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President CJ's Letter

Dear Colleagues:

At the 1787 Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, George Washington was elected to preside over the convention. As president of the Constitutional Convention, General Washington sat in this chair (see photo) to conduct the business of the convention. On the last day, as delegates were signing the document, Ben Franklin pointed toward the sun on the back of this chair and went on to say, "I have often in the course of the session looked at that sun behind the President without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting. But now at length I have the happiness to know it is a rising and not a setting sun."

I have loved this story since the very first time I saw the chair in Constitution Hall (Philadelphia) in the 1980s. Yet now, in the course of the last 40 years or so (and more than 236 years later), I wonder, is it still a "rising" sun? We have an opportunity to secure the fate of Ben Franklin's observation. Will the legacy of our great nation continue to "rise" and be a shining example of freedom and liberty? Or will the November Presidential Election seal our fate as a "setting" sun? The choice is ours.

C. J. Hatcher, WAC President



2024 Election Dates

Presidential Primary Election

- **First day in-person, early voting:** Friday, January 19, 2024
- **Deadline to register to vote/update registration:** February 12, 2024 (otherwise use provisional ballot)
- **Deadline to request absentee ballot by mail:** February 23, 2024
- **Voter registration office opens for early voting:** Saturday, February 24, 2024
- **Last day of in-person early voting:** Saturday, March 2, 2024
- **Presidential Primary Election Day:** March 5, 2024

Primary Elections

- **First day in-person early voting:** Friday, May 3, 2024
- **Deadline to register to vote/update registration:** May 28, 2024 (otherwise use provisional ballot)
- **Deadline to request absentee ballot by mail:** June 7, 2024
- **Voter registration office open for early voting:** Saturday, June 8, 2024
- **Last day of in-person, early voting:** Saturday, June 15, 2024
- **Primary Election Day:** June 18, 2024

General and Special Elections

- **First day of in-person, early voting:** Friday, September 20, 2024
- **Deadline to register to vote/update registration:** October 15, 2024 (otherwise use provisional ballot)
- **Deadline to request absentee ballot by mail:** October 25, 2024
- **Voter registration office opens for early voting:** Saturday, October 26, 2024
- **Last day of in-person/early voting:** Saturday, November 2, 2024
- **General and Special Elections Day:** Tuesday, November 5, 2024

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WAC Members Heard from American for Prosperity's Flint Engleman at Our October Luncheon

On October 3, 2023, WAC members heard from Americans for Prosperity's Virginia Skyline Regional Director Flint Engleman who has trained hundreds of activists from all over Virginia and has been at the forefront of improving freedom-based policy for the Commonwealth for many years. Flint discussed the many efforts he, through AFP/Virginia, undertook in the 2023 election cycle to educate and build grassroots efforts to bring change to Virginia by electing like-minded candidates in the House and Senate in last November's election.



Former Deputy Attorney General for Virginia Ken Davis Discussed His Efforts to Combat Bias Reporting Systems at Virginia Universities

On November 15, 2023, Former Deputy Attorney General for Virginia J. Kennerly Davis discussed his efforts to combat the use of Orwellian "bias reporting systems" which restrict free speech and other civil liberties at colleges and universities (including UVA and VT) across America. He is currently volunteering his time for the Alumni Free Speech Alliance which filed a Writ of Certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court last Fall over the issue of "bias reporting systems" at UVA, VT and over 1300 other colleges and universities across America that encourage students to anonymously report their peers for alleged utterances or actions that might fall under an overly broad or vague definition of "bias." These systems of surveillance, intimidation and reeducation actively chill constitutionally protected student speech through fear of being reported anytime and anywhere. They normalize the weaponization of administrative policies to go after peers who express opposing ideas and create a campus climate of self-censorship. They should have no place in our universities.



Election ‘Season’ Is Starting Now and We Need Freedom Loving Volunteers to Help with the Election Process Throughout 2024 in Order to Win in November!!

Please see the plea for your help below from the Chair of our Election Integrity Committee, Karen Juul-Nielson:

Happy 2024 from your Election Integrity Committee (EIC)!

We trust you and your loved ones had a great holiday and are ready and able to help us elect a president who believes in family values, fiscal responsibility, parental involvement in education, secure borders, a thoughtful immigration process, and peace through a strong military. I cannot overstate how important it is for each of you to get involved in the elections this year. We live in a very 'blue' area and are disappointed that we were unable to elect any of our fine candidates last year. It makes it even more important to refocus and reactivate everyone this year.

Albemarle County Republican Chair, John Lowry, sent out 2 e-mails recently, including a number of slides which I produced, describing some of the challenges we face as the Republican party. Please review these slides. Let me know if you did not receive them and I will forward them to you. However, I don't want to fill your inbox with a large number of slides that you already have.

EIC focuses on securing/training election officers and poll watchers as well as cleaning voter rolls. However, there are also other critical roles and activities. Some include selecting candidates, door knocking for candidates, phone-calling, letter writing, tent sitting, putting up/taking down signs, and of course the all-important fund raising. Please think about how you can serve in several of these areas in order to make this a successful election. I am also seeking others to serve with me on this EIC team, so if you are interested, please let me know. As, always, I am grateful for you!

For Liberty!
Karen Juul-Nielsen
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A Culture in Collapse

By Victor Davis Hanson, American Greatness

In the last six months, we have borne witness to many iconic moments evidencing the collapse of American culture.

The signs are everywhere and cover the gamut of politics, the economy, education, social life, popular culture, foreign policy, and the military. These symptoms of decay share common themes.

Our descent is self-induced; it is not a symptom of a foreign attack or subterfuge. Our erosion is not the result of poverty and want, but of leisure and excess. We are not suffering from existential crises of famine, plague, or the collapse of our grid and fuel sources. Prior, far poorer, and war-torn generations now seem far better off than what we are becoming.

What is happening to us is not due to an adherence to a too strict conservative tradition but is almost exclusively the wage of the progressive project.

In short, we are seeing fissures that America has not experienced in our cultural history since the Civil War. The radical Left apparently feels such chaos, anarchy, and nihilism are necessary to topple past norms and customs and thereby adhere to a socialist, equity agenda that no one in normal times would stomach.

Some of the decay is existential and fundamental; some anecdotal and illustrative. But either way, while decline came about gradually over decades, its sudden and abrupt chaos during the three years of Biden's presidency has shocked Americans.

Financial Implosion

As long as interest rates were de facto zero, both parties ran up gargantuan debt. Now the national debt has hit \$34 trillion. But two odd things have also happened under the Biden administration that are beginning to undermine the very existence of the U.S. financial system:

1) Interest rates have soared from de facto zero and are on a trajectory to 5.5%—meaning that the interest on the debt, in theory, in the not too distant future will require 20 percent of the annual budget, squeezing out both entitlements and defense.

2) Yet the upcoming rendezvous with economic Armageddon has not slowed a Biden administration intent on borrowing nearly \$2 trillion in the current fiscal year.

The public is baffled: is the Left playing chicken with us? Is the strategy to “gorge the beast,” thereby demanding even higher federal taxes, which, combined with many state taxes, now exceed 50 percent of one’s income?

Is the goal massive “redistribution” by ensuring “equity” by gouging the middle class and rich? Or is the left’s goal more nihilistic: to force a remedy for insolvency by ensuring high inflation, renouncing government debt, or government appropriation of private capital?

Military Crises

Americans have lost deterrence abroad.

Confusion reigns among the public over why the Biden administration fled from Afghanistan, leaving behind billions of dollars of munitions and equipment in the hands of Taliban terrorists. Why did it allow a Chinese spy balloon to traverse the continental U.S. with impunity?

And why did Biden signal to Russia when preparing an invasion of Ukraine that our reaction would depend on the magnitude of Putin’s offensive? Why has military recruitment cratered, shorting the Pentagon of thousands of soldiers?

Why do Iranian proxies attack almost daily U.S. installations abroad and ships in the Red Sea, apparently without fear of reprisal? Why did Hamas slaughter Israelis on October 7? What explains our indifference or ennui?

Is the answer a deliberate effort to curb supposed American “arrogance” by once more leading from behind? Are we rebooting the Obama Administration’s bankrupt idea of empowering an Iranian crescent from Teheran to Damascus to Beirut to Gaza to ensure “creative tension” between Israel and the moderate Arabs and Persian-led theocratic Shiites?

Why do our officer classes rotate in and out of lucrative military consultancies, lobbying billets, and board membership on corporate defense contractors—as if their innate talents rather than their lifelong contacts with current serving procurement officers earned their exorbitant fees?

Why did our retired four stars with disdain violate the uniform code of military justice by serially and publicly trashing the commander in chief? Why has the Pentagon revolutionized the entire system of recruitment, promotions, and tenure in the armed forces by predicating them in large part on race, gender, and sexual orientation rather than merit or battlefield efficacy? Did we learn anything from the old

Soviet commissariat system? Would we prefer to lose a war by promoting equity than win one by ensuring liberty?

Why did the top brass go after supposedly “insurrectionist” white males (who died at twice their demographics during combat in Iraq and Afghanistan) in the military, only to discover from their own internal investigations that no such cabal of “domestic terrorists” existed, and only to drive out thousands more of the maligned by stupidly requiring COVID vaccinations from those with naturally acquired immunity?

In sum, the U.S. will either undergo a post-Vietnam-like revolution in the military or, in late Roman imperial fashion, our armed forces will be unable to defend the interests or indeed, the very safety, of the U.S.

Race

Why, when so-called non-white ethnicities and races were achieving parity with or exceeding the majority population in per capita income and when racial intermarriage was commonplace, did we blow up the values of the civil rights movement and revert to precivilizational tribalism? Who were the sophists who convinced us that racially segregated dorms, safe spaces, and graduations, or using race as an arbiter of admissions and hiring, was not racist?

When did we lump together an entire cadre of diverse ancestries, ethnicities, religions, politics, classes, and values and dub them all “white,” and then smear them collectively in stereotypical fashion? When did we calibrate race as the chief determinative factor in our identities? Have we become premodern tribal people—feuding clans right out of the Norse sagas, ghosts of the Balkans nursing ancient grievances and hatreds? Since when in history has a nation’s “diversity” ever been preferable to its “unity”?

The Sexes

Did anyone in, say, 2004 believe that in just twenty years, the Left would try to mainstream the previously rare medical malady of gender dysphoria into a transgendered civil rights issue by insisting on three rather than two sexes?

Would anyone have believed that leftists, gays, and feminists would have done their best to destroy a half-century of female athletic achievement by allowing biological males to compete in women’s sports and thereby erase the record performances of three generations of women?

Would anyone have believed that a feminist and accomplished swimmer like Riley Gaines would be cornered, swarmed, threatened, and barricaded in at a university for the crime of daring to state the obvious: that transgendered women are still, in terms of their

musculoskeletal physiques and frames, males and thereby have no business competing in women's sports?

Would anyone have believed that a gay senate aide would have engaged in passive, unprotected sex in a public and hallowed Senate chamber, filmed in graphic detail his act of sodomy, had it circulated among friends and social media, and then, when outrage followed, claimed victimhood by accusing those offended of being homophobic toward him and his active homosexual partner?

Lawlessness

We are witnessing the steady erasure of jurisprudence, both civil and criminal. Does the law as we knew it a mere decade ago still exist? Massive looting with impunity is now largely exempt from justice in our major blue-state cities. In Compton, a van slams into a Mexican bakery as waiting crowds swarm, loot, and destroy the business. And for what? Some free pies and cakes? Or the nihilist delight in ruining the livelihood of a hardworking family business?

Such smash-and-grabs rob stores of billions of dollars in revenue each year. Can we even comprehend that employees and security guards are now ordered to stand down, as if the apprehension of such thieves might in some way seem illiberal or racist?

Does anyone even care that pro-Hamas protestors—many in America as guests on green cards and student visas—shouted support for the October 7 massacre of Jews, screamed for the destruction of Israel and the Jews in it, shut down the Manhattan and Golden Gate Bridges, defiled the Lincoln Memorial and White House gates, and disrupted Christmas celebrations in our major cities with complete exemption? Is storming the California legislature, and disrupting it in session, now a felony in the manner of those convicted after January 6, or do we have two sets of laws, dependent on ideology, race, and party affiliation?

In one of the most chilling videos in memory, Las Vegas Clark County District Court Judge Mary Kay Holthus was recently violently attacked by an unshackled career felon defendant (with three prior violent felony convictions and facing additional new felony counts). The assailant, Deobra Redden, leaped over the justice's bench with ease and began beating her and pulling her hair before two bailiffs, with great difficulty, managed to restrain him. Why was Redden out on parole given his violent record, and why was he not shackled given his toxic past? His self-admitted effort to kill the judge, his ability nearly to pull it off, and the record of past leniency accorded him are a commentary on a sick society.

But then again, in our major cities, George-Soros-subsidized prosecutors have all but destroyed civil society.

They have been systematically releasing felons with violent criminal records on the same day they are arrested, freeing convicted felons early from prisons and jails, and sabotaging the law by arbitrary enforcement on the grounds that it is inherently either unfair or racist.

The post civilization civil bookend to that precivilizational subterfuge was a systematic legal effort, for the first time in American history, to remove in an election year the leading primary and general election candidate Donald Trump from various state ballots. The Soviet-like charge was that he was guilty of "insurrection," a crime he has never been charged with, much less convicted of. Meanwhile, three state prosecutors and one special federal counsel—all leftists and some previously bragging in their own election campaigns of their intention to destroy Trump—have charged candidate Trump with an array of felonies. The vast majority of Americans agree Trump would never have been so charged had he just not sought to seek reelection—or had been a liberal Democrat.

Education

In ancient times, the President of the Harvard Corporation was a signature scholar and intellectual, befitting Harvard's own self-regard as the world's most preeminent university. No longer.

Now-resigned president Claudine Gay's meteoric career was based on a flimsy record of a mere 11 articles—the majority of them plagiarized. Her entire career was fueled by the tired pretext that the privileged Gay was somehow deserving of special deference given her race and gender.

Confronted with such corruption, the Harvard Corporation, its legal team, and 700 faculty sought to downplay Gay's intellectual theft. Indeed, they smeared her critics as racist—only then to deal with her new billet as a professor of Political Science with a long record of plagiarism that was exempt from the sort of punishments dealt out to students and faculty for less egregious defenses.

How did Ivy League degrees so quickly become mostly certifications of ideological and woke orthodoxy? Or is it worse than that? Does a Stanford history major or Yale literature graduate know anything, respectively, about the Civil War or Shakespeare's plays? Do they even know that we, the public, know that they don't know?

Was Elizabeth Warren really Harvard's first law professor of color? Was Claudine Gay truly an impressive and respected scholar of political science? Are the governing members of the Harvard Corporation the nation's best and brightest?

How in less than five years did our elite universities destroy meritocracy, abolish SAT requirements, require DEI oaths

and pledges, and mirror the worst commissariat institutions of the old Warsaw Pact nations and Soviet Union? How and why these elite universities blew themselves up in a mere decade will baffle historians for decades to come.

The End of Sovereignty

The Biden administration has shattered federal immigration law, as some 10 million illegal entries will have crossed unlawfully and with impunity in the first Biden term—all by intent. The southern border is not merely porous; it no longer even exists.

Did the Left want new constituents? New entitlement recipients to grow government and raise taxes on the clingers and deplorables?

Did it want a larger DEI base to replace the steady exodus of non-whites from left-wing agendas? Does it shun sovereignty, preferring a global village without arbitrary borders? Do these utopians in Malibu and Martha's Vineyard similarly feel their own yards and grounds need no walls, no barriers, and no boundaries to deny the underprivileged their rights to enjoy what the predatory classes possess?

In this new America of ours, Joe Biden is hale and savvy, while Hunter did nothing wrong. Our heroes are Dylan Mulvaney, Gen. Rachel Levine, and the two Sams, Bankman-Fried and Brinton.

In today's America, Karin Jean-Pierre is truthful, while Alejandro Mayorkas is honest. An innocent and saintly George Floyd was randomly murdered; his death proof of systemic police racism. And defunding the police brought calm and quiet, in the way our border is secure and the homeless are mere victims.

Dr. Jill is an impressive academic. Oprah and LeBron are the downtrodden and victimized. Gen. Mark Milley is a brave maverick, and so is Adam Schiff. The flight from Afghanistan marked a brilliantly organized retreat.

The Chinese balloon really did not take too many pictures of sensitive areas. January 6 was an armed insurrection, preplanned by fiery conspirators and revolutionaries. Ashli Babbitt deserved to be blasted in the neck for entering a broken window.

Kamala Harris is a wordsmith. Russian collusion really happened. So did Russian laptop disinformation. Christopher Steele's dossier was mostly true, in the fashion of Claudine Gay's dissertation and Barack Obama's memoir. And 51 former intelligence authorities bravely came forward to offer their expertise in certifying that Hunter's laptop was cooked up in Moscow.

With all this, what do we think the Iranians, Putin's Russians, the communist Chinese, the Houthis, Hezbollah, and Hamas now think of the United States?

That we are the nation that won World War II or fled from Afghanistan? Did the eight million who broke our laws and simply walked across our border respect us, fear us, admire us, or come here to manipulate and use us? Did Hamas appreciate the hundreds of millions of dollars we gave them, in the same way Iran was friendlier after we lifted the sanctions?

In sum, American civilization has been turned upside down, and we have a rendezvous soon with the once unthinkable and unimaginable.



The New Right Activism: Manifesto for the Counterrevolution

By Christopher Rufo, Substack

The Right is reorganizing. Most intelligent conservatives, especially younger conservatives, who joined the political fray at a moment of sweeping ideological change, already recognize that familiar orthodoxies are no longer viable, and that ideas without power are useless. The Right doesn't need a white paper. What it needs is a spirited new activism with the courage and resolve to win back the language, recapture institutions, and reorient the state toward rightful ends.

This essay will introduce the basic principles of this activism: where it begins, how it might work, and what it must do in order to win. It is not "conservative" in the traditional sense. The world of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century liberalism is gone, and conservatives must grapple with the world as it is — a status quo that requires not conservation, but reform, and even revolt.

We don't need to abandon the principles of natural right, limited government, and individual liberty, but we need to make those principles meaningful in the world of today. The older conservative establishment, assembling in ballrooms and clubhouses, has marginal influence over public orthodoxy because it lacks the hunger and grit to contest it. The energy is with a new generation which no longer accepts tired platitudes, and demands a new set of strategies geared toward truly overcoming the regime — the opaque and coercive set of psychological, cultural, and institutional patterns that has largely replaced the old constitutional way of life.

This movement is in its youth, and it has the virtue of aspiring to something more than the drab, euphemistic world of “diversity and inclusion”; it has the ambition of re-establishing a political vision that goes beyond procedural values and points toward higher principles.

The first step is to admit what hasn't worked. For fifty years, establishment conservatives have been retreating from the great political tradition of the West — republican self-government, shared moral standards, and the pursuit of eudaimonia, or human flourishing — in favor of half-measures and cheap substitutes.

The first of these substitutes is the self-serving myth of neutrality. Following a libertarian line, the conservative establishment has argued that government, state universities, and public schools should be “neutral” in their approach to political ideals. But no institution can be neutral — and any institutional authority aiming only for neutrality will immediately be captured by a faction more committed to imposing ideology. In reality, public universities, public schools, and other cultural institutions have long been dominated by the Left. Conservative ideas and values have been suppressed, conservative thinkers have been persecuted, and the conservative establishment has deluded itself with impotent appeals to neutrality.

The popular slogan that “facts don't care about your feelings” betrays similar problems. In reality, feelings almost always overpower facts. Reason is the slave of the passions. Political life moves on narrative, emotion, scandal, anger, hope, and faith — on irrational, or at least subrational, feelings that can be channeled, but never destroyed by reason. As sociologist Max Weber demonstrated more than a century ago, politics does not, and *cannot*, operate on facts alone. Politics depends on values and requires judgment; political life is not a utilitarian equation — and nor should we want it to be.

Finally, the conservative establishment has appealed to the “free marketplace of ideas,” and the belief that the “invisible hand” will rectify cultural and political problems organically. But the formation of culture does not proceed like the production of cars, and cannot be conceived the same way. The chief vectors for the transmission of values

— the public school, the public university, and the state — are not marketplaces at all. They are government-run monopolies. In truth, the hand that moves culture is not an “invisible hand” but an iron hand clad in velvet — that is, political force.

The adoption of these myths has rendered the Right ineffective, to the point of cementing, as opposed to contesting, the status quo of Leftist hegemony. The radical Left ruthlessly advances through the institutions, and the Right meekly ratifies each encroachment under the rubric of “neutrality.” In view of the social and cultural wreckage this dynamic had wrought, it is not merely a matter of preference but a matter of urgency to break it. To do this, a new approach is required.

The New Right activism must focus its efforts on three domains: language, institutions, and ends.

As the Gospels state, In the beginning was the Word — and this is true also in politics. Modern political movements have always started with writing: with pamphlets, manifestos, and other publications. The New Right has already generated a high degree of innovation in this respect, spread across a growing network of publications, podcasts, literature, and visual arts. The point is not only to shape the meta-discourse as a matter of “general culture,” but to attack the political discourse directly on individual issues — in other words, to engage in agitprop.

Agitprop doesn't mean sacrificing the truth, but rather, *channeling* the truth, toward victory. Postmodernist theorists who reduced politics to “language games” may have overstated the case, but they were right in one respect: language is the operative element of human culture. To change the language means to change society: in law, arts, rhetoric, or common speech. The Right must build a new vocabulary to overcome the regime's euphemistic rule, which enacts abuse of power through abuse of language. The point is to replace contemporary ideological language with new, persuasive language that points toward clear principles.

From language begins a longer process of legitimation. A movement gains legitimacy by taking territory in discourse, the adoption of its discourse by society's elite, and eventually, through elevation of its discourse into law. Win the argument, win the elite, and win the regime — that is the formula, which traces the path from the pamphlet to power.

Institutions are where the word becomes flesh. The men who shape the discourse must understand that above them stand the statesmen: men of practical affairs who govern, legislate, and rule. The activist must not forget that he is doing politics, not literature, and balance his desire for intellectual purity with institutional reality. He must work to legitimize his language in an environment that is often

hostile to his wishes and resistant to any change. At times, he must conceal his radicalism in the mask of respectability.

In the end, the work of politics is the work of practical statesmanship. Those who ignore this reality by appealing to abstract principles always limit their effectiveness. When Thomas Paine wrote *The American Crisis*, he felt the breath of British soldiers at his neck. He understood that the Revolution had to defeat enemies on the battlefield and he looked to General Washington as the only man who could do it.

In our time, some conservatives believe it is enough to lay claim to “individual rights” and “limited government” as a substitute for managing the state. I, too, support individual rights and limited government, but the decisive political question concerns securing those rights. Who will do so? And, even if it is limited, what is the proper role of government? These are the issues which are ultimately at stake.

We can agree with Locke that humans enter into society and institute government to secure their natural rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But the twentieth century disrupted this arrangement: the state became engaged in a project to reshape society in its own image. For a hundred years, conservatives have tried and failed to reduce the size of government: as a percentage of GDP, the American state today is larger than the Chinese Communist state, with no sign of reversing course. Nineteenth-century liberalism is dead and cannot be restored.

The activist must begin with status quo reality: the institutions which today shape public and private life will exist for the foreseeable future. The only question is who will lead them and by which set of values. The New Right must summon the self-confidence to say, “We will, and by our values.”

Conservatives can no longer be content to serve as the caretakers of their enemies’ institutions, or as gadflies who adopt the posture of the “heterodox” while signaling to their left-wing counterparts that they have no desire to disrupt the established hegemony. Rather, the New Right needs to move from the politics of pamphlets to the governance of the institutions.

We must recruit, recapture, and replace existing leadership. We must produce knowledge and culture at a sufficient scale and standard to shift the balance of ideological power. Conservative thought has to move out of the ghetto and into the mainstream. And we must be capable of resisting, and perhaps even embracing, a constant barrage of media coverage, with a hundred negative stories for every positive one. In other words, we must risk ruin in pursuit of victory.

Why would anyone embrace these risks? Fame, revenge, and power have all been powerful motivations in political life in the past, and they remain powerful today. But in order

to realize the ultimate promise of the political, there also must be something higher — a telos.

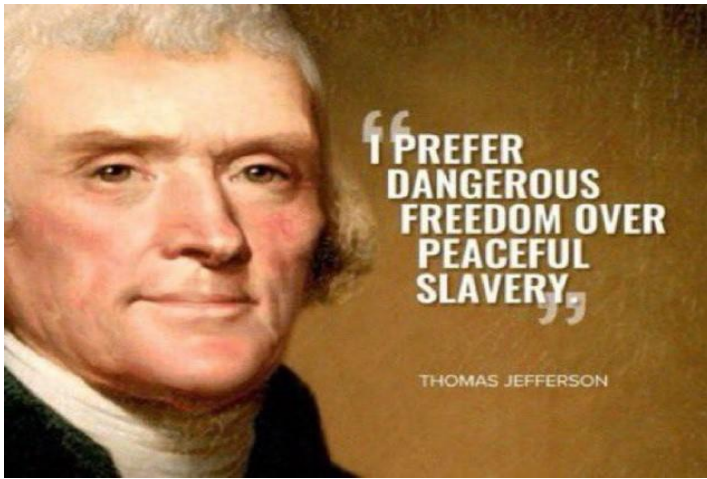
The language of ends has almost vanished from American life, and this disappearance supplies the greatest opportunity for the New Right. Because of its religious adherence, the Right still has access to the language of ends — the language of God, or, in its more contemporary form, “Nature and Nature’s God.” My conviction is that ends will ultimately triumph over means; men will die for truth, liberty, and happiness, but will not die for efficiency, diversity, and inclusion.

The best way to counter the degradations of American institutional life is to remind the public of the fundamental purpose of those institutions, and to communicate that purpose. What is the purpose of the university? What is the purpose of a school? What system of government will guide us toward human happiness? These questions provoke doubt and anxiety in the current regime. And no wonder. The idea of happiness, properly understood, can be revolutionary.

The current regime has poured trillions into welfare programs, ideological production, family recomposition, and psychotherapeutic intervention, but Americans are more miserable than ever. To again demand happiness — Aristotle’s *eudaimonia*, Jefferson’s Declaration — cuts straight through all our postmodern dilemmas. Our regime has lost all sense of why it exists. The men who can rediscover this North Star will have everything they need to motivate others to pursue political life: a motivation which may be obscured but cannot be extinguished. They will begin the great process of recapturing the language, institutions, and ends of American life.

The most important virtue of our time is courage. In America, there is plenty of grumbling, anxiety, and quiet opposition to the capture of the culture. The activist must accept that he cannot make men courageous, but he can change the system of incentives so that those in quiet opposition — to put it bluntly, the cowardly — make different decisions. The activist must accept the inevitable frustration of victory: there will be those who adopt his positions after it has become safe. This is the price of courage, which sometimes only his closest compatriots will understand.

That must be enough. For every Paine, Washington, and Jefferson, there are a hundred nameless men who spilled ink, and blood, for the fight. In our time, the Right will soon be confronted with a choice: to submit to the current regime, to revitalize the vision of the Founders, or to forge ahead into an unknown order. My commitment is to the old means and the old ends, as much as we can rescue them. This will require the spirit of brotherhood, sacrifice, daring, and selflessness. As the battle begins, we will learn and adapt. But one thing is clear: the fight is here.



forfeit records related to the matter, despite a March 2022 court order.

The Keystone State has since adopted automatic voter registration, in which Pennsylvanians obtaining a driver's license at facilities such as the DMV will be automatically registered to vote unless they opt out. Under commonwealth law, "lawfully present" non-citizens are permitted to apply for a REAL ID driver's license or ID card.

Also included in the Uniform State ACE Act is a recommendation that states prohibit private funding of elections. During the 2020 election, nonprofits such as the Center for Tech and Civic Life (CTCL) received hundreds of millions of dollars from Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg. These "Zuckbucks" were poured into local election offices in battleground states to change how elections were administered. This included expanding unsupervised election protocols like mail-in voting and using ballot drop boxes.

The grants were heavily skewed toward Democrat-majority counties, essentially making it a massive, privately funded Democrat get-out-the-vote operation. Twenty-seven states currently ban or restrict the use of private money in elections, with Wisconsin voters set to consider such a proposal in April.

"By providing a toolkit of election integrity bills to states we are going one step further in securing our elections and increasing Americans' confidence," bill co-sponsor and Rep. Bryan Steil, R-Wis., said in a statement. Cosponsor Rep. Laurel Lee, R-Fla., added that "Americans need to feel confident that their elections are secure."

The Uniform State ACE Act also recommends increased poll watcher access; safeguards for mail-in voting; limits on early voting and ballot drop boxes; and bans on non-citizen voting, some forms of third-party ballot harvesting, and ranked-choice voting.



For Dems, Toppling Statues is Dress Rehearsal for the Real Thing

By John Daniel Davidson,
The Federalist, condensed

The news that the Biden administration planned to remove a statue of William Penn in a federal park in Philadelphia that commemorates the founding of Pennsylvania, and that the purpose of the removal was to "provide a more



House GOP Rolls Out Blueprint for States to Secure Elections

By Shawn Fleetwood, The
Federalist, condensed

House Republicans rolled out model legislation last week for state legislatures to enhance the integrity of their elections.

Titled, "[The Uniform State American Confidence in Elections \(ACE\) Act](#)," the legislative tool kit provides 13 recommended state laws "to increase voters' confidence and promote election integrity." Many of the policies are modeled after the [ACE Act](#), a federal measure containing similar provisions that House Republicans introduced last year. The bill was passed by the Committee on House Administration in July and is awaiting a full House floor vote.

Included in the Uniform State ACE Act are policies long-supported by election integrity activists, including voter ID and proof of residency requirements for individuals voting in person or by mail. Despite Democrats' claims that ID requirements suppress non-white voters, the vast majority of U.S. voters — including those who are black and Hispanic — support such election safeguards. Several courts have also recently shot down Democrat-backed lawsuits alleging voter-ID laws "suppress" voters.

Another policy suggested is a mandate to regularly remove ineligible voters from state voter rolls. This would include removing any non-citizens on the list.

Non-citizens on voter registration lists is a problem in many states. In 2017, Pennsylvania officials discovered an error in the computer system of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation that allowed "non-United States citizens applying for or renewing a driver's license to register to vote in the Commonwealth." Pennsylvania has largely refused to

welcoming, accurate, and inclusive experience for visitors,” should at this point not come as a surprise.

Once the removals and destruction of Confederate statues and memorials began a few years ago, it was inevitable that all historical figures from America’s past, even those with no connection to the Confederacy, would be subject to removal or destruction or erasure.

Why? Because the removal of statues and memorials by radical Democrats has never been about the past, it’s always been about the raw exercise of political power and the assertion of tyranny over a free people in the here and now. This has been true of commie revolutionaries for a long time now. Simply put, what they do to statues is what they plan to do to their political enemies. It starts with statues and books, and eventually ends with people.

It hardly matters that Monday evening, amid the public outrage that ensued when news of the Penn statue broke, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro announced that he had intervened and that the statue would remain where it is. Shapiro is a Democrat, so his effort to stop this is perhaps a sign that Dems are beginning to sense the radicals among them have gone too far in their cultural warfare against the rest of the country.

But I wouldn’t count on it. The fact that the National Park Service planned to do this as part of a “rehabilitation” of Philly’s Welcome Park (named for the ship, *Welcome*, which Penn took to Philadelphia in 1682) that envisioned an “expanded interpretation of the Native American history of Philadelphia” tells you the bureaucrats at NPS think the Penn statue’s presence in the park is a problem, somehow offensive because William Penn was a white man.

It doesn’t matter that the same year he arrived, Penn signed a treaty with the Lenape (or Delaware) people that lasted 75 years, or that he went to great lengths to ensure the native people were treated well and paid fairly for their land. It doesn’t matter that Penn’s entire purpose in coming to America was to establish a Quaker colony for religious freedom that also guaranteed things like free and fair trial by jury, free elections, and other fundamental rights that would later make their way into the U.S. Bill of Rights.

In the context of the debate about statues and memorials, talking about all that is a waste of time. None of this has anything to do with actual American history and everything to do with politics and power in the present. I have been defending Confederate monuments for nearly a decade, ever since a staffer at *The New Republic* decided the 150th anniversary of Appomattox was the perfect occasion to argue for the desecration of Confederate grave markers in national cemeteries. I have explained the history

of Confederate statuary in great detail, gone through the historical debates and deliberations that led to their creation, and argued *ad nauseam* for the preservation of these physical markers of our shared past.

A little over two years ago, I wrote a lengthy piece about the Confederate memorial in Arlington National Cemetery and why it should be left in peace. I went into some detail explaining how the memorial came to be there, how President William McKinley, a decorated Union veteran who saw combat at Antietam and in the Shenandoah Valley, first conceived of the idea and inspired other Union vets to join the effort. Last month, the Biden administration dismantled and removed it.

So I’m not doing that anymore. From the moment the first essay was written calling for the toppling of Robert E. Lee’s likenesses, or the exhumation of Nathan Bedford Forrest’s bones, it was inevitable that these Democrat revolutionaries would soon move on to other historical figures — as indeed they did. And when we saw the first images of a Black Lives Matter mob in the summer of 2020 pulling down random statues and defacing them with a mixture of glee and rage, it was clear enough that they would eventually move on to actual people.

Arguing about history with these people is pointless because they don’t care about historical realities or subtleties or facts, they only care about power. So this is my simple argument from now on for the statue question: No statues should come down, ever, for any reason. I don’t care if it’s a statue of Jefferson Davis waving a Confederate flag, leave it where it stands.

Why do I say this? Because once you grant the premise that there’s a problem with these statues, that they are somehow offensive or harmful, the contest is over and the radicals have won. And anyway, the premise itself is totally disingenuous. The *last thing* Democrats want right now is unity and peace among the American people. The idea that they genuinely believe toppling statues of historical figures from our nation’s past will bring people together is laughable and doesn’t deserve the dignity of a response.

At a time when President Joe Biden is openly campaigning for reelection by vilifying his political opposition as terrorists and insurrectionists, and trying with all his might to jail his chief political rival, former President Donald Trump, don’t try to tell me he cares about creating more inclusive public spaces, and that *that’s* why his administration is so keen to topple statues.

It’s not complicated. For Democrats, tearing down statues is a kind of dress rehearsal, not much different than book burning was for the Nazis. They want to erase their

opponents from American public life, and if they can't do it in an orderly and official way, they'll use a mob.



They Want You Dead

By Allan J. Feifer, *American Thinker*, condensed

Some progressives would be happy to see conservatives dead.

Why? Because we strongly question government's role, direction, intent, and motives and resist the control they wish to exert on us. We're an existential threat to their endgame.

No longer free, Constitutional citizens, they intend us to become sterilized worker bees; if not, we're a threat to the hive and must be eradicated. They think they can make you disbelieve your eyes and ears, believe you're just imagining all the changes, hoping you'll go back to sleep as some have.

We live in a civil society where the Rule of Law was to be our universal bedrock guarantee even as it dissolves right before our eyes through government actions and inactions. Thousands are dying in the streets through unrestrained violence and drug use. In Chicago, they're even trying to schedule gang wars and shootouts at a specific time of day!

Politicians' mouths move, words come out, but their actions reflect their partisanship, not their citizenship. Too few see the venom of the Left as revealing their real endgame. President Trump wasn't responsible for any of this. Trump was like a truth elixir that revealed what was always there for others to see. The Left was/is working like subterranean termites eating away at our foundations.

The progressives want to end anyone and anything that stands in their way of a reimagined America as an exemplar for the rest of the world. They hope other countries will copy or be forced to adopt their ideas for a New Utopia, which is much more malign: 1984 made real. The reinvention of America is a necessary step toward one world government run by elites, all while wearing the trappings of the 'caring' Left. Their policies are designed to carry the votes of women, minorities, and especially the idealistic or disenfranchised young who seek security and free stuff above all else.

The evidence is clear. More people each day see the truth as civil society devolves around them. And they are frightened! The suspension of gravity and disbelief evident for so long is slowly ending, and they know it.

Conservatism is all that stands in their way. To win, they must not only demagogue and parse our history and the meaning of truth itself but fool the masses into believing

everyone can have it all without effort or smarts. Conservative courts, conservative politicians (as few as there are), our very Constitution, capitalism, and our history of success in every meaningful way, including economic, military, and social, are the enemies they must destroy.

Destroying anything that keeps them from their goals is all that matters now. Even incarceration of their enemies is acceptable. And they have succeeded—hundreds of political prisoners in this country today, with virtually none prior. As the thoughts and actions of aberrant worker bees are uncovered, the state will punish them or even shoot them dead. This is not hyperbole. Is this America? Indeed, it is not the America in which anyone over 50 grew up.

The truth of what I say plays out daily by an over-hyperventilated media that seemingly revels in every facet of Trump's persecution. Can the public not see that the destruction of Trump is symbolically the destruction of our Republic? Never before has the state undertaken this kind of political murder that, if successful, could see Trump sitting on death row based on his age. If the state could figure out how, do you have any doubt they would do that? Does anything restrain them any longer? This may be our last warning.

The weapon of the Left/Progressives is debt and the big lie. Yes, we can cancel your student debt. Yes, we can give you money to purchase overpriced food through SNAP. Yes, we can guarantee a minimum income. Yes, we can level out outcomes regardless of ability. Yes, we can take away your means of fighting back. Yes, we can pick winners and losers. Yes, we can destroy livelihoods and traditions for the good of humanity. Yes, you can rob, loot, and burn to your heart's content if you're on their side.

It's your right and obligation to fight against anyone who would tell you that you don't have to produce value to live well or that you can be anything you want, anytime you want. Yes to this and much more because the individual is being hunted down in America, and anyone who disagrees is an enemy of the State. *That's the Left's essential narrative.*

Publishing these words will likely put me on some government list. I don't care; I suspect I've made the list already. We live in a surveillance state, ostensibly to protect us. Still, if that is how it started, and I no longer believe that for a second, it's morphed into something hideous, destructive, vile, and counter to our Constitution that puts the rights of the individual above those of the state. You do remember your civics lessons, don't you? Individual rights were to be supreme in our country. Correct?

The government and its politicized organs like the FBI, some intelligence branches, the political process as it works

today, and the administrative state no longer serve the interests of the individual, our capitalist system, or our country. Slowly but surely, Europe, Australia, Canada, and other previously free nations have drunk the Kool-Aid and are moving in a perilous direction driven by known and unknown individuals and groups diametrically opposed to our Constitutional republic, motivated by a different God than mine.

Want even more proof? [CNN](#) endlessly reports on the danger of the MAGA agenda, according to their god, President Biden. They say that people who espouse these lies are "extreme" or "out of touch." It is not difficult to understand that MAGA is Biden's way of saying 'dangerous' or 'subversive.' What does the government do about dangerous and subversive elements? It targets, hinders, prosecutes, and incarcerates them when possible. Sometimes, the outliers don't go down quietly, as 75-year-old Craig Robertson found out over death threats allegedly made against the president and other Democrat political figures as published on social media. Expect more of these tragic incidents as worker bees stand up against a government that attempts to strip away our rights and traditions.

The way forward is to organize and coalesce around the best leader with the strength and vision to return us to our former glory. We need a person whose rudder is true, and whose motives and actions will save our country saved from those seeking its destruction.

God Bless America.



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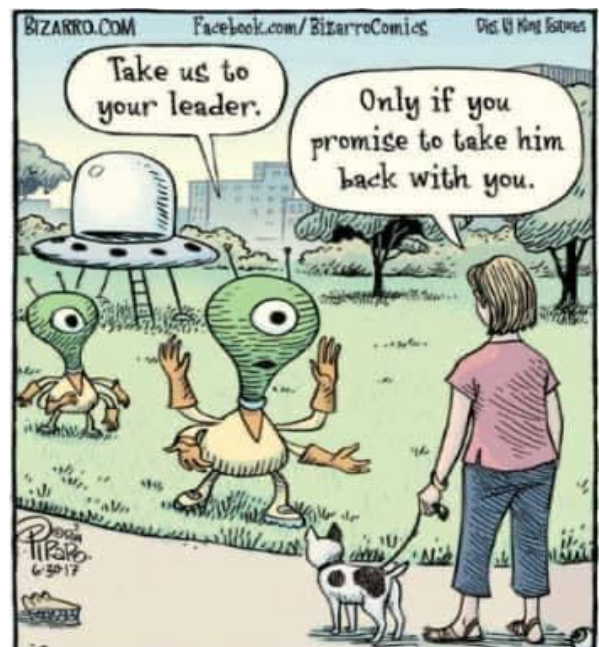
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- **March Luncheon** – Please mark your calendars and join us for our March luncheon on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the Greencroft Club. Registration begins at 11:30am. Speaker TBD.



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