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President CJ's Letter

Dear Colleagues,

Each year on September 17, we celebrate Constitution Day. The official signing of the document in Philadelphia took place on September 17, 1787. For most Americans, September 17 comes and goes without fanfare. No fireworks or parades. Those are celebrated for our National Birthday and the Declaration of Independence. However, without the Constitution, it's unlikely we would be celebrating the Declaration in the 21st century. This is because the Constitution is the framework that holds it all together – seals the deal – assures liberty over tyranny.

The U.S. Constitution has survived for over 237 years – quite a long time. The average life span of a constitution since 1789 (when ours was ratified) is only 17 years. The U.S. Constitution is the world's longest surviving written charter of government. It is a single document that sets out the formal structure of government, specifying the powers and institutions of our central government and its relationship with other levels, as well as that of the states. In addition, it expresses the rights of citizens and in doing so creates limits on government.

It has survived for so long largely for two reasons. It is incredibly difficult to change or amend, having been amended only 27 times. The framers of the Constitution feared radical change and wrote the Constitution in such a manner as to draw strength from its vagueness in key areas, allowing for interpretation that has made it a flexible instrument adaptable to changing circumstances. The second reason for survivability is the structure of the federal government written into the Constitution. The separation of powers, with checks and balances, makes it difficult for a single group to dominate over the other. And the Constitution has survived because it lacks depth, breadth, and length. It does not specify the minute details of the political structure; rather it 'lays down general principles.'

Moreover, the Constitution has upheld the American values of democracy, capitalism, individualism, property, and work ethic. (James Madison, Father of the Constitution, stated that the "fundamental theory of political economy was the basis of the balance of powers.") Finally, and most importantly, the Constitution is a highly regarded symbol for Americans, enhanced by the fact that America has always been a particularly patriotic nation. This view by Americans has protected its status and deterred politicians from attempting to tamper with it.

How will the Constitution endure for another 200+ years if our children are not learning about the founding of our country? How can we make sense of our American history without a proper understanding of the Constitution? Today, there are executive branch (appointed) agencies making decisions that affect our daily lives. How can we know if they are acting within the law – or pushing the limits, as those who are entrusted with power so often do – if the Constitution is unfamiliar to the next generation? With patriotism waning these days (due to the massive influx of illegal immigrants and less Civics education), is this founding document still viewed as sacred?

Saving our country involves knowing and understanding the limits of government as outlined in the Constitution, electing leaders who understand and demonstrate this, and teaching the Constitution to our children.

C. J. Hatcher, President



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WAC Hosted and Co-Hosted Several Events Throughout the Summer Months Including a Pizza Lunch in June, an Ice Cream Social in July, a BBQ Lunch in August, and a Constitution Day Celebration in September

In June, WAC members heard from Culpeper County's Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Maggie Cleary about crime in Virginia and lax efforts by our current officials to enforce the law and hold criminals accountable. In July, we held our annual ice cream social at Kohr's on 29. It was a fun time to socialize with our members. In August, WAC co-hosted a BBQ lunch with ACRC and CRC. We were delighted to hear our Lt. Governor Winsome Sears describe the accomplishments that she and Governor Youngkin have achieved for the Commonwealth, as well as plans for the future. On September 14, WAC co-hosted a Constitution Day Celebration event with ACRC and the Convention of States project. We heard a panel discussion about efforts underway to convene a convention of states to potentially modify the U.S. Constitution from Gary Porter of the Constitution Leadership Initiative and WTON radio host Joe Thomas of Staunton. We also heard from GOP Candidate for the 5th Congressional District of Virginia John McGuire who spoke about his campaign and efforts to defeat his opponent in the November election.





Note from Our Election Integrity Committee Chair Karen Juul-Nielsen:

WE NEED YOU!

Greetings, Patriots!

Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024, is approaching rapidly. Please be sure you are registered to vote - and spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors. It only takes a few minutes and is critical to our democratic process. Your voice matters and your vote will count. Below is the location and contact information for the Registrar. Please share this information with others.

Physical Location:

County Office Building
1600 5th Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902
Phone: 434-972-4173
Fax: 434-972-4178

VoterRegistration@albemarle.org

Hours

Monday-Friday
8:30 am to 5:00 pm

We strongly urge everyone to vote early in person at the County Office Building (see above) – starting September 20 and lasting through November 2. Virginia has one of the longest early voting seasons in the country and this makes it very convenient and safe to record your vote. I have heard many folks say they like to vote on Election Day – and I used to think that too. However, a lot can happen at the last minute to either prevent you from voting or make it very inconvenient – waking up sick, getting a phone call regarding a family emergency, the car breaks down, there's a bad storm and driving is dangerous and on and on. Avoid the hassle by voting early.

There's another very important reason to vote early. Every day the list of who has voted is updated and by recording your vote early, your name is removed from the potential list of voters to contact. This allows the party to focus scarce resources on those who have not yet voted; and also, you won't get contacted so many times once you vote - two good reasons to vote early!

Here in Albemarle County, we could use your help during early voting and on Election Day – and it's not too late to get involved. We need poll watchers – these are authorized representatives from the Republican Party who observe in the polling place. Poll watchers do not solve problems or interfere in any way with the election process. Their job is to observe the process and report problems they identify. This is a critical role – your presence at the poll matters. I say this because I have heard folks say “I just sit there and do nothing”. This is not true – think of it this way. You're driving on Interstate 64, everyone knows the rules, the speed limit is 65. Yet, what happens when you see a police car on the side of the road – even if the lights are not on? Yes, indeed, you either tap the brakes or at the very least you check your speed. That is what happens in the polls, too. By having trained observers present, everyone is more likely to do what they are supposed to do – properly.

The simplest way to get involved is to register with: **Protect The Vote:** protectthevote.com/virginia

This is a national initiative started and supported by the Trump campaign as well as by Governor Youngkin and the Republican Party of Virginia. Critical funds and paid personnel have been allocated to this project and we are using this opportunity to increase our presence in the polling precincts. By registering with PTV, you will be certified to have access to attorneys on Election Day who are manning the Hotline for issues coming up at the polls. PTV is working closely with our local coordinator, Lori Murphy, who will also guide and direct you to training and

assignments. Lori can be reached at barnett.lori.va@gmail.com

There is also a tremendous need for Greeters at the Tent outside the polling place – both on Election Day and during the 45 days of early voting. Again, this is an important presence for the Republican Party for this election and for the future. This position requires minimal training and is an activity that everyone can handle. Connie Sylvester is organizing greeters and can be reached at sylvestercrew8@gmail.com.

Lastly, there is a big need for **Get Out The Vote (GOTV)**. This activity involves door knocking (canvassing) and we provide all the details you need to accomplish this task. We only target Republican households in an attempt to get everyone out to vote in this election. Remember from our last newsletter, only half of registered Republicans voted in the last election. The goal is to have all Republicans vote. Donna Gray is coordinating this important effort and can be reached at donnadgray@yahoo.com

Thank you for reading this information and please share it with family, friends and neighbors.

For Liberty!

Karen Juul-Nielsen, Election Integrity Chair, 713-806-8385, karenjn@fastmail.com



WAC ELECTIONS

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!

It Is Time to Elect New Officers for the WAC Executive Board – PLEASE Consider Serving in One of the Positions Listed Below

Dear Members,

The time has come for WAC members to choose new officers for our Board of Directors. According to our bylaws, we are required to hold an election to choose officers in November of each even-numbered year. The two-year term of service begins the following January. We have held off on holding elections to date because we wanted to be sure our new organization, which was created in January 2020, was on solid footing before handing it off to a new Board. We now believe we are ready to do just that and are excited for new people with new ideas to take the

reins into the future. In order to keep WAC functioning, the positions that need to be filled and a brief description of their duties are below.

PRESIDENT:

Duties include: preside at all meetings of the Club, the BOD, and Executive Committee; set an agenda and call the meetings of the BOD and Executive Committee; appoint the chairs of all standing and special committees; appoint a parliamentarian, if desired; prepare a program of action; prepare an annual budget; be an ex-officio member of committees; sign checks when necessary; and, be the official representative of the Club when required or requested.

VICE PRESIDENT:

Duties include: serve as Program Chair; perform the duties of the President when absent; and other duties assigned by the President.

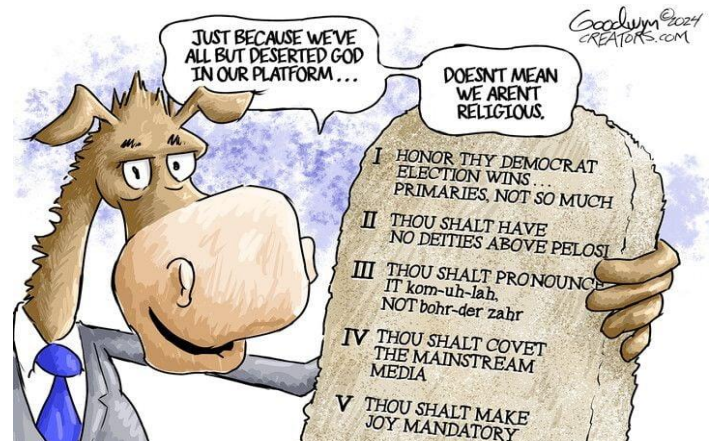
SECRETARY:

Duties include: keep the minutes of all meetings of the Club, Executive Committee, and BOD; and, conduct correspondence of the Club.

TREASURER:

Duties include: keep accurate and detailed financial records; be custodian of all funds of the Club; give written reports of receipts and disbursements at all Board meetings; disburse funds as directed by the BOD and Executive Committee; collect dues from active Club members; and assist the President and Finance/Fundraising Committee in the preparation of the annual budget.

After the swearing-in of new officers in January, several current Board members will assume emeritus Board positions to help ensure a smooth transition. Please let CJ Hatcher (cj@cjhatcher.net) know if you would be interested in serving as an officer by October 15, 2024.





Choose Your Own Kamala

She's been compared to John Kerry, but he was a relatively honest flip-flopper.

By Kimberly Strassel, Wall Street Journal, condensed

Who exactly is the 59-year-old woman aspiring to be the world's most powerful person? That's the beauty of the Kamala Harris campaign. Who knows? The Democratic nominee has already become the political equivalent of the "Choose Your Own Adventure" books.

As in those 1980s sensations, readers have been provided the basic plotline—and an obvious conflict. We know Ms. Harris is a San Francisco prosecutor, with a Senate voting record and 2020 presidential bid that proposed a radical progressive agenda. We also know she's spent the past four years as partner to Joe Biden, who at least officially still disavows some of those radical policies. How would a President Harris govern in the final pages?

Kamala isn't saying. The candidate who no longer speaks impromptu is instead issuing backtracks and innuendoes via spokespeople. Readers can choose to believe she's still the left-wing Kamala of old, faking a pivot, or the reformed Kamala of new, acolyte of "Scranton Joe." How does this story end? You choose!

Ms. Harris in 2017 was the first senator to co-sponsor Bernie Sanders's Medicare for all plan, and in 2019 she vowed in a primary town hall to eliminate private insurance. She then backtracked on that threat, then readopted it in a Democratic debate, backtracked again, then issued a hybrid approach (which helped blow up her campaign). Mr. Biden has continued declining to support single-payer healthcare. Where is Ms. Harris now? Campaign officials vaguely explain that she, too, no longer supports single payer.

Which means—what exactly? Would she, as promised in 2019, create a system in which private insurers can cover the "very little" that is "not otherwise covered" by Medicare "because almost everything will be covered" by government? Would she lower the Medicare age to 30? Pour money into the status quo? You decide. To muddle on under ObamaCare, turn to page 24. To succumb to European-style waiting lines, turn to page 33.

Ms. Harris in 2019 told voters "there's no question I'm in favor of banning fracking," detailing her "day one" priority of eliminating it "on public lands" as well as ending "offshore drilling" and enacting further legislation, presumably to kill it on private land. A spokesperson now

generically says she no longer wants to ban fracking. Any fracking? Certain categories? Where is she on other Biden policies that are killing the energy and auto sectors? The crackdown on federal leasing? The moratorium on liquefied natural gas exports? The de facto electric-vehicle mandate? Make your best conjecture and vote on.

Ms. Harris in 2019 cosponsored the Green New Deal and its promise of a "federal jobs guarantee." Campaign staff say she's changed her position. She came out for confiscating guns through a mandatory "buyback." Campaign staff says she's not there anymore. Asked if she favored abolishing Immigration and Customs Enforcement, she once said ICE was bad enough that we needed to "think about starting from scratch." Campaign staff suggest she no longer holds that view. How *would* she handle jobs, guns, the border? It is Ms. Harris's firmly held conviction that every voter deserves to wonder.

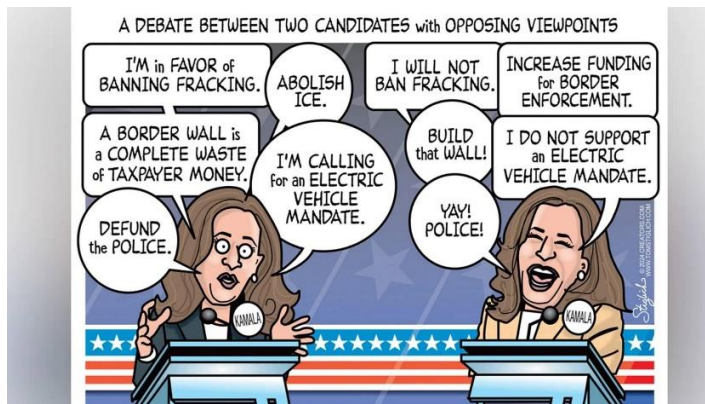
Republicans are already slamming Ms. Harris as the John Kerry of 2024. He was a relatively honest flip-flopper: "I actually did vote for the \$87 billion before I voted against it." She's loosely disavowing certain policies while refusing to fill in the blanks. And it's hardly correct to assume Biden policies fill those holes since she doesn't mention him or his agenda on the trail.

Also, note that the positions from which Ms. Harris is detaching herself weren't issued from a college debate stage. They were her views of five years ago, when she was in her mid-50s and serving in the U.S. Senate. That massive shift itself requires explanation. Has she had an epiphany? Been inhabited by an alien? Or are voters being asked to elect a woman who in her third decade in the political arena has yet to decide what she thinks about the most pressing policy questions of the day?

Of course not. This is deliberate evasion, and she learned it from a pro. Covid was nobody's idea of a good time, but the 2020 Biden campaign realized its political upside. The benefit of the "basement campaign" was it allowed the team to control the message. On paper, the Biden agenda reassured progressive activists he'd be their man in office. On camera, his tightly scripted comments were all generalities—"leadership," "hope," "the middle class."

The Kamala version is the teleprompter campaign. Every word is scripted, crafted around hazy themes of "freedom" and "the future." "I'm running to fight for an America where the economy works for working people" and where "hard work is rewarded" "because that's the America I believe in." (Said every politician ever.) No questions. No interviews. No acknowledgment of the past four years. No answers. Choose your own Kamala.

Absent answers, voters would be wiser to look to Ms. Harris's actual record and assume they already know how this boilerplate plot ends. Far-left governance, on steroids.



Chuck Schumer Potentially Eliminating the Filibuster Is the Key to a Radical Agenda



By Rich Lowry, *New York Post*,
condensed

Chuck Schumer is doing us a favor.

Often, parties try to obscure or deny their radical plans prior to an election, but the Senate majority leader is being more candid.

In a session with reporters at the Democratic National Convention, Schumer (D-NY) suggested that — should Democrats win the White House, Senate and House in November — he would seek to end the filibuster for purposes of passing voting rights and abortion legislation.

This would be an inflection point in American government.

There's no nuking the legislative filibuster a little bit.

The end run around the Senate's long-standing requirement for 60 votes to pass nonfiscal legislation might begin with voting rights and abortion, but it surely wouldn't end there.

If a nationwide imposition of abortion on demand can pass with 51 votes, why can't Medicare for All or the Green New Deal?

Schumer already says he wants another massive climate bill, and waves away any criticism about the national debt.

Drooling at pet causes

Once the legislative filibuster has been significantly breached, any group of Democratic senators that wants a particular bill would demand that its pet cause get exempted, too.

And left-wing interest groups would also insist on getting equal treatment — if Planned Parenthood gets a carve-out for national abortion legislation, why wouldn't the unions for all their priorities?

The appetite grows with eating.

Everything that Democrats want, but is currently out reach for the lack of 60 votes or bipartisan support, would become obtainable, from comprehensive immigration reform to national gun control.

President Biden's unilateral measures that have been struck down by the courts, including his student debt relief scheme, would be revived and slammed through Congress.

A filibuster-free Democratic trifecta in Washington easily could tilt the political order fundamentally in its favor.

It could pass "court reform" that would allow it to instantly wipe out the constitutionalist majority on the Supreme Court that has been built up over decades, and make Puerto Rico and Washington, DC, states to add easy electoral votes and more senators to the Democratic column.

The configuration of the filibuster has changed over the years, but it is a practice that has defined the Senate since its inception.

The filibuster's function of making it difficult to pass enormously consequential legislation based on transient majorities is entirely in keeping with the spirit of America's constitutional structure, and exactly why progressives now disdain it (although they made ample use of it during the Donald Trump years).

Schumer is not making an idle threat.

His Senate majority already tried to blow up the filibuster in the name of "voting rights" in 2022.

The only Democrats opposed were West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin III and Arizona Sen. Kirsten Sinema, neither of whom is now a member of the Democratic Party and both of whom are leaving the Senate.

Moderate Dems mum

It is quite possible that other Senate Democrats privately believe it would be a mistake to kneecap the filibuster, but they are unlikely to speak up.

Everyone could see the pressure, and abuse, Manchin and Sinema were subjected to.

As for potential new Democratic senators after the election in November, they've all been coming out against the filibuster and there are no Manchin- or Sinema-style moderates in the offing.

If Schumer were to prevail, the nature of one institution, the Senate, would be fundamentally changed in order to make it possible to fundamentally change others.

This would be a naked power play.

It would trample norms and centralize power in Washington in an unprecedented way for progressive ends.

The best thing to be said for it is that we've been warned.

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The Fight to Push Latinos Right

By Adeline von Drehle, Real Clear Politics, condensed

In the past four years, approximately 4 million Latino Americans have become eligible to vote, making the Latino population account for 14.7% of all eligible voters. This increasingly independent cohort is up for grabs, and one conservative Latino-focused PAC intends to win them over.

The bloc was a key part of the coalition that helped deliver President Joe Biden to the White House in 2020. In 12 of the 13 states with the largest Latino populations, Latinos supported Biden over former President Donald Trump by a margin of at least two to one. And in nine of the 13 states,

that margin was at least three to one. Only in Florida was Biden's margin less than two to one.

Biden achieved no extraordinary feat with these numbers – Latinos have historically voted Democrat. But recent polling suggests Latino voters are increasingly moving away from Democratic candidates – and toward independents. Pew Research polling from July showed that 36% of all registered Latinos supported Biden and 36% supported Trump, while 24% supported independent candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

“What was happening on the Democratic side is that an increasing number of people ...[were] choosing more independent,” Clarissa Martinez, a voting expert with the advocacy group Unidos US, told NPR. “[That] took away support from the traditional 60% level that Democrats have enjoyed, but it wasn't translating directly as support on the Republican side.”

Now, as the country hurdles toward November at breakneck speed, the Koch-funded Libre Advocacy Group is trying to convince Latino voters that they should support the Republican Party at the ballot box.

Libre is “the only game in town when it comes to the center right,” in the words of President Daniel Garza. The PAC operates in 15 different states and employs door-knocking to identify Latinos who are aligned with their ideals and “go after them,” said Garza.

Libre is throwing its weight behind dozens of Republican Congressional candidates, including in the swing states of Arizona, Nevada, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. The candidates they endorse do not necessarily campaign on Latino-focused platforms, but that's not the point. Libre is interested in turning out support for candidates who are aligned with “American principles,” Garza tells RCP.

“We support candidates who will uphold individual freedoms, limited government, private property – the kind of principles that have made America strong and will continue to make America strong,” Garza said. “We feel that when policies are focused on making sure that everyone rises, then Latinos will rise automatically. We're not asking for special or exclusive policies that are targeted just at Latinos.”

Libre has identified millions of like-minded Latinos by canvassing, hosting events, and teaching classes in competitive districts year-round, even on election off-years. Their database now consists of seven million Latino voters, an achievement Libre spokesperson Wadi Gaitan says they've earned through consistency.

“We don't parachute into neighborhoods. We're doing community events around the year, not just on election

years, but on off years,” Gaitan told RCP. “It’s not just a 120-day sprint to try to introduce ourselves and tell them to vote a certain way. It’s the relationship we’ve been building through the years in these communities.”

Libre hopes to capitalize on disaffected Latino voters and their growing distaste for Democratic policies – especially economic. When Latino voters were asked to rank their top three issues, 54% of respondents answered “inflation/rising cost of living,” and 44% answered “jobs and the economy.” The following three answers were “health care” (33%), “crime/gun violence” (29%), and “lack of affordable housing/high rents” (25%). Three of the top five most important issues to Latino voters, then, were related to costs and the economy.

Libre is trying to make economic anxiety synonymous with the Democratic party. One of the ways they’ve done this is through a “BideNOmics” campaign in which Libre team members set up at Spanish grocery markets and restaurants in competitive districts and speak to patrons about policies they say have driven up inflation, like overspending and a failure to balance budgets.

Concern about the economy has “provided a window of opportunity for the Republican party,” Garza said. Republican politicians, in his words, simply need to “show up, connect with the Latino community, and say ‘these are the ideas that are superior to the ones you’ve been seeing, and you need to vote for these folks who are going to reverse the trajectory.’”

Libre-backed candidates are hammering home these economic messages. Republican Senate candidate Dave McCormick of Pennsylvania has railed against the “red tape” and overreach of the Biden administration, claiming Pennsylvania has a strong economy only in spite of government meddling. In the battleground state of Nevada, GOP contender Sam Brown is trying to fend off Sen. Jacky Rosen’s reelection bid with the help of the Libre playbook.

“Jacky Rosen is a day-one supporter of Bidenomics and Kamala Harris – voting with what Joe Biden wants 98% of the time – and Nevadans are still suffering because of her hyper-partisan allegiance putting party over the people she claims to represent,” Brown said.

While media headlines have been dominated by the presidential race – a contest Libre has stayed out of because they do not have the infrastructure necessary to support a national candidate, Garza says – Senate and House races will determine the effectiveness of whomever next moves into 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

It is the gamble of Libre that they’ve identified congressional candidates who can eke out a victory with

help from Latino voters. And if mobilizing Republican-leaning Latino voters to head to the ballot box in November affects the outcome of the presidential race – so be it.

“I suppose you can say that if we turn out people for Senate races and congressional races for the Republican ticket, then that’s going to benefit the presidential candidate,” said Garza.

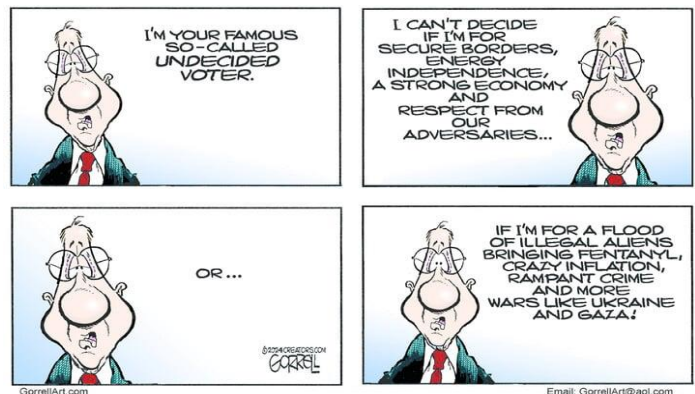
Trump may need the help. While his polling numbers against Biden were impressive – one NYT/Sienna College poll placed Trump ahead of Biden, with 50% support among Latino voters compared to Biden’s 41% – there has been enthusiasm for Kamala Harris since she took over as the Democratic standard bearer.

Voto Latino told NPR they experienced a 221% increase in voter registrations in the days after Harris announced her candidacy. In response, Libre and its candidates have been sure to emphasize the fact that Harris was deeply involved in the economic policies they claim have hurt Latinos so badly.

“The race has been shaken up, the candidates may have changed, but the policies did not change,” Garza said. “I mean, Vice President Harris has promoted every policy that created the highest inflation in four decades, which has wreaked havoc on working Latino families.”

Surveys show that Latino voters are less likely to hear from political campaigns than their black or white counterparts, making a PAC like Libre all the more influential. In a sphere that has historically been dominated by liberal messaging – or no messaging at all – the conservatism espoused by Libre and Libre-backed candidates may be hitting its mark.

“There’s been a fight to earn the vote of the Latino community like never before from both sides,” said Garza. “I just think the GOP has done a better job with their candidates and their people of connecting with Latino communities and telling the story of where they stand and how much they align with the Latino community, like on economic issues. Latinos have been turned off by the Democratic party.”





A 2020 Case Before DC Lawfare Judge Could Block RNC From Election Challenges

Democrats want to prevent Republicans from ‘engaging in any activities related to recounts, certifications, or similar post-election activities,’ and they’re counting on a judicial branch ally to make it happen.

By Breccan Thies, The Federalist, condensed

Left-wing forces in Washington, D.C., are attempting to revive a 2020 lawsuit against former President Donald Trump, his campaign, and the Republican National Committee to tip the scales of the election in favor of Democrats.

If the Michigan Welfare Rights Organization (MWRO) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) have their way, Trump and the RNC would be barred from “engaging in any activities related to recounts, certifications, or similar post-election activities” without receiving prior approval from the D.C. District Court to do so.

Moreover, the case is before lawfare Judge Tanya Chutkan, who is overseeing Trump’s criminal trial in the nation’s capital, despite calls for recusal over prejudicial statements she made against Trump in a separate case.

“This case is just another example of the left weaponizing courts to take out their competition. The left simply doesn’t want Republicans to be part of the process or be able to engage in routine election activities like observe polling places,” Jason Snead, executive director of Honest Elections Project, told The Federalist in a statement.

“Liberals want elections to be run behind closed doors where nobody can observe the process or question liberal election policies. It’s shameful that left-wing lawyers act as if the courts should work only for Democrats.”

The case threatens to effectively put back in place restrictions that hindered the RNC for nearly four decades. A judge appointed by President Jimmy Carter instated the restrictions when he settled a case between the RNC and the Democrats with a consent decree that limited Republicans’ abilities to partake in regular election practices like poll watching.

From 1981 to 2018, the judge, who only served for 15 years but took senior status for 21, continued to renew the consent decree, and modify it in favor of Democrats, as The

Federalist Editor-in-Chief Mollie Hemingway pointed out in her book *Rigged*:

For decades, the Democratic Party built up expansive coordination efforts that the Republicans were prohibited from developing. Republican candidates and state parties could do things on their own, but not with help from the national party. ...

The consent decree also meant the RNC was kept out of almost any litigation related to Election Day. In fact, a main part of the RNC’s legal efforts came to be training RNC staff to stay away from Election Day operations on Election Day, including recounts, and fending off litigation that arose from the consent decree. It utterly paralyzed the political operation of the RNC, as the slightest misstep would result in getting sued by Democrats.

The current case has been sitting relatively quietly in the federal district court, and the MWRO and NAACP filed an amended complaint after certain portions were dismissed by a different judge initially assigned to the case.

“This lawsuit has been going on for four years and is a frivolous and transparent attempt at election interference,” an RNC spokesman told The Federalist. “That’s why the court dismissed the initial complaint. Plaintiffs’ amended complaint fares no better and won’t stop the RNC from protecting the integrity of our elections.”

With the election coming up, the case has recently seen movement after being “randomly reassigned” to Chutkan in 2023. According to court documents, the case had two different judges before landing before Chutkan.

Although no major decisions have been made on the case yet, at a November hearing, Chutkan highlighted how important it was to keep the case moving in time for the 2024 election.

“It’s been pending for a long time. At a certain point, a failure to decide means that it effectively denies the plaintiffs their remedy,” Chutkan told Trump’s lawyers. “Their remedy is they’re seeking injunctive relief to prevent what they allege are the problems that arose in the 2020 election; and the 2024 election is staring us in the face.”

Chutkan currently oversees the lawfare brought by Special Counsel Jack Smith, who is similarly stir-crazy to take legal swipes at Trump before the election.

Part of Trump’s legal defense has been citing presidential immunity, both before and after the U.S. Supreme Court decision finding immunity for certain actions taken as president.

In mid-August of this year, plaintiff lawyers sought to avoid the immunity question altogether by asking permission to amend their complaint and drop the initial request for damages, to focus solely on blocking Republicans from partaking in election-related activities. In their motion to amend the complaint, the lawyers also noted that they were seeking a decision blocking Republicans just before the election, saying, “This amendment seeks to move this long-delayed case forward, and, as acknowledged by this Court, the window for Plaintiffs to receive injunctive relief continues to shrink as the 2024 Presidential election approaches.”

Trump’s legal team filed a motion in opposition to the request to amend the plaintiff complaint for the third time on Sept. 3.

A ruling in favor of the plaintiffs would restrict the Republican Party from being involved in elections more than the 1981 consent decree because the new lawsuit, in addition to asking that poll watcher restrictions be reinstated, seeks to limit GOP interactions with election officials.

Speaking with CNN, Rajiv Parikh, a Democrat attorney involved in keeping the 1981 consent decree alive, said Democrats believe a court intervention here will be particularly helpful for them in swing states like Georgia and Pennsylvania, where lawsuits and challenges are almost certain to arise.



I’m a Civil Rights Attorney, Here’s the Truth About Kamala Harris’s Appalling Record

By Harmeet Dillon, The Hill, condensed

Vice President Kamala Harris claimed the mantle of a civil rights champion as part of her presidential campaign origin fable. But her record tells a darker tale. At every step of her career, Harris has proven that the most dangerous place for a constitutional norm to be is standing between Harris and her political ambitions.

Let’s start with her time as San Francisco district attorney, a position she won by running against her boss, a progressive D.A., by claiming to be a tough-on-crime prosecutor. Having fooled the voting public and secured the position, she immediately began to tack left, declaring four months into the job that she would refuse to seek the death penalty against the murderer of policeman Isaac Espinoza,

who was 29, with a young family when he was gunned down in cold blood.

Although she likes to portray herself as the “top cop” of California, cops despised her from that moment on. Harris received the dishonor of being named the “most progressive DA” in California – in other words, Kamala Harris was the most far-left prosecutor in the most liberal state. Harris’ sanctuary city policies enabled Edwin Ramos, for example, to murder a father and his two sons.

As D.A., Harris was the worst of both worlds: A soft-on-crime progressive prosecutor who failed to keep her city safe, and who looked the other way when it came to ethics and public integrity. In 2010, Harris’s lead drug prosecutor alerted supervisors of evidence that one of their top technicians was an unreliable witness, including a prior criminal conviction.

Despite a binding Supreme Court case, *Brady v. Maryland*, mandating prosecutors turn over such information to the defense, Harris’s office concealed it. Once discovered, this flagrant constitutional violation led to the dismissal of over 600 drug cases.

Narrowly elected to attorney general in 2010, Harris proceeded to double down on ignoring constitutional rights when expedient.

In 2011, the Supreme Court ordered California to reduce its inmate population because of prison overcrowding. In 2015, after four years and two separate court orders mandating action, California was still non-compliant. During litigation leading to the second order, Harris’s deputies argued that if the state was forced to release these inmates early, prisons would lose a crucial part of its captive labor force because the prisoners earned wages between 8 and 37 cents per hour.

They reasoned that implementing the federal court’s proposed order would “severely impact fire camp participation—a dangerous outcome while California is in the middle of a difficult fire season and severe drought.”

Legal scholars and commentators were astounded. Erwin Chemerinsky, now dean of UC Berkeley Law School, compared Harris’ defiance of federal court mandates to 1950s southern governors ignoring desegregation orders. The Atlantic wrote that Harris’ filings were “unworthy of a first-year associate, much less the chief lawyer of our nation’s most populous state.”

When confronted with these critiques, Harris claimed she was shocked by her office’s arguments. She either had no clue what was happening in the biggest civil rights case her office was handling, or she simply lied and threw her deputies under the bus to distance herself from a backlash. Incompetent, or mendacious?

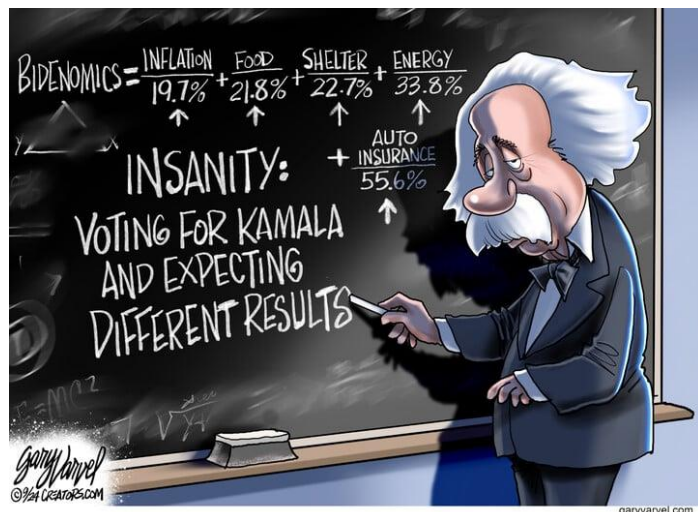
In the case of my client, Trilochan Singh Oberoi, an observant Sikh with a military background who sought a job as a prison guard but was denied on religious grounds, Harris caused her office to filibuster for four years. She argued against the applicability of well-settled religious liberty norms, before finally caving in and settling the case for attorney fees, back pay and a job after a national coalition of civil rights groups across the political spectrum joined hands to demand justice.

Harris went on to distort California charity regulations by stretching non-profit donor reporting laws to force charities to out their donors. This policy chilled nonprofit donations as proponents of cancel culture used public disclosures to blacklist, boycott and pressure donors. The Supreme Court struck down Harris's policy as an unconstitutional First Amendment violation in *Americans for Prosperity v. Bonta*.

In doing so, the court reaffirmed its landmark decision in *NAACP v. Alabama* that the First Amendment protects the civil right of private association. Harris was unfazed, having already moved on.

During her ill-fated 2019 presidential campaign, Harris continued to demonstrate flippant disregard for the Constitution. At a townhall, she stated that if elected, she would "give the United States Congress 100 days to get their act together and" pass gun control legislation. "And if they fail to do it, then" she would "take executive action." That is, if the legislative branch failed to enact policies she wanted, she would usurp its Constitutional authority and enact such policies by fiat, Constitution be damned.

Kamala Harris was no defender of civil rights when she exercised executive power as a district attorney and state attorney general. As president, Harris has already promised to ignore the Constitutional separation of powers and enact whatever policies she damn well pleases, just as she ignored Brady, Title VII, prisoner's rights and due process. She's shown us who she is all along, and voters should pay heed.



Deep State Plutocrats Have Nowhere to Hide

By J.B. Shurk, *The American Thinker*, condensed

The worst mistake the Deep State ever made was to turn conservatives against Big Business. Traditionally, fighting corporate power was the purview of the political left. Conservatives have generally backed "free markets" because they despise socialism's predilection for choosing economic winners and losers. Conservative voters have long seen government regulation as more of a threat than Wall Street wheeling and dealing.

This makes sense. American conservatives largely embrace the principles of the Founding Fathers' *laissez-faire* liberalism, and many share policy preferences that overlap with today's self-described libertarians. For conservatives, the left's "politics of envy" is unappealing. The left's desire to redistribute private property within some sort of Marxist system is seen as a dangerous impulse toward legalized theft. The left's love for collectivism over individual freedom is regarded as insidious. Voters who support limited government do not tend to care how Sam Walton became a millionaire. They are much more likely to applaud individual success as the product of hard work and innovation.

Times are changing, though. Over the last forty years, middle-class Americans who put their faith in "free markets" have gotten smacked upside the head by corporate interests time and again. The savings and loan scandal, pension scams, derivatives-juiced market crashes, the housing collapse, the offshoring of good jobs, tech bubbles, predatory lending, reverse mortgages, and countless other corporate schemes have left working-class Americans in dire straits. All of these various gut punches have produced a kind of "awakening" among "live free or die" Americans: "free markets" are an illusion, and the economic game is rigged.

To be clear, freedom-loving Americans of every generation have known that powerful economic interests manipulate markets and take what is not theirs. When private bankers conspired with corrupt congressmen to establish the Federal Reserve over Christmas in 1913, many horrified observers predicted how the ascending oligarchy would distort markets, weaken the dollar, and instigate unnecessary economic

crashes. Since the early nineteenth century, rural Americans have fought agricultural conglomerates committed to undercutting their family farms. Since the early twentieth century, mom-and-pop retailers have struggled to compete against business cartels, Big Box stores, and online behemoths. Landowners have pushed back against railroads, oil companies, speculators, developers, and industrial giants willing to take what they want through intimidation or force. Freedom-loving Americans have always understood that Big Business is a threat to freedom, too.

Still, more often than not, conservatives have found it easier to make peace with large corporations than with larger-and-larger government. At least in the sphere of private commerce, an ordinary citizen exercises some nominal free will: *Will I work for this company? Will I buy from this company? Will I move as far away from this company as humanly possible?* When it comes to anything within the government's domain, however, what it wants is what it usually gets. Taxes, prisons, conscription laws, property laws, and business licenses provide Big Government with the tools to grab a citizen's free will by the throat and squeeze it until it stops kicking.

What's changed over the last ten years is that the vestigial boundary between private markets and government force has all but disappeared. Strangely enough, the corporate embrace of *woke-ism* as a social philosophy that should be *imposed* upon consumers has had the serendipitous effect of shattering the imaginary wall once separating Big Business from Big Government. Parents began asking why Target and Disney were shoving transgenderism and child sex changes down their throats. Moviegoers started resenting how Hollywood studios had replaced entertainment with divisive re-education seminars on "white supremacy," "patriarchy," and "global warming." Voters were forced to acknowledge that Google, Facebook, Microsoft, and corporate news shows were censoring conservative speech and promoting far-left propaganda. Consumers realized that banks were systematically punishing them for their Second Amendment advocacy, religious affiliations, and political beliefs. All of these corporate provocations fell like sledgehammer blows upon conservatives' heads, and Americans who once gave corporations a quiet pass became increasingly loud and angry.

Now the veil that has long prevented many conservatives from appreciating corporate tyranny has been removed from their eyes, and more Americans than ever before look at Big Business with suspicion. To be sure, some measure of suspicion has always existed. Conservatives listened to President Eisenhower when he warned them about the military-industrial complex. They experienced how NAFTA and other so-called "free trade" agreements eliminated their jobs and destroyed their once-vibrant manufacturing towns. Many rallied around Congressman Ron Paul when he demanded that the American people "audit the Fed." But it wasn't until formerly beloved companies began grooming their children with explicit sex talks and drag queen story hours that a huge swath of the conservative electorate finally had enough of corporate tyranny.

This "awakening" is significant. Conservatives have long understood that the State is not their friend, but now they understand that corporations are not their friends either. For financial elites who prefer pulling the strings of government from the shadows, this change in social consciousness is alarming. In the past, their emissaries in academia could say a few words about the liberating influences of "free markets," and most conservatives could be counted upon to support Wall Street's position. Politicians could defend the offshoring of blue-collar jobs by talking about "marginal costs" and "comparative advantage," and opponents of socialism would get in line, even as their hometowns died. Now there is a new understanding taking hold: Big Government and Big Business are two sides of the same coin. Whether tyranny arises from the boardroom or the committee room, its impact is the same.

All of this is bad news for the Deep State. Why? Because its existence depends a great deal upon nobody quite knowing what it is. We talk about "the powers that be" running things in D.C. We often say "they" did this or that because it's difficult to know who exactly did what, where they did it, or when. Confusion is the key. Nobody with long-term power really wants to be known. Presidencies last four to eight years, but bankers and corporate heavyweights wield power their whole lives. It's much better for them if everyone is more concerned with Kamala's cackle than what all the BlackRock alums in the White House are doing with trillions in discretionary spending. It's much easier for central bank gangsters to make money from "black swan" events when their

servants in Congress, the CDC, the Pentagon, the CIA, the NSA, and the Oval Office are in the position to fabricate new “black swans” whenever necessary. The same *éminences grises* who profit from weapons of mass destruction and endless wars profit from mRNA “vaccines” and endless health emergencies. The financial oligarchy rules over Americans with ease when Americans bicker about unimportant things.

The Deep State is *prima facie* evidence that self-government no longer exists. In its place, extremely wealthy people use the Federal Reserve as their personal piggy bank, the Intelligence Community as their personal spies, the DOJ and FBI as their personal police force, the corporate press as their personal public relations team, and the U.S. military as their personal resource acquisition division. The president and Congress are nothing more than the organ grinder’s dancing monkey — there to distract the public while doing the bidding of those with real power. When their influence extends to international institutions such as the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund, or the World Bank, we call these Deep State shell games the “rules-based international order.” It is all farce.

No wonder the plutocrats call President Trump an “authoritarian.” He wants to *be president*, rather than *play president*. He’s a direct threat to their unaccountable and unconstitutional Deep State. And now that they’ve exposed themselves, there is nowhere left for them to hide.



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