to Settle the Election

**By Robert G Natelson, The Epoch Times, former
Constitutional Law Professor**

Irregularities in the presidential election returns of six states have sparked the question “What next?” The states are Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

Should their state legislatures intervene? Confusing the issue are media and other claims that are dead wrong.

This column corrects the mistakes and clarifies duties and options.

Why the mistakes? Many in the media are strongly motivated to secure the election of Joe Biden—or, more accurately, the defeat of President Donald Trump. They have been incurious about alleged election irregularities or how the Constitution and federal law address presidential election deadlocks.

Even most experts are unfamiliar with this subject. On average, law school constitutional law courses spend two-thirds of their time on 2 percent of the Constitution (the First Amendment and two sections of the 14th) and largely ignore the presidential election process. Even most law professors are unaware of the Constitution's presidential election rules or the history behind them.

Now, some questions and answers:

Q: Why are state legislatures involved?

A: You don't learn this in school, but the Founders put the state legislatures near the heart of the political system. So much so that during the public debates over ratification of the Constitution, one of the most popular pro-Constitution writers (Tench Coxe) affirmed ([pdf](#)) that once the Constitution was ratified, ultimate sovereignty would lodge in a combination of state legislatures and state conventions.

Q: How is that relevant to presidential elections?

A: The Constitution gives state legislatures power to determine how electors are appointed. This power was

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reaffirmed by the Supreme Court this year in *Chiafalo v. Washington* ([pdf](#)). The Court held that state legislatures not only control choice of electors but can also direct them how to vote.

Q: Are there roles for Congress in the presidential election system?

A: Yes. One is that the Constitution's same-day clause or presidential vote clause ([Article II, Section 1, clause 4](#)) authorizes Congress to select a uniform national day for voting by presidential electors and a (necessarily uniform) national time for voting for president electors. Congress has responded with legislation whose current version was enacted in 1948: Dec. 14 for voting by electors ([3 U.S. Code Section 7](#)) and Nov. 3 for voting for electors (*id.*, [Section 1](#)).

Q: But this year many people voted by mail and the balloting continued over weeks.

A: Yes, and that was a violation of both the same-day clause and federal law. Some of the election irregularities were those the same-day clause was adopted to prevent.

Q: So where does the state legislature come in?

A: Federal law, [3 U.S.C., Section 2](#), recognizes state legislatures' continuing power to choose electors after Nov. 3 if the election on that date fails. It reads:

"Whenever any State has held an election for the purpose of choosing electors, and has failed to make a choice on the day prescribed by law, the electors may be appointed on a subsequent day in such a manner as the legislature of such State may direct."

Q: Is that relevant to all states this year?

A: No—only to the six states with contested elections. Investigations over the next few weeks may show that preliminary results in some of these states are accurate. Then the law will apply only to states (if any) where the results remain helplessly muddled.

Q: How do lawmakers learn whether claims of irregularities are true?

A: They should see how the lawsuits challenging the election unfold in their states over the next few days and weeks. I also recommend that legislative committees hold hearings of their own.

Q: To overturn an election, do you have to show fraud?

A: No. Any irregularities altering the results may be sufficient. These include 1. election officials treating

Continued on page 5 different votes in different ways, in violation of the 14th Amendment (*Bush v. Gore*, [pdf](#)), 2. changing election procedures during or after the election—or before the election in a way that confuses voters, and 3. even innocent mistakes, including software or machine errors.

Q: I read [an article](#) saying that fraud is sufficient to upend an election, and that there's no need to show it changed the result. Is this correct?

A: No. A court is unlikely to set an election aside if the results would have been the same anyway.

Q: If a state legislature finds that the results are hopelessly muddled, what should it do?

A: The principal options are 1. call a special election limited to presidential electors only, or 2. choose the electors itself. Some may gripe about a quick election repeat, but successive elections are common in some other democratic countries.

Q: Is it true that only the governor may call the legislature into special session?

A: It's true in some states. Of course, this is no problem if the governor is cooperative. Some state constitutions allow a petition signed by a certain number of lawmakers to call a special session.

Q: My state's law says only the people, not the legislature, can choose electors. State law further requires a 60-day notice period before a special election. Doesn't this prevent our state lawmakers from acting even if federal law would seem to authorize them to do so?

A: No. If the legislature can come into session it may—either with gubernatorial cooperation or by a veto-proof majority—change the laws as necessary and allow the people to vote.

Q: What if the governor is not cooperative and there's no veto-proof majority?

A: Then the legislature may call itself into session and choose the electors itself.

Q: Huh?

A: This is one of those things not taught in law school. Here's the background:

The Constitution delegates power to federal departments and officials. But it also assigns responsibilities to persons and entities outside the federal government. These persons and entities include state governors, presidential electors,

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convention delegates, voters, jurors—and state legislatures. The courts refer to the exercise of these responsibilities as “federal functions.” (See my forthcoming article ([pdf](#)) on the subject in the University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law.)

When the Constitution assigns responsibility to the “state legislature,” it may mean either the state’s entire legislative apparatus, including the governor, or the representative assembly standing alone, without the governor.

Q: Go on ...

A: The Constitution gives state legislatures power to regulate federal elections. In this case, the delegation is to the entire legislative process including the governor (Ariz. State Legislature v. Ariz. Independent Redistricting Comm’n, [pdf](#)). But when state legislatures act in the constitutional amendment process or elect functionaries themselves, they act alone, without gubernatorial involvement.

Q: For example?

A: Before the 17th Amendment, the state legislatures elected U.S. senators, and the governor had no say in the matter. Choice of presidential electors is almost certainly subject to the same rule. Federal law seems to recognize this when it provides, “Whenever any State has held an election for the purpose of choosing electors, and has failed to make a choice on the day prescribed by law, the electors may be appointed ... in such a manner as the legislature of such State may direct.” Surely Congress didn’t expect the legislature to go through the entire law-making process in a constricted period of time. It contemplated the legislature choosing the electors itself or setting up an expedited process.

Q: OK, but if the state Constitution says only the governor can call a special session, how can the legislature call itself into session?

A: When a state legislature exercises a “federal function,” its power comes directly from the U.S. Constitution, and it isn’t bound by state rules. The judiciary has said this repeatedly. The leading case is the Supreme Court decision in *Leser v. Garnett* ([pdf](#)), written by the celebrated Justice Louis Brandeis.

Q: Of the six contested states, all but Nevada have Republican-controlled legislatures. I’ve heard it suggested that they not choose electors at all. That way, neither Trump nor Biden will have 270 electors (a majority of the whole number of 538), forcing a run-off election in the House of Representatives. Although the Democrats will have a slim majority in the new House, the GOP will hold a majority of state delegations. Since

presidential voting in the House is by state, it will elect Trump.

A: The suggestion is unwise. First, state lawmakers would, justifiably, take at least as much political heat for simply punting as for calling a new election or choosing the electors. Second, the 12th Amendment says that *only* if no presidential candidate receives “a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed” does the election go to the House. If none of the five contested states with Republican legislatures appoints electors, then there will be only 465 “Electors appointed.” If, as is almost certain, Nevada goes for Biden, then that would give him 233 votes—a majority of 465. No House run-off. If fewer than five Republican legislatures abstain, then Biden will win the remaining states, and with them the presidency.

Q: So what should state lawmakers do in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin?

A: Ignore the media gaslighting and exercise their constitutional responsibilities. Monitor the state election challenges closely. If no clear winner appears in, say, two more weeks, then either call a snap election using old-fashioned paper ballots in fixed polling locations or, if the governor doesn’t cooperate, call themselves into session and choose the state’s presidential electors. In the latter case, lawmakers can blame it all on the uncooperative governor. Remember that the process has to be complete before the electors meet on Dec. 14.



Don’t Give an Inch

By Rachel Bovard, The American Mind

Elections don’t make democracies; free and fair elections do. Today, in the midst of post-election chaos, we find ourselves in a fight for the latter. In that sense, this election is about far more than Donald Trump the man, or even his policies. The question is this: either democracy survives or one political party will be allowed to bully, lie, cheat, and steal its way into power.

The stakes, at this moment, in this country that we love, could not be higher. Some Republicans are used to losing and habituated to concession, but the President and the largest number of voters for any Republican in American history know that fighting until the end is necessary—and winning is not wrong.

For five years, the Democratic party and their allies in the corporate media, the coddled government

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bureaucracies, and the Big Tech platforms have fought Trump with every weapon at their disposal.

They uncritically and feverishly repeated every deranged theory that Trump was really a Russian asset operating as Putin's Manchurian candidate, and then cheered on his impeachment for it. An FBI lawyer altered evidence to spy on a U.S. citizen while texting "viva la resistance" to his colleagues. When, less than a month before the election, Facebook and Twitter outright banned the circulation of a *New York Post* story involving corruption in the Biden family, media outlets happily did the same.

The *New York Times* accused Trump of faking his post-COVID White House appearance with a green screen and using secret Twitter code to activate right-wing extremists. CNN is now settling libel suits for its role in instigating a vicious social media campaign and physical threats against a Catholic high school kid—all for the crime of wearing a MAGA hat.

Media outlets that breathlessly ran with a fake story about Trump killing an entire pond of koi fish refused to cover the violent riots that broke out across the country this summer. They stood in front of buildings that were literally on fire, claiming the protests were "fiery, but mostly peaceful." They told us that border walls don't stop illegal immigration, riots don't spread COVID-19 (but schools and church services do), and Joe Biden would win in a landslide.

Congressional Democrats, meanwhile, ran on a platform meant to fundamentally reshape our institutions in order to reshape the country with a permanent Democrat majority. Packing the Supreme Court isn't about checks and balances. It's about institutionalizing Democrat power. Adding D.C. and Puerto Rico as states isn't about benevolence. It's about adding four additional Democrat senators. Abolishing the electoral college isn't about some distorted notion of fairness. It's about cementing an outsized role for coastal urban centers in selecting our presidents.

Yet *these* are the people—the alliance of mainstream media, Big Tech platforms, and a Democrat party hell-bent on accumulating and permanently fortifying power for themselves—who want you to believe that the unmonitored vote counting of unprecedented numbers of mail-in ballots which mysteriously continue to appear, as though summoned, are completely aboveboard. They want you to listen as they lecture you about "what's good for the country." They want you to believe them when they paint every good-faith Republican effort to ensure democratic transparency as fascist tyranny. They want to shame you into meek submission "for democracy."

Absolutely not. They have not earned our trust, and they do not deserve it. They should be given no political quarter.

This election is about the presidency, yes, but more than any other, it is about *who will rule*: the militant woke inquisitionists who think "healing America" involves excluding half of it, or Donald Trump, the chaotic TV personality who careened into D.C. guns blazing and accidentally unmasked the stinking institutional rot of Washington's uniparty corruption. There's only one option available for the United States Constitution and its supporters.

The fight of this election is as much existential as it is political; it is between a party that will defend our way of life, however imperfectly, and a party that has every intention of crushing it.

Every legal vote must be counted. Every measure must be taken. Not an inch should be given—not just for one side or the other, but to restore a modicum of faith in the mechanisms of America's election and governance.

The militant Left that has lied to America countless times cannot be trusted suddenly to tell the truth about what's happening. Open the count, line up observers, ensure every vote cast is a legal one. If there are discrepancies, they must be explained rather than dismissed. Our self-government requires consensus. That consensus is fragile. Without trust at its foundation, it will shatter. The 71 million people who cast a vote for Donald Trump deserve this transparency as much as every other American voter.

This is the fourth quarter and we have no choice but to leave it all on the field. We may lose, but we must do so battle-scarred and bloody, fighting like our ability to live as a free-thinking, free-speaking, free-praying people of one nation depends on it—because these last four years have shown how much it truly does.



Cancel Culture Has Become Cancel America

**By Rev. Ben Johnson,
American Greatness**

Three weeks ago, a Pennsylvania police chief was forced to retire by his "progressive mayor" after 26 years on the job. His offense? The chief's *wife* posted a Facebook message supporting President Donald Trump.

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Lancaster Police Chief Jarrad Berkiher might be the latest victim of cancel culture, but he won't be the last. The radicals who cancelled Berkiher plan to take their extremist views from academia up to the White House – and then bring them down to every local school district and workplace in the country. They hope to impose a censorious cancel culture on every level of society – including your friends, family neighbors, and eventually *you*. They foresee a future where socialist rioters can burn homes and businesses while you aren't allowed to dissent – even in a Facebook post.

None of this is surprising when you know what Black Lives Matter believes as an organization. The Black Lives Matter Left, which is now the Democrat Party's vanguard, does not want to improve America; it wants to abolish America as we know it. It wants to turn America from a free society built on individual rights into a society built on group rights. It wants to replace equality of opportunity with equality of outcome, where the government's role is to ensure that each group has the same income and power. And it sees government replacing the "nuclear family." This kind of massive wealth redistribution and social revolution can only be accomplished through totalitarianism, but they have hidden their true agenda behind slick spin and an incurious media.

They have also smuggled their agenda into progressive politics. As our cities burned, left-wing politicians aided, abetted, and excused the revolutionaries and prosecuted Mark and Patricia McCloskey for self-defense. They want "truth and reconciliation" committees for Trump supporters. While President Trump recently abolished critical theory training sessions for federal workers, Joe Biden endorses bringing them into the Woke workplace because "people must be made aware."

The double-standard is clear: Anyone calling America irredeemably racist, worthless, or worthy of incineration may receive a Pulitzer Prize. But it is almost impossible for everyday citizens to dispute the idea that America's cops constitute a racist, guerilla death squad; or that gender is not biologically determined; or any other part of the left's cartoonishly conspiratorial view of life. These narratives are sacred and placed beyond rational inquiry.

The lines of silence are constantly shifting. Even defending the virtues which preserve the American way of life – like work ethic, the scientific method, conscientiousness, and showing up on time – risks blacklisting. These virtues, we are told by the National Museum of African American History and Culture, are actually the tools of white supremacy. Our civilizational norms must be cancelled along with their defenders.

Berkiher didn't have to stand up to the BLM racists to be canceled – but many who have done so have been fired from their jobs. So, countless Americans simply bite their lips and keep their mouths shut at work. They're not wrong to be afraid. Half of American liberals said they would fire someone who made a political donation to the Republican Party, according to a recent CATO Institute survey. As everything becomes politicized, even family members are canceling family members.

This will only increase if Biden actually becomes president. His mandatory workplace critical theory sessions – and the lawsuits they inspire – will force workers into silence and artificial agreement, or else. It will bring about a future where each of us is Jarrad Berkiher.

As Barack Obama used to say, "That's not who we are." Unlike today's revolutionaries, Martin Luther King Jr. believed that America hadn't always lived up to its ideals and aspirations – but it could and would. Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln fought to end slavery and live in a unity inspired by the "better angels of our nature." Even in the midst of "a great Civil War," Lincoln urged charity, not an endless recrimination of our nation's past.

More than a century later, we must take up this call. The place for Americans to begin is by defending America. We must believe in an inclusive optimism that "there is nothing wrong with America that cannot be fixed by what is right with America." While America is not perfect, as Thomas Klingenstein said in a viral video, "America is good." The United States is still the world's greatest force of moral good, freedom, and human rights.

We must stand up for Berkiher. We must demand our right to offend and be offended. We must insist on being judged on the content of our character, not the color of our skin.



LBJ Stories: Dead People Have a Right to Vote Too

By Steve Flower, Shoal's Insider

There are a good many stories about elections of the 1940's and 50's where votes were bought and elections stolen. The most brazen and blatant stealing of an election occurred in the 1948 race for the U.S. Senate in Texas. The players were Coke Stevenson versus Lyndon B. Johnson. Therefore, it can also be classified as one of the most relevant robberies in American history because if Johnson had lost, as he was supposed to, it would have dramatically impacted U.S. history.

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Coke Stevenson was a legendary Texas icon. He was the epitome of a Texas gentleman and revered. He was Texas' Horatio Alger and Davy Crockett combined. He raised himself from age 12, built a ranching empire, was Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, and a very popular Governor of Texas. Stevenson was above reproach. He would not lie, steal or cheat and Texans knew that about old Coke.

On the other hand, Lyndon Johnson had already earned the reputation in Texas that he would continue to earn in Washington, that is that he would do whatever it took to win. He was totally corrupt and ruthless, without any semblance of a conscience.

Johnson had been a congressman from East Texas for six years. When the U.S. Senate seat came open in 1948, he made the decision to roll the dice and go for broke. Lyndon did not know that the legendary former governor, Coke Stevenson, would enter the race.

The initial poll had Stevenson about 68% to Johnson's 18%. However, Stevenson had no idea to what limits Johnson would go to be a U.S. Senator. Johnson applied modern day politics to that era. He introduced polling and what it meant in detail. He even used a helicopter to fly from town to town and land on court squares to speak and shake hands, but mostly he used negative and false campaign mailings to destroy the stellar Stevenson's reputation. Stevenson was from a different era. He refused to go negative and would not reply to any negative accusations no matter how maliciously false.

Johnson was able to utilize this massive media blitz because he had more campaign funds than any candidate in Texas history. He had unlimited financial backing from the giant Brown and Root Company of Texas. They are now the Halliburton Corporation. They were then as now the recipients of gigantic government construction contracts. Johnson was their boy and would do their bidding as their senator so they poured money into the race like water.

Johnson outspent Stevenson 10 to 1, but it was not enough. When the votes were counted on election night, Stevenson had won by a narrow margin.

However, the election was not over. Stevenson was about to be counted out.

The Rio Grande Valley along the Texas and Mexican border was known as the region where votes could be bought. Most close elections were decided in these counties, which would come in days after the original count with just the right number of votes needed to win the election. This is how Johnson won by only 87 votes in a race where over one million votes were cast.

Johnson became known as Landslide Lyndon in Washington because of this 87 vote victory. It was also an allusion to how he had stolen the seat. Some people think that Johnson's title, Landslide Lyndon, stemmed from his landslide victory over Barry Goldwater in the 1964 Presidential Race, but it was actually from the 1948 Texas Senate Race.

A legendary tale that is attributed to Johnson in this infamous race claims that in the days following the election, while garnering enough votes for victory, Johnson and the political bosses of the Valley counties were going through cemeteries and taking names of dead Mexicans off of tombstones to register as voters. They could not decipher one of the names and asked Lyndon what to do. Johnson quickly replied, give him a name, he's got as much right to vote as the rest of them in this cemetery do.

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- **Annual White House Bus Trip to DC, Christmas Decorations**— December 4, 2020
- **Spring Gala 2021**—Jason Chaffetz, invited speaker