



## Newsletter of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County—September 2021

### Preemptive Surrender, Part I

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Don't blame Biden. He was just following policy. Yes, policy. The Democrats don't have a name for it. But I do. I call it Preemptive Surrender. Get it? It tells the enemy that America plans to lose and that our enemy should prepare to pick up the pieces. It's a seventy-year-old policy. And it's been followed by every Democrat President since Truman; every one of them. Pay attention:

President Truman was the last Democrat president who believed in America enough to want to win. The dropping of two atomic bombs was courageous and, ultimately, humane in that it put an immediate end to World War II. That was 1945. By the time Truman left office the Policy of Preemptive Surrender was firmly entrenched, in Korea. More than 50,000 American servicemen lost their lives because Truman refused to win. General McArthur, in the pre "woke" days, thought that wars were fought to win. Korea became separated and the North is currently restoring their nuclear weapons program. Truman fired McArthur and never looked back. Preemptive Surrender was here to stay.

The next Democrat President, John Kennedy, a few short months after his inauguration, allowed the Bay of Pigs assault on Cuba to begin before cancelling air support and leaving the Cuban patriots to face death or imprisonment, or both. Cuba remains unfriendly and unresolved to this day; a virtual island prison.

Jimmy Carter was next in line. He totally understood Preemptive Surrender. He openly said: "The Shah must go." For those of you too young to know, the Shah was on our side. In Iran. It seems like such a long time ago. Well, the Shah went. We stayed on the sidelines. The terrorists took

over the country, creating hostages out of our embassy staff and became the world's number one exporter of terrorism. The silver lining? The hostage crisis guaranteed the election of Ronald Reagan.

Bill Clinton was up next. Who was Slick Willy going to sell out? Israel, he thought. In the last months of his tenure, with visions of a Nobel Peace Prize occupying his brain, Bill Clinton tried to negotiate the division of Jerusalem, making Yasir Arafat's PLO (Palestinian Liberation Organization) a co-tenant of that sacred city. Arafat would hear none of it. He wanted all or nothing. Israel went back to permanent war. And Bill Clinton never got his Nobel Peace Prize.

That set the stage for the greatest expansion and escalation of the Preemptive Surrender paradigm; the Obama/Biden Administration. President Obama proudly and loudly applied Preemptive Surrender to three serious, high profile foreign policy crises. The first, and biggest, was to not only embrace the Iranian terrorist regime, but to keep them on a path to nuclear arms capability. There is no bigger success in Preemptive Surrender than to make your enemy a nuclear power. The cherry on top was not supporting the Iranian resistance movement. Then came Benghazi, an opportunity to show that the "no soldier left behind" man-



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date no longer existed. Vice president Biden was watching. And the third crisis was the Syrian Civil war, where President Obama famously drew a red line at the chemical weapons alternative. Assad, totally understanding President Obama's Preemptive Surrender acceptance, immediately used chemical weapons. President Obama responded with: Nothing. His bluff was called. The Russians took note. Preemptive Surrender rules.

Which of course brings us to President Biden, a man who not only believes in Preemptive Surrender, but who believes in American humiliation as a parallel policy. Imagine Preemptive Surrender on steroids; Global Preemptive Surrender. What would it look like? It would look like open borders for every nation in the world. No vetting, no COVID testing, no drug dogs, no Border Patrol intervention; open season on America, courtesy of President Biden. They're all coming through our Southern border every day.

They're then put on buses and sprinkled through America's Red states. That's the Biden Doctrine: Global Preemptive Surrender.

Where does America go from here? What is the antidote? Next month I will complete Part II of this concept. It's not a pretty site. And it is a call to fight back.

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### Honoring Those Who Paid the Ultimate Sacrifice

*Like you, I have been horrified and heartbroken watching the crisis in Afghanistan unfold over the recent days and weeks. Our nation is reeling following a suicide bombing outside the Kabul airport that killed 13 American service members and left an additional 18 wounded. They knew the risk but were in Afghanistan anyway carrying out a selfless mission to help bring others to safety.*

*The service members included an expecting father, a future college engineering student, and a future Sheriff's deputy. Some had only been enlisted a short while, while others had spent years serving our country. The oldest among those killed was only 31 years old and the other 12 were all 25 or younger.*

*These were brothers, sisters, sons, and daughters just a few weeks away from returning home to their families.*

*Those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service are heroes. Their brave actions were responsible for bringing thousands of Americans, Afghans, and our allies to safety. It was through a love of country that these heroes showed dedication and determination to carry out their mission in the face of incredible danger.*

*I join my wife Casey in expressing our condolences to the families of those who were tragically lost in Afghanistan. We thank them for their sacrifice and their incredible bravery to help keep our nation safe. These men and women showed tremendous courage and deserved better, and their names should be honored and remembered:*

- Navy Corpsman Maxton W. Soviak, 22*
- Army Staff Sergeant Ryan C. Knauss, 23*
- Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Darin T. Hoover Jr., 31*
- Marine Corps Sergeant Johanny Rosario Pichardo, 25*
- Marine Corps Sergeant Nicole L. Gee, 23*
- Marine Corps Corporal Hunter Lopez, 22*
- Marine Corps Corporal Daegan W. Page, 23*
- Marine Corps Corporal Humberto A. Sanchez, 22*
- Marine Corps Lance Corporal David L. Espinoza, 20*
- Marine Corps Lance Corporal Jared M. Schmitz, 20*
- Marine Corps Lance Corporal Rylee J. McCollum, 20*
- Marine Corps Lance Corporal Dylan R. Merola, 20*
- Marine Corps Lance Corporal Kareem M. Nikoui, 20*

*God bless our great nation and our brave military men and women.*

*Sincerely,  
Ron DeSantis*



## The Backhoe Chronicles

*By Peter Feaman  
Florida's National Committeeman*

### Did Our Own Funding Contribute to the Development of the Chinese Virus?

September 8—Joseph Stalin, the Communist butcher who ruled Russia for a generation once remarked about Capitalists: “When we hang the capitalists they will sell us the rope we use.”

New documents revealed Tuesday are offering new insights into the scope and target of U.S.-funded research on coronaviruses at the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China and raise new questions over the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic that has killed more than 4.5 million people around the globe.

The more than 900 pages of documents obtained by online investigative news site The Intercept through Freedom of Information Act litigation against the National Institutes of Health (NIH) offer previously undisclosed details of U.S.-based EcoHealth Alliance bat coronavirus research at the lab funded by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).

The revelations also provoked fresh scrutiny of NIAID Director Anthony Fauci, whose been accused by Republican lawmakers of misleading Congress about the extent of U.S. involvement in the Chinese lab's gain-of-function research on coronavirus.

One of the grants awarded to EcoHealth Alliance in 2014 underwrote a \$599,000 study at the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV)—located in the Chinese city where the first COVID cases were officially identified in late 2019—which aimed to “identify and alter bat coronaviruses likely to infect humans.” Scientists and governments are divided over whether the deadly coronavirus developed naturally from exposure to an infected animal or somehow leaked from the lab as the result of research being conducted there. Fauci is complicit and I believe the government knows more than they are telling us.

Stay tuned and simply do not comply. They have already told us too many conflicting stories.

### Mom of Slain Marine Goes Off on Biden

September 1—The family of 20-year-old Rylee McCollum KIA last week in Afghanistan is blaming the death of their son on Joe Biden after he left thousands of troops in Afghanistan in harm's way after his disastrous Afghanistan withdraw.

Rylee's mom, Kathy McCollum, went viral late last week when she told SiriusXM talk show host Andrew Wilkow that she blamed “dementia ridden” Joe Biden for her son's death. “Twenty years and 6 months old, getting ready to go home from freaking Jordan to be home with his wife to watch the birth of his son, and that feckless, dementia-ridden piece of

crap just sent my son to die,” she told Wilkow. “I woke up at 4 o'clock this morning,” McCollum said. “Two Marines at my door telling me that my son was dead.”

“I just want all you Democrats who cheated in the election, or who voted for him legitimately, you just killed my son,” she claimed. “With a dementia-ridden piece of crap who doesn't even know he's in the White House, who still thinks he's a senator.”

Cringeworthy but accurate.



### Governor DeSantis Hits a Home Run . . . Again

August 21—As the United States continues to be plagued with crises both domestic and foreign, the illegal immigration crisis along the U.S. southern border continues with no end in sight.

Once again, Governor Ron DeSantis is leading the charge on illegal immigration, supporting the decision of a federal judge who “blocked” the Biden Administration's new illegal immigrant arresting policy.

“The Biden Administration authorized dangerous criminal aliens to be released into our communities. That policy is not only dangerous but violates the law. Yesterday, that was confirmed by a federal judge,” tweeted Gov. DeSantis.

According to Reuters.com, “A federal judge on Thursday blocked President Joe Biden's administration from enforcing its guidance limiting those who can be arrested and deported by U.S. immigration agents, siding with two Republican-led states—Texas and Louisiana—that had challenged it.”

Not surprisingly, Biden recently announced that only certain levels of immigrants may be arrested, such as high-risk criminals, while his predecessor, President Trump (R) allowed ICE to target low-level offenders.

Trump-appointed U.S. District Judge Drew Tipton, in Corpus Christi, TX., ruled that the February guidance from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency violated federal law requiring that the government “shall detain” people who commit certain crimes or are otherwise deemed eligible for deportation.

DeSantis, who has arguably taken more action on the border than Vice President Harris took to Twitter this week to further chastise the Biden Administration for “dangerous and “law violating policy” that was confirmed by a federal judge and authorized by President Biden.

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### **Republican National Committee**

August 14—Last week I attended the Summer Meeting of the Republican National Committee held in Nashville, Tennessee. Here are some of the highlights from that meeting.

#### **Election Integrity Committee**

The RNC Election Integrity Committee was created in response to the 2020 election. The Committee is chaired by our own Chairman, Joe Gruters, who is doing a terrific job in leading this Committee. Also on the Committee is our National Committeewoman, Kathleen King. A report of the Committee should be out this week but here are some of the highlights.

#### *Legal Actions:*

- The RNC participated in over 58 lawsuits in 23 states spending \$30 million on our legal efforts. A couple of the more notable victories: Republicans and President Trump were victorious in suing the Pennsylvania Secretary of State challenging her unilateral action to extend an important voter ID deadline set by a state law.
- The RNC obtained a monumental Supreme Court victory in *Brnovich v. DNC*. The decision by the Supreme Court allows states to continue to ban the practice of ballot harvesting. This is a crucial win for election integrity that will have positive ramifications for decades to come.
- The RNC intervened successfully in all four of the lawsuits challenging Florida Senate Bill 90, Florida's recent election reform legislation. The RNC intervened successfully in eight lawsuits challenging SB 202, Georgia's election reform legislation including opposing the Department of Justice lawsuit filed against the state of Georgia. The RNC also intervened successfully in the lawsuit challenging the state of Iowa's most recent voting reforms.
- The RNC is preparing to sue the state of Vermont for recent legislation that violates its state constitution by allowing non-citizens to vote in some local elections.
- The RNC has active investigations concerning the voter registration lists in the states of Arizona, California, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia. The RNC will sue any state or local election jurisdiction that is not following the state and federal law for maintaining their voter rolls. The RNC is building the largest election integrity operation in history. The RNC is recruiting, training and activating thousands of volunteers to be at polling locations throughout the entire voting process in all states where necessary.
- There are currently 19 ongoing pieces of litigation in which the RNC is involved, including litigation in Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Arizona and Michigan.
- In North Carolina, the RNC and the North Carolina GOP successfully defeated a North Carolina Board of Elections rule that would have restricted Republican poll watchers. The Board of Elections ultimately backed down. In California, the RNC is actively opposing a rule that would

loosen requirements for officials to pick up ballots from mail-in ballot drop boxes.

- The RNC is actively assisting the Massachusetts GOP with its own request to discover what the Massachusetts authorities have done with tens of thousands of returned absentee ballot applications.

Other activities of the Committee on Election Integrity led by our GOP Chairman, Joe Gruters, are:

- Review what went right and wrong in 2020.
- Develop a strategic plan for the Republican Party on election integrity moving forward by continuing to work in state legislatures across the country to pass laws insuring ballot integrity.
- Organize the most extensive election period operations in history to fight voter fraud. This will include grassroots trainings to cover how to effectively exercise their rights when facing a mistake, fraud or abuse, with extra emphasis on poll workers and poll watchers. You can go to [protect-thevote.com](https://protect-thevote.com) for more information.

#### **The Presidential Debates Committee**

The RNC has also formed a Presidential Debates Committee to improve and streamline the debate process, not only for the Republican presidential primaries, but for the debate process in the general election. The Commission on Presidential Debates must not be a partisan pro-Democrat commission. You will recall in 2016 and 2020, the debates were often too late in the process (taking place after the start of early voting) and the debate moderators were obviously hostile to our Republican candidate.

#### **The Resolutions Committee**

The RNC passed 9 resolutions, including:

- Resolution condemning critical race theory
- Resolution to protect Afghan Nationals who supported the U.S.
- Resolution in support of the Cuban peoples' quest for freedom
- Resolution opposing the overregulation of the Biden administration
- Resolution in support of the Iranian peoples' quest for freedom
- Resolution opposing anti-Semitism

#### **Unity**

As we approach the 2022 mid-term elections and the 2024 presidential election, and in light of the abject failure of the Biden administration, we know that the very survival of our republic depends on the outcome of those elections. Therefore, we must stay unified. Never lose sight of who our political opponents are . . . the progressive left Democrats who are taking our country off a cliff with the active help of Big Tech and the old-line national news media. Our fellow Republicans are not the enemy!

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### PBC Republicans Celebrate Lobsterfeast in Style at Trump National Jupiter

The Republican Party of Palm Beach County held their 20th Annual Lobsterfeast on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at the elegant Trump National Golf Club in Jupiter. The 418 people who attended all enthusiastically agreed it was a terrific event.

GOP Vice Chair Tami Donnally was the emcee for the event and Chairman Michael Barnett started the festivities by welcoming everyone. The Invocation was given by actor Kevin Sorbo and his wife Sam, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Florida State Representative John Snyder, who invited the veterans in the audience to join him onstage. Hadas Levy gave a rousing version of the National Anthem. State Representative Antony Sabatini also spoke.

Florida's Attorney General Ashley Moody was presented with the first annual Florence Teisch Women Inspiring

Republican Leadership Award. Roger Stone was entertaining as always.

The keynote speaker was Matt Schlapp, Chairman of the American Conservative Union, who gave an inspiring speech.

Thanks to all who attended and supported the Republican Party of Palm Beach County. Special thanks to the Lobsterfeast Committee: Linda Stoch, Jay Goldfarb, Bill Wheelen, Kathy and Howard Rensin, Linda Gore, Steven Ledewitz, Sue and Larry Snowden, Nivia Lucero, Ed and Sue Primoff, Jane Pike, and Cindy Orr; to volunteers Kathleen Madaras, Danielle and Lisa Madsen, and Barbara Charlton; and to Kathy and Howard Rensin for the beautiful centerpieces.



Matt Schlapp, Chairman of the American Conservative Union.



Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody is presented with the first annual Florence Teisch Women Inspiring Republican Leadership Award by GOP Chair Michael Barnett.



State Representative John Snyder invited the veterans in attendance to join him onstage as he led the Pledge of Allegiance.



Kevin and San Sorbo gave the Invocation.



Event Chair Linda Stoch with GOP Vice Chair Tami Donnally.



Bill Diamond with PBC State Committeewoma Cindy Tindell and Roger Stone.



*So, there 'tis:*

## Big Lie Versus Big Lies

*By Larry Horist*

*August 23, 2021*

The far left—that combine of Democrats and the compliant media—has coined and standardized the “The Big Lie” as the buzz words for those who continue to claim that President Trump won the election. The term also includes anyone who believes that significant vote fraud was present in the 2020 election—but perhaps not necessarily enough to overturn the election results. Though they lump the two groups together for political propaganda purposes, they are not the same—and it is important to understand the difference.

I fall into that latter category. I have seen the history and the current evidence of real vote manipulation. It does exist in every election. However, I have not yet seen convincing evidence that the election was stolen—but I do not discount that possibility. That has been my view since the election—and nothing has changed it. Yes, I have seen the claims of both sides. I totally disagree with the left’s claim of no vote fraud, but for me, the jury is still out on the scope of the fraud.

With more than 50 years of experience in elections—including investigating and on-the-ground fighting against vote fraud—I can guarantee that the Democrats’ claim of zero vote fraud is . . . well . . . a BIG LIE. It is a dangerous lie because it can lead us to overlook vote fraud and not take protective measures to prevent it as much as possible. And that is the best we can do because it is humanly impossible to completely eliminate vote fraud.

What is amazing to me is how the left-wing media refuses to report on bona fide instances of vote fraud. There are literally thousands of reports of suspected election fraud in conjunction with the 2020 election.

Some of the election fraud is self-evident. We have instances all across the country of vote counts that exceed the number of ballot applications. We know that hundreds of thousands of people who were ineligible voted in the 2020 election—people who no longer resided in the voting district or were dead. Those are *prima facie* cases of vote fraud.

Democrats and their media allies point to the low level of prosecutions for vote fraud. That is because it is not a prosecutable crime in most cases. Because the ballot process is secret, there is no way to trace who might have commit-

ted vote fraud—and no way to correct the miscount even the obvious cases.

Yes, some cases do get prosecuted—and some people are found guilty—but they are few and far between. Prosecutors and judges who owe their positions to the political bosses are not likely to mete out justice to those manipulating the vote count.

That is why prevention is of paramount importance. We must have laws that eliminate or harden the weak spots in the ballots’ chain-of-custody. Laws need to address where vote fraud can happen—and we know it has happened—as a preventative measure. That is what is happening in some 48 states at this moment—and contrary to another BIG LIE, it is not only Republican state legislators voting for these bills. Does the GOP really control the legislatures of 48 states? They are addressing the weak points in the chain-of-custody. They are doing their job—unlike the Texas Democrat legislators who are engaged in a political pout like a toddler not getting his or her way.

Democrats cry that these new laws make it harder to vote—especially for minorities. If ease of voting were the only consideration, then we should have no registration . . . no identification check . . . no special hours. That would most certainly make it easier to vote—and we would truly have no provable cases of vote fraud.

Voting must have REASONABLE limitations—such things as established hours and locations, proper identification, ballot security and accurate tabulating. NOTHING in the election laws being proposed across the country makes it UNREASONABLY difficult for people to register and vote . . . nothing. They do, however, make the process more secure.

In fact, it is left-wing arrogance and elitism—and an insult to poor folks and minorities—to suggest that they are too stupid . . . too incapacitated . . . or even too busy to cast a ballot. Democrats and the left are conjuring up



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those old racist attributions of Negroes as being ignorant and lazy.

Arguably, weeks of early voting makes it unnecessary to even have mail-in ballots except for the truly disabled. Ponder that. Voters have weeks—including weekends—to travel to a nearby location at their convenience to perform what is said to be one of their most sacred rights and responsibilities—and the left says it is too much of a burden. And on top of that we DO have mail-in balloting.

Imagine if Uncle Sam changed the rules and said you could only vote between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on a single day—as was the case for approximately 200 years—but you would get \$1,000 for voting. I bet we would have record turnout. It is not a person's ability to vote under all the expanded rules—or under any of the new laws—it is a matter of willingness.

Maybe because I am of the generation that once had to stand in long lines in rain and cold to cast my vote on Elec-

tion DAY that I have less sympathy for the whiners and snowflakes advancing these preposterous political narratives. If you cannot vote with all the times and ways available to you, then stay home. Just stop all the caterwauling.

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***So, there 'tis...***

**The opinions, perspectives and analyses of Larry Horist**

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## Crowd of Candidates Jockey to Challenge Frankel

By George Blumel

As in 2020, there is a crowded field of Republicans itching to take on incumbent U.S. Rep. Lois Frankel in District 21. Five have announced, so far.

Last month we introduced **Dan Franzese** on this page as he signed the Term Limits Pledge. This month **Keith Feit** (pictured) signed the pledge to “cosponsor and vote for the Term Limits Amendment of three (3) House terms and two (2) Senate terms and no longer limit.” For many, the pledge is the first and simplest filter when evaluating candidates.

We’ll be following all the candidates until the primary election in August 2022 asking for their positions on current issues so that we can make an informed decision on our choice to represent us. In the meantime, here are the candidates and their websites:

**Keith Feit** [feit2022.org](http://feit2022.org)  
**Dan Franzese** [danforfl.com](http://danforfl.com)  
**Jeffrey Buongiorno** [jeff2022.com](http://jeff2022.com)  
**Rod Dorilas** [roddorilas.com](http://roddorilas.com)  
**Ljubo Skrbic** *no website reported yet*

So far, so good!

We stress the importance of limiting the terms of politicians because of the harm done to our republic by career politicians who will do almost anything to get reelected. The greatest influence on professional pols are their party leadership and their special interest supporters, a/k/a lobbyists.

It takes a lot of money to run against an incumbent. Plus, name recognition gives the entrenched officeholder a tremendous advantage. And that discourages many qualified challengers from running against the odds.

Fortunately, these challengers understand the importance of defeating Rep. Frankel, one of the “worst of a bad lot,” as I call her in my blog, *Poster Children for Term Limits*. It is worth revisiting the Frankel post (<https://posterchildrenfortermlimits.com/a-career-of-reckless-spending/>) for campaign ammo. Our candidates see what the left-wing Congress is doing to our constitutional republic and they feel they must *do something* about it.

Rep. Frankel is a typical lifetime politician. She was in the Florida legislature for fourteen years (1986–1992 and 1994–2002) when the legislative Term Limits Amendment—which she opposed—took effect. She was mayor of West Palm Beach (2003–2011) leaving office due to term limits but not without a fight. She tried—but failed—to upend the voter-approved 8-year term limit.

Then she was elected to Congress in 2011. It will be a while before we term limit Congress, so now we must take

the direct approach by challenging her reelection with a serious candidate in 2022. Let’s do it!

Frankel’s opposition to term limits is of a piece with her general aggrandizement of government at the expense of the citizenry. She has supported, and has been supported by, Big Government left-wing groups.

She was member of the openly socialistic **Congressional Progressive Caucus**, founded in 1991 by Bernie Sanders. In 2018 she was joined by a batch of freshmen as the Democrat Party lurched further to the left, including **Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez**, **Rashida Tlaib**, **Ilhan Omar** and others.

Paraphrasing St. Matthew, it is “by their votes ye shall know them.” So, check her voting record as scored by analytical groups (click on the name for voting details):

**Americans for Democratic Action** (ADA) gives her about 90% as a measure of political liberalism.

**Citizens Against Government Waste** awards her the lowest score of **zero** as “**Hostile to Taxpayers**.”

**National Taxpayers Union** (NTU) gives her an “F” as a “**Big Spender**.”

**The Club for Growth** rates her at about 7 of a 100 on votes that affect economic growth, such as lower taxes, balanced budgets,

free trade, term limits, school choice, and other factors affecting freedom and prosperity.

**Heritage Action** is the policy advocacy affiliate of the conservative Heritage Foundation, the opposite of socialism. As expected, Frankel scores 4% of 100%.

Some other political positions: Against the Second Amendment and for gun control; Against repeal of Obamacare; For socialistic Medicare for All; For economy-killing federal regulation of greenhouse gas emissions; For extreme pro-abortion laws—she just filed a bill against state abortion bans. She follows the party line faithfully.

Bottom line: Lois Frankel is a far-left careerist in full support of Speaker Pelosi’s and President Biden’s agenda of massive spending increases and regulating all aspects of our lives.




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## Dismiss Biden’s National Security Team NOW!

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On October 7, 2001, in response to al-Qaeda’s 9/11/2001 attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, U.S. and allied forces invaded Afghanistan, deposed the radical Islamist Taliban regime that hosted the terrorists, and destroyed al-Qaeda’s terrorist training camps.

In August 2021, President Biden recklessly ordered U.S. forces to withdraw from Afghanistan, abandoning more than 15,000 Americans, thousands of allied forces, some 100,000 Afghans who helped the U.S., and about 20 million Afghan women and girls to the mercy of the barbaric Taliban.

Here are some of the Biden Administration’s major missteps that have led to this catastrophic situation:

1. The Administration does not understand or is unwilling to acknowledge the barbaric Taliban and radical Islam, and their imposition of the most brutal version of Sharia (Islamic law), which rules every aspect of life in the form of physical and cultural terror.
2. Biden and his Administration do not understand and deliberately ignore the Taliban’s radical Islamist ideology and their inter-relationship with neighboring Islamists: Iran, Qatar, Pakistan, and Turkey, and the authoritarian countries of China, Russia, North Korea.
3. Biden and his administration either forgot or deliberately ignored all the lessons of 9/11. Biden’s hasty withdrawal ‘gifted’ Islamists an entire country where they can train terrorists from all over the world.
4. The Administration deviously abandoned the massive Bagram Air Force Base, where U.S. and allied forces could have stayed, as they did in Japan, South Korea, Europe, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
5. Biden and his team ignored the negative impact of this hasty, chaotic, and disastrous withdrawal on America’s status as the world’s superpower, which it had maintained prior to Biden’s election. He did not consult or coordinate with our allies, as he claimed he would do. He also abandoned American civilians living throughout the country, and he abandoned our Afghan allies as well.
6. The Biden Administration ‘gifted’ to the Taliban tens of billions of dollars’ worth of sophisticated weapons,

including helicopters and drones, some of which the Taliban is already using to terrorize the population. Some have already been sold to China and Iran.

7. Just as previous U.S. governments and their allies have done, the Biden



Administration has ignored the fact that Afghanistan produces 90% of the opium in the world, which kills millions of people all over the world, including Americans. This opium fills the pockets of the terrorists, while corrupting and killing their ‘infidel’ enemies all over the world.

8. Biden and his team could have delayed the ill-fated withdrawal to the wintertime, when the Taliban’s movements are necessarily restricted.
9. The Biden Administration did not remove high-level Taliban or Al-Qaida or ISIS terrorists from Afghan jails to Guantanamo. But the Taliban quickly released all Islamist prisoners who, as a result, are now



free to attack Americans and others again.

10. The Biden team also ‘gifted’ the Taliban with the biometric data of the Afghans who worked with the U.S., as well as civilian contractors, including Americans and other nationals, who would and could be targeted by the Taliban, al-Qaeda, and the terrorist Haqqani network.

Very rarely in life do governmental or corporate officials make simultaneous blunders of this magnitude. Biden’s disastrous Afghanistan debacle is unprecedented in U.S. history. Was it due to naïvety, stupidity, incompetence, poor judgment, or was this done deliberately, as part of the Obama/Biden/Harris plan to weaken America.

A major and swift civil and criminal investigation is required, perhaps under the auspices of the Supreme Court, to untangle the catastrophic failure of the withdrawal from Afghanistan and punish those responsible.

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The top leaders and spokespersons of the following governmental entities should be placed on immediate administrative leave without pay. The subsequent investigation should focus on:

1. The President and his National Security staff.
2. All U.S. intelligence agency directors reporting to the President.
3. The DOD and Joint Chief of Staff's advice to the President.
4. The Secretary of State's and staff's advice to the President.
5. The DHS Secretary's and staff's advice to the President on Afghanistan's terrorism threat and increased drug-trafficking implications throughout the world.
6. House Speaker Pelosi and her staff's advice to the President.
7. Senate Majority leader Schumer and his staff's advice to the President.
8. VP Harris's and her staff's advice to the President.
9. White House media and social media staff's advice to the President.
10. The White House medical staff for not alerting Congress to Biden's diminishing cognitive capabilities.

Due to the devastating damage instigated by Biden's orders for early withdrawal from Afghanistan, and judging by the President's recent appearances, it is crucial to find out whether he is cognitively competent to carry out his duties as the President of the United States.

President Biden and his Administration have caused tremendous damage to America's credibility and influence in the world. Biden's efforts to fulfill Obama's promise to end the U.S. superpower status and to downgrade it into just another country in the world will be difficult to reverse. Biden's 'gifting' of Afghanistan to the Taliban, especially on the eve of the twentieth anniversary of al Qaeda's attack on



Taliban executing an Afghan woman.

America, has elevated the Islamist terrorist threat to the U.S. and to the rest of the world. His actions diminished the U.S. global influence and lost the trust of America's allies.

It is important to consider necessary and immediate steps to remove this President and his progressively incompetent Administration before more harm is done to America's national security.

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### Remembering 9/11

Saw a pretty amazing thing tonight at the gym. This firefighter was on the stair climber in full equipment, including his mask and oxygen tank. After about a half hour, I saw him finishing and taking his gear off so I went over to tell him how much I respected what he was doing. I figured he was training for a firefighter exam, but when I commented on it, he exclaimed, "110 floors! Took me 30 minutes, 10 seconds." 110 floors . . . OMG. It's September 11 and he had just climbed the equivalent of 110 floors like the firefighters did in the World Trade Center. Apparently, this is a tradition that many firefighters do to honor the 343 firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty that day. It's a helluva tribute! #110floors #september11 #neverforget

*Posted by Michele Merrell on Facebook*



## Are You Kidding Me?

By CS Bennett

Are you kidding me? Our leaders have at their beckoning, the full resources of the CIA, NSA, Defense Intelligence Agency, State Department, and classified organizations I dare not mention here—some with unlimited and undisclosed budgets—and yet, we did not see this upheaval coming, according to the Biden Administration. So, why do most of these over-funded secret organizations exist? Next question is, who are we up against? Let's see, the rag-tag Taliban, who is supposed to be cooperating with us; ISIS-K (Islamic State Khorasan); and the infamous Al Qaeda, both who are our sworn enemies. Between the three, they are now controlling various areas of Afghanistan. It is in their killer hands that lies the fate of our defenseless American citizens, and those who aided us over the past twenty years, and yes, every one of them abandoned by this illegitimate administration. Expect stories of torture, rape, and beheadings in the future. No doubt, Biden has blood on his hands.

Much like in Vietnam, we spent billions fighting a long and protracted insurgency war, spilled the precious blood of thousands of our best and finest, and for what? In the end, North Vietnam took control of South Vietnam, and now, the Taliban has retaken, to some degree, control over Afghanistan. During the Trump administration, they feared us, and so did the other world powers. Al Qaeda was a group we had not heard from in years. ISIS was put down by our deadly commandos once Trump unleashed them. Because Democrat leadership does not look at the United States as being the world's superpower (more like we should *not* be the world's sole superpower), then why should we be expected to conduct business, or fight, like we are a superpower? Makes sense to me. So, they allow us to get bullied, threatened, and kicked around by Third World countries. Now, that I find deplorable.

It is understandable that when you do not conduct yourself as a respected and feared superpower, others are not going to treat you, or fear you, on that level. And that is where we are today in our foreign policy. It is a failed policy that has cost us the lives of thirteen brave United States uniformed warriors, two of them women. And we seem not to be outraged. I do not get it. Sure, they'll have solemn services for all of the fallen, attended by the Washington elites, and then it's back to business as usual inside the Beltway. No one is held accountable and no explanation offered for what is apparently incompetence or outright treason. To allow billions of dollars worth of weapons to remain behind is a dereliction of duty. To run with our tails between our legs, while other Americans are being dragged, beaten, raped, and killed behind enemy lines, is unconscionable. It leaves a bad taste in our mouths.

A true leader, one who is a true commander-in-chief, would not have allowed what happened in Afghanistan to



happen. A true leader of the world's greatest economy, and most capable and powerful military, would not have allowed what happened there to happen. The thought of people fleeing and then being turned away by us, is inexcusable, intolerable, and, frankly, it makes my blood boil. It is a shameful and unbecoming image of America, and nothing the United States should ever be associated with or be portrayed as. Because of what happened, many older war veterans are ticked off. When are our spineless politicians going to be as committed as they expect us in the military to be when they use us as the tip of the spear of America's diplomacy? We are flesh and blood, you know. If you do your jobs, we can do ours. Fail to, and all I can say is you are a disgrace to your country. And that includes you, Biden. Yes, I am fuming. As a wartime veteran (Desert Storm), I have a right to be.

Most of us know that an American president, cut out of the cloth of a General George S. Patton, would have given those who dared challenge our resolve, an ultimatum: "You have twelve hours to release our people or face hellfire and brimstone raining down on you, and I am talking on a biblical level. There will be no peace or place on planet earth you will be able to hide from us, and no disguise you can put on to fade away into the shadows. Understand this partner, we will find you. We will hunt you down. Hurt one hair on any American and anyone you believed helped us, and that is the day you will violently meet your maker, and I emphasize violently. Afterwards, I will ask the Almighty for his love, mercy, and forgiveness. Still not convinced. So, you think you are tough, the bad of the baddest? Well, allow me reintroduce to you our own brand of bad asses should you refuse to release our people, and immediately. You do not kick us in the gut and expect not to have your teeth knocked out, women and baby killers that you are.

"Thinking of resting well tonight? Don't count on it. Already in your country are members of our elite Special Operations community, to include Delta Force, SEAL Team 6, U.S. Marine Raiders (MARSOC), U.S. Army Spe-

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cial Forces (Green Berets), U.S. Army Rangers, a highly classified CIA clandestine paramilitary unit, and a no-nonsense, take-no-prisoners U.S. Air Force Combat Controller Team, all with their sights on you. So, in the spirit of Moses, you are warned; let our people go! And should you contemplate taking this to the next level, thinking Red China will come to your aid, we can summon our well-trained, and formidable, regular armed forces and settle this right here, and right now! Still want to take us on?”

Yes, this is the ultimatum a real American leader would give. A U.S. president would never compromise with cold-blooded killers, not with the power the president and this country wields. Such a president would give Russia, North Korea, and especially China, a stern warning: “Stay out of

this!” In all honesty, do not expect anything like this ultimatum from this current not-ready-for-prime-time administration. Sure, they may lob a few cruise missiles and claim that they did something, but when all is said and done, what they failed to do at the onset of this debacle, and well before it began, is shameful and defenseless. All I can pray is that the Almighty sees to it that our people are returned home safely and soon. We also pray that a real leader will return to Washington, DC, and finish cleaning house there, and soon. . . .

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So awesome to see my father down with the great heroes from the NYPD and the FDNY on this somber day [9/11/2021]. Incredible group of men and women and it's not often that you see those guys I'll get together in a photo. Donald Trump creating unity amongst a great New York friendly rivalry. Thanks to all you first responders for all that you do.

—Donald Trump, Jr.

## Read a Book

By Stephen Weiland

Jean Baptiste Alphonse Karr, a French critic, journalist, and novelist in the 19th century, once coined the phrase “*the more things change, the more they stay the same,*” so there is a great deal to be learned from the study of history as it actually happened so we can learn from it and avoid the mistakes of the past. Given this prompt, I’ve collected a few of thousands of quotes from the past that illustrate this point and point a direction for the future.

One of many points of reference are the writings of Alexander Fraser Tytler, aka Lord Woodhouselee (1747–1813). Tytler was a Scottish advocate, judge, writer, and historian of note, having served as Professor of Universal History and Greek and Roman Antiquities at the University of Edinburgh. Professor Tytler published a work entitled *The Eight Stages of Democracy*, in which he wrote:

*A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world’s greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence:*

- ★ *From bondage to spiritual faith;*
- ★ *From spiritual faith to great courage;*
- ★ *From courage to liberty;*
- ★ *From liberty to abundance;*
- ★ *From abundance to selfishness;*
- ★ *From selfishness to apathy;*
- ★ *From apathy to dependence;*
- ★ *From dependence back into bondage.*

Today we are retreating from *apathy to dependence*, as we have not heeded the warnings of Benjamin Franklin, who famously wrote that “*when people find they can vote themselves money, that will be the end of the republic.*”

Winston Churchill opined “*If you’re under thirty and not a Liberal, you have no heart. If you’re over thirty and not a Conservative, you have no brain.*”

Recalling the Fall of the Athenian Empire, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the “Iron Lady,” had this to say, “*In the end, more than freedom, they wanted security. They wanted a comfortable life, and they lost it all—security, comfort, and freedom. When the Athenians finally wanted not to give to society but for society to give to them, when the freedom they wished for most was freedom from responsibility, then Athens ceased to be free and was never free again.*”

She also wrote “*Socialism is great until you run out of other people’s money.*”

Barack Obama opined in his presidential campaign “*Isn’t it time we distribute the wealth?*”

Jean Baptiste Alphonse Karr implied, if we don’t read the lessons of history we are doomed to relive them. In today’s “woke” milieu we are courting doom. The chic current-day millennials, the social justice warriors, the guilt ridden billionaires, the virtue signaling righteous, BLM, Antifa, CRT, the 1619 Project, the far left and the new age Marxists—all ignorant of history—have discovered a new Utopia. But there is nothing new here. Plato, Thomas More, Thomas Hobbes, Karl Marx, and countless others all defined a Utopia where a “truly benevolent and wise” government gains the trust and following of the citizens and makes all the rules, much to the satisfaction of the citizens. Unfortunately, history still waits for this Utopia to arrive.

Throughout history men of wisdom, experience and analysis have examined human nature. The works they’ve written have survived the test of ages. Their works have populated the “Great Books” courses recently taught but now banned in universities. Why? Human nature doesn’t change. The environment in which we express our nature does change but the basic human nature elements—love, hate, greed, avarice, charity, power, pride, lust—don’t change. Human nature remains a constant and wise men throughout the ages know this and have written of it. But nowadays few read or listen. These books of wisdom and knowledge were written by “ancient old men” who were not Politically Correct, who had no Internet, who didn’t give in to the urges of their passions, who railed against the need for self-aggrandizement, who faulted the primacy of self, who objected to the overriding dictates of Pride.

I advise. These men and their works did understand who we were then and who we are now. Please read them and learn. Start with the Bible.




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## You Are Your Responsibility!

*By Colonel Arthur DeRuve (U.S. Army, Ret.)*

It is clear to all that we are living through a chaotic political era. Unfortunately, we are not working as one to contain the chaos. There is constant finger pointing, particularly among the members of the Democrat Party, although it is the source of most of the chaos. Although I can compel you to listen to what I have to say, I cannot compel you to understand most of it.

The Democrat Party has done everything from setting race against race, age group against age group, sex against sex, et al. It is its way of fomenting disturbances that are shaking the very foundation upon which our nation is built. The Democrat Party has done everything from causing street riots to condemning all of our past great leaders and founders since our nation's inception. The question is, then, what can you do to improve the situation and restore the love and admiration of the United States of America? What advice may I offer my reading audience to restore the admiration of the greatest freest nation in the world; the greatest freest nation in the history of the world?

What advice may I offer particularly to the young people who will be most impacted by this unfortunate recent turn of events? Simply a few words of encouragement for the future based on what life has taught me and my family. The key to my advice is that you'll get out of life what you put into it, your future therefore is up to you. If you put hard work, effort, and initiative into your political future you and our nation will be rewarded with a restoration of the magnificence past onto us by our Founding Fathers.

If you put the same type of hard work, effort and initiative into a working career you'll be rewarded with better jobs and better pay. If you put the same type of hard work, effort and initiative into making a good home; into loving your families, your spouse, your children and your neighbors, you will be rewarded with love in return.

Do not make the mistake of blaming others for your failures. Don't blame the system. If you fail it will not be society's fault, your family's fault, your school's fault, your work environment's fault; it will be *your* fault. If you succeed you can walk with your head high, knowing that you succeeded because of what you put into it.



Certainly the people and institutions around you have an effect on you, but your motivation to do well is what will determine your ultimate success or failure. None of these things will be accomplished by smashing store windows, setting police cars on fire, or in any other way bringing chaos to our otherwise enviable way of life.

The United States of America has been the leader in the march to the ideal example of the desirable way of life. It has led the way successfully to the betterment not only of its own citizens but of virtually all the countries of the world since 1776. I wish you luck and good fortune as the future generations of my family depend on it.

**God Bless America!**

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## We Lost Our Honor in Afghanistan

*By Alan Bergstein*

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It's fitting to begin this piece with a request for our readers to offer a silent prayer for the souls of our 13 military heroes murdered in Kabul last week. May their souls rest in peace. These men and women, from all walks of life, embodied what America once stood for: Honor, loyalty and devotion to country. We fear these traits have been ripped from our legacy.

By the time you read this column, the deadline for the removal of all Americans, military and civilian, together with the thousands of those Afghans who were loyal to our forces, has already passed. And there is no doubt that an unknown number of the above have been left behind, amid the confusion and panic caused by the incompetence of our brainless and spineless military and political leaders, who have insulted us by calmly repeating, over and over that they did as well as they could in that primitive land. These brazen liars who all read from the same script—White House truth fabricators Jen Psaki, Anthony Blinken, Jake Sullivan, John Kirby, and their counterpart cowardly military midgets Mark Milley and Lloyd Austin—should all be whisked out of their cozy offices and dropped into the Taliban cesspool of hell to get their just desserts for their involvement in pushing the acts of criminal disloyalty to this country that borders on treason. What are the odds that a congressional investigation will ever be mounted to discover who was behind the pathetic panicked retreat from Afghanistan? No way! They're too busy digging into the "January 6th Conspiracy."

We'll sadly say, with all honesty, that although President Biden is obviously suffering from some mental/judgment impairment, he calls the shots. He is the Commander in Chief of all of our armed forces and what orders he gives, must be carried out. As he told us last week, "The buck stops here!" But that's not the best of news for us to hear at this time. Former Secretary of Defense, under Obama/Biden, Robert Gates, has voiced repeatedly, "I think he [Biden] has been wrong on nearly every major foreign policy and national security issue over the past four decades." This statement has so far hit a home run for accuracy. Look at the Biden-caused chaos at our southern border, his re-entry into the Paris Accords, cozying up to Hamas, and making us once again energy dependent on our enemies. And with nearly three and a half years left in his term to look forward to, that's indeed scary. Joe, as VP, was against the assassination of Osama bin Laden. He's not a man of character. He has lied about his achievements and plagiarized the words of others in his speeches. But now he sits as leader of the free world. How was that made possible?

And he's criminally crashed in Afghanistan. Biden robotically read to us that he has extracted a promise from the Taliban that this group of primitive savages will guarantee the safe exodus of left-behind Americans and those Afghans who formerly worked with us, who wish to leave that war-ravaged land. He believes them. Is he familiar with

the term, "Taqiya," a Koranic order that requires Muslims to lie to infidels when dealing with them? Evidently not. Arafat used that with President Clinton when signing the Oslo Accords, and the Mullahs of Iran pulled the same stunt with Obama with the Iran Nuclear Deal. Biden has bought another bridge over the East River. A massive human disaster looms. No one in authority, not even Biden himself has addressed the major concern of many that the women of Afghanistan, under the Taliban will once again be treated as less-thans. When we took over in 2001, women were given the freedom to doff their burkas, go to school, and learn to read and write, to become professionals, to have human rights. But now they will be forcibly returned to the Islamic dark ages. But where is the American women's movement on this? Where is Linda Sarsour, herself an American Muslim, who led marches against President Trump, accusing him of being a woman abuser? Where are the voices of Congresswomen Omar, Tlaib, AOC and Pressley, the Gang of Four, to warn the Taliban not to revert to the rape, beating and humiliation of their women? Not a word. Should they not know better?

We've always believed in the superiority of the American military leadership. Our generals and admirals were the bravest and finest. So how did none of them speak up publicly to oppose the order to first pull out our troops from Afghanistan and then, without military protection, follow up by evacuating our own (defenseless) civilians and Afghan allies? What buck private would simply hand over \$83 billion of our most modern weapons to our enemy? And who among our military leaders nodded in approval when the highly fortified and secure Bagram airbase was turned over to the Taliban, leaving us the use of the single-runway, indefensible civilian airport located smack in the middle of Kabul? Have our be-medaled military leaders suddenly become "yes men" for Biden? Have they sacrificed their honor and loyalty and pledges to their country in order to gain future promotions or jobs in the military/industrial complex? Are they too busy transforming our warriors into a "woke" fighting force? Are not our enemies in Russia, China, Iran and North Korea, licking their lips, not fearing our ability to ward off any of their aggressions in the future? Israel, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan will now feel the heat. Their futures are bleak.

A dark cloud has formed over our country with this fiasco unfolding in Afghanistan. Sadly, our nation has sunk to a near low. We're leaderless. Nationally we are at one another's throats. Blacks against whites, have-nots versus haves, our school systems in shambles, the Chinese Virus crippling every industry, no longer energy independent, Congress bankrupting the nation and our southern border wide open to one and all. But, nevertheless, we pray that the New Year will bring us all a glimmer of hope for the future. So, to one and all, take a deep breath, with or without a mask.

## Op-Ed: Twenty Years After 9/11; We're Far Weaker, More Divided Than Ever

*By Caren Besner  
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*Freedom is never more than a generation away from extinction.*  
— Ronald Reagan

It has been 20 years since the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks which killed nearly 3000 of our fellow Americans and the full impact of that monumental day in our history has yet to be realized. There have been other such dates in our history; dates on which our world irrevocably changed and nothing would ever be the same again. December 7, 1941 (*the day Pearl Harbor was bombed*) and November 22, 1963 (*the day JFK was assassinated*), are two other dates that come to mind. The events that occurred on all three of these dates shook us to our very core, aroused us out of our malaise and marked the end, in a way, of an “*Age of Innocence*.”

In the aftermath of those three dates, the country grieved, mourned, and came together in a way that has been rarely seen in our history. In the case of 9/11, there was a groundswell of patriotism, as millions of American homes proudly displayed the flag and every other car on the road seemed to display a smaller version attached to the rear window or bumper. Countless numbers of young Americans volunteered to enlist in the armed forces while a widely reproduced editorial cartoon from that time, depicted a NYC police officer and fireman superimposed over the NYC skyline. Underneath was the caption: “*The NEW twin towers of New York City.*”

How far we have come since those heady post 9/11 days when the country stood united, even if only for a brief period of time. Today, the radical left seems to be in control, and we are experiencing a psychological affliction, where *everything* we had previously held sacred, has been turned upside down. We now live in a world where our children are being taught to judge one another by the color of their skin and police officers are subject to scorn and hate. Police Departments across the nation are being cut

back, restrained, and defunded while crime skyrockets, homelessness soars, and tens of thousands of Americans die annually, thanks to the drugs which pour over our now open Southern border along with hundreds of thousands of unvetted illegal aliens, many of them COVID positive, from over 150 countries every month.



This is occurring even as the U.S. is preparing to take in hundreds of thousands of refugees while our government is pushing vaccination/mask mandates and passports. We have established a welfare state where creativity initiative and the desire to succeed have given way to idleness, sloth, indolence, and the sole pursuit of pleasure. Our previously held value system is no longer held in high esteem. Ideas such as individual responsibility, the nuclear family, religious observance, patriotism, and love of country are outdated and ridiculed. The family unit is being superseded by the state as the sole provider of succor, sustenance, information and education, while all religious traditions (except Islam) have been degraded. We have succeeded in replacing the biblical Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse with a more appropriate updated version: Identity Politics, Wokeness, Cancel Culture and Critical Race Theory.

Our history continues to be subject to revision, even as statues of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln continue to be defaced or toppled. Our education system has become a propaganda tool of the far left with the introduction of Critical Race Theory and the 1619 Project, while our higher learning institutions are fertile breeding grounds for anti-America hate. The flag, which millions of Americans so proudly displayed after 9/11 is now regarded as a symbol of repression and racism, while the national anthem is mocked. Entire teams at major sporting events now routinely “*take the knee*” during the playing of The Star Spangled Banner. This would have been unthinkable in the aftermath of 9/11. Our national debt is soaring and energy prices spiking, while the inflation tax is taking an ever-increasing bite out of our income.

On a single day, January 20, 2021, we went from being an energy independent nation to a dependent one, as Joe Biden, with the stroke of a pen, virtually shut down domestic energy production, while giving the green light to Vladimir Putin to complete the North Star pipeline from Russia to Western Europe. We are now reduced to begging the gulf oil states and even Russia, to increase their production so that we may begin importing from them. The signs are all unmistakable. The United States of America is slowly dying; the threads that hold us together as a civilization are slowly unraveling.



How far we have come since those heady post 9/11 days when the country stood united, even if only for a brief period of time. File photo: Walter Cicchetti, Shutterstock.com, licensed.

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The aftermath of the 9/11 attacks produced a curious attitude among some Americans who began to question who was really at fault. In an act that can only be described as self-flagellation, there were those who determined that we ourselves were. The Bush administration added fuel to the fire by refusing to dwell on the origins, motives, and religious affiliation of the attackers; calling them instead: terrorists or extremists. The Obama administration expanded on this idea, ruling out all references to Islam and Muslims in its daily briefings, training manuals, and operations. How can you fight an enemy you cannot even name? Given current trends, it may very well come to pass that in years to come, even the terms “terrorist” and “extremist” will be deemed unacceptable. Perhaps Congresswoman Ilhan Omar gave us a possible glimpse of this new narrative when she stated that on September 11, 2001: “Some people . . . did something.” Although we did *not* realize it at the time, September 11, 2001 marked the beginning of a paradigm shift in American thought, ideas, and opinions away from traditional American values to a more liberal/left approach.

This was especially true among our young people. Our youth will bear most of the burden of the inevitable changes that will ensue. They will be the first of this new “*Lost Generation*” to be unable to achieve the same standard of living as their parents. The subsequent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the disillusionment following the failure of the “*Arab Spring*” Movement to effect any meaningful change only added to the psychological apathy we were undergoing. After 20 years, trillions of dollars spent, thousands of lives lost, and tens of thousands of others wounded, what do we have to show for all that sacrifice?

In our hubris, we actually believe that an area of the world, deeply immersed in Tribalism, Sectarianism, and Fundamentalism would *want* to embrace our own value system. This would include the establishment of a liberal Parliamentary government, universal women’s suffrage, LGBTQ rights, and secular as opposed to Sharia law. The new Biden administration has continued this mindset and even expanded upon it. In what can only be described as a state of extreme naiveté, willful ignorance or purposeful intent, Biden’s U.N. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield recently spoke of writing a “*strongly worded letter*” to the Taliban, chastising them for the treatment of Afghan women, while Secretary of State Antony Blinken bemoaned the “*lack of diversity and gender equity*” in the new Taliban government. This was occurring as U.S. foreign policy was collapsing all around him. We are *now* paying the price for our stupidity, arrogance, and incompetence. All of our efforts have come to naught, not just in Afghanistan but throughout the Middle East. Libya, Yemen, and Iraq are for all practical purposes, failed nation states where various terrorist groups are re-grouping and have re-emerged as a viable force, while the conflict in Syria has resulted in some one million dead with millions more displaced.

As for Afghanistan, despite Joe Biden’s claim of the evacuation as an “*extraordinary success*,” it was in fact a complete

debacle. In our haste to leave, we walked out leaving an untold number of our own citizens and thousands of Afghan allies behind. Afghanistan under the Taliban, will once again become a haven for terrorists; only now, they are far more powerful since they are the beneficiaries of \$83 billion worth of some of the most sophisticated military equipment on Earth. We have elevated them to Rock Star status in the Islamic world. Recruitment to the Jihadist cause will escalate as this is seen as a major victory over the U.S. and the West. Pakistan, which has funded the Taliban and provided logistical support and a safe haven, who must be given credit for their role in the Taliban’s victory, was given tens of billions of dollars in American aid over the last two decades, even as Washington acknowledged that much of the money disappeared into unaccounted sinkholes.

Twenty years after 9/11; we are far weaker and more divided than ever before. The collapse of the “*Pax Americana*” has created a vacuum which our enemies are only too happy to fill. Our standing among the nations of the world is greatly diminished. Our enemies regard us with disdain and contempt, while our allies, wary and afraid, might soon seek some form of accommodation with our adversaries. We introduced and maintained substantial military forces into Iraq and Afghanistan, ostensibly with the goal of fighting terrorism, but that mission quickly morphed into nation building, a task for which we were not prepared and ill-equipped. We failed to recognize that the war on terror is in fact a low level multi-generational conflict; a task which requires succeeding generations to secure our borders and maintain extra vigilance. The very thought of this type of conflict is anathema to the American people who seek a short swift victory.

There is however, one small consolation. We are finally able to actually identify the enemy by name. The problem is that it is NOT the Taliban, ISIS-K or al-Qaeda. The REAL enemy, as Joe Biden has informed us are “*white supremacists*.” That is interpreted by the Democrat Party and the radical left as *anyone* who might have voted for Donald Trump for President. Accordingly, the entire U.S. military were ordered to “*stand down*” while an internal investigation was conducted to identify any possible Trump supporters within the ranks.

We now bear a stark resemblance to Imperial Rome and the Soviet Union in the last years before their inevitable collapse. Perhaps this is the fate of all great civilizations. The late eminent British historian Arnold Toynbee stated it best when he wrote: “*Civilizations, I believe, come to birth and proceed to grow by successfully responding to successive challenges. They break down and go to pieces if and when a challenge confronts them which they fail to meet.*”

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## Are Saul Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals" Finally Being Implemented in America Today?

*Conservative Commentary by Chuck Lehmann*

*August 24, 2021*

Saul Alinsky, dubbed the father of "Community Organizing," died 49 years ago, but his legacy in transforming America is alive and well and being implemented by a very militant, vocal group of elected politicians, and vocal advocates in the media, academia and Hollywood.

Let's look at what Saul Alinsky proposed when he was alive and see if his advice in his book of "Rules for Radicals" are happening in America today, under the guise of the misused term of "social justice." Here is a summary of the main points of Alinsky's rules.

**Healthcare**—control health care and you control the people.

**Poverty**—increase the poverty level as high as possible; poor people are easier to control and will not fight back if you are providing everything for them to live.

**Debt**—increase the debt to an unsustainable level. That way you are able to raise taxes, and this will produce more poverty. The recent trillion-dollar proposals in Congress, laden with "pork" and pushed by Biden, are perfect examples of this rule.

**Gun Control**—remove the ability of people to defend themselves from the government and criminals. That way you are able to create a police state.

**Welfare**—take control of every aspect of people's lives. Ex: food, housing, and income.

**Education**—take control of what people read and listen to—take control of what children learn in school. Ex: Critical Race Theory and the 1619 Project.

**Religion**—remove the belief in God from government and schools.

**Class Warfare**—divide the people into wealthy and the poor. This will cause more discontent and it will be easier to take (tax) from the wealthy with the support of the poor.

Can you all relate to these rules as to what is happening in the United States today? This transformation scenario of Saul Alinsky is right out of the Karl Marx and Vladimir Lenin playbooks. That Soviet "butcher" Josef Stalin, succes-

or to Lenin, described converts to Marxism/Socialism as "Useful Idiots." Who are useful idiots today in our country? Would they be many in the left-leaning Democrat Party?

Two of our most prominent Democrat politicians have embraced the writings of Saul Alinsky; they are Hillary Clinton and former President Barack Obama. Hillary Clinton wrote a college thesis at Wellesley College about the policies put forth by Alinsky, and Obama taught classes on Alinsky as a Community Organizer and at the University of Chicago, in a course called "Power Analysis."

Obama's favorite rule from Alinsky's book was rule #13 which states, "Pick the target, freeze it, personalize it, and polarize it." During Obama's political career he had attacked "fat cat bankers," "greedy health insurers," and millionaires and billionaires (an irony is that today, Obama fits into the class of a multi-millionaire).

In our country today we have some real Marxist/Socialists in the persons of Senator Bernie Sanders, Representatives Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar, Rashida Tlaib, Ayanna Pressley, and Cori Bush, and a few other less vocal adherents to the Marxist/Socialist philosophy. They are all members of the Democrat Party.

In addition, we just so happen to have some very prominent Democrat politicians who would fit into the category of Stalin's "Useful Idiots"; they are Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer.

This coming off-year election in 2022, will be one of the most important consequential elections in our recent history, as it will be a chance to put a roadblock into the implementation of the Marxist/Socialist agenda of the Democrat Party, and the final implementation of Alinsky's "Rules for Radicals."

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**Monthly Quotables**

“Have you noticed how strikingly similar both the mindsets and actions between the suicide bombers at Kabul’s airport, and the anti-mask and anti-vax people here? They both blow themselves up, inflict harm on those around them, and are convinced they are fighting for freedom.”

*Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education under former President Obama, 2009 to 2016. Now-deleted tweet from August 29*

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From the August 23 press briefing:

**Fox News’ White House Correspondent Peter Doocy:** “Does the president have a sense that most of the criticism is not of leaving Afghanistan? It’s the way that he has ordered it to happen by pulling the troops before getting these Americans who are now stranded. Does he have a sense of that?”

**White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki:** “I think it’s irresponsible to say Americans are stranded. They are not. We are committed to bringing Americans who want to come home, home.”

**Peter Doocy:** “Is ‘there are no Americans stranded’ the official White House position?”

**Jen Psaki:** “I’m just calling you out for saying we are stranding Americans in Afghanistan when we have been very clear that we are not leaving Americans who want to return home. We are going to bring them home and I think that’s important for the American public to hear and understand.”

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“We have Americans that get stranded in countries all the time.”

*Pentagon spokesman John Kirby, during an appearance on MSNBC’s Morning Joe, August 30*

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From the August 30 Pentagon briefing:

“We did not get everybody out that we wanted to get out.”

*General Frank McKenzie, head of U.S. Central Command*

“We will continue our relentless efforts to help Americans, foreign nationals, and Afghans, leave Afghanistan if they choose. . . . [The U.S.] made extraordinary efforts to give Americans every opportunity to depart the country.”

*Secretary of State Antony Blinken*

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“The Taliban broke my body. Joe Biden broke my heart.”

*Johnny (Joey) Jones, U.S. Marine and Fox News Contributor*



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“We have seen growing evidence that the dangers to our country can come not only across borders, but from violence that gathers within.”

*George W. Bush, 9-11-2021, while speaking at the Flight 93 memorial on the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks*

## Hidden History

### A 9/11 Pentagon Story

After Flight 77 hit the Pentagon on 9/11, the following incident occurred.

A chaplain, who happened to be assigned to the Pentagon, told of an incident that never made the news. A daycare facility inside the Pentagon had many children, including infants who were in heavy cribs. The daycare supervisor, looking at all the children they needed to evacuate, was in a panic over what they could do. There were many children, mostly toddlers, as well as the infants, that would need to be taken out with the cribs.

There was no time to try to bundle them into carriers and strollers. Just then a young Marine came running into the center and asked what they needed. After hearing what the center director was trying to do, he ran back out into the hallway and disappeared. The director thought, "Well, here we are, on our own."

About 2 minutes later, that Marine returned with 40 other Marines in tow. Each of them grabbed a crib with a child, and the rest started gathering up toddlers. The director and her staff then helped them take all the children out of the center and down toward the park near the Potomac.

Once they got about 3/4 of a mile outside the building, the Marines stopped in the park, and then did a fabulous thing—they formed a circle with the cribs, which were quite sturdy and heavy, like the covered wagons in the Old West. Inside this circle of cribs, they put the toddlers, to keep them from wandering off. Outside this circle were the 40 Marines, forming a perimeter around the children and waiting for instructions. There they remained



until the parents could be notified and came to get their children.

The chaplain then said, "I don't think any of us saw nor heard of this on any of the news stories of the day. It was an incredible story of our men there." The thought of those Marines and what they did and how fast they reacted; could we expect any less from them? It was one of the most touching stories from the Pentagon. It's the military, not the politicians that ensures our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It's the military who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag. If you care to offer the smallest token of recognition and appreciation for the military, please pass this on and pray for our men and women, who have served and are currently serving our country, and pray for those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

### One for History Buffs—A Dismal Record on Foreign Policy

In 1975, President Ford was left to manage the difficult ending of the Vietnam War. President Ford went to Congress for a relief package to allow American personnel and our allies to evacuate. However, there was ONE U.S. SENATOR who opposed any such support. The result was the embarrassing and hurried evacuation from the roof of the American embassy in Saigon.

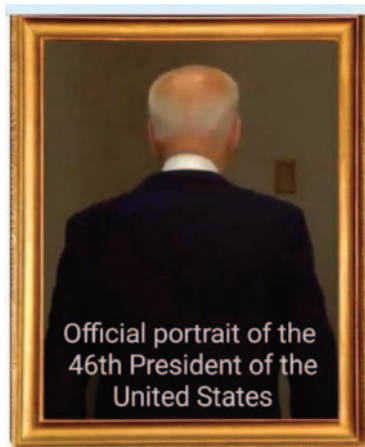
This senator reveled in the embarrassment and did everything he could to leverage it politically against Ford. Despite the efforts of this U.S. Senator, President Ford managed to rescue 1,500 South Vietnamese allies prior to the country's fall. Had President Ford not acted quickly, these people would have been targeted and slaughtered for their support for America.

When they arrived in America, President Ford asked Congress for a package to assist these refugees to integrate

into American society. That SAME troublesome SENATOR TORPEDOED ANY SUPPORT for these shell-shocked, anti-communist, Americans and our helpers, the refugees.

Instead, President Ford had to recruit Christian organizations to offer assistance on a voluntary basis. As he did so, the Senator belittled those efforts.

What kind of person would oppose President Ford's tireless work to do the right and humanitarian thing? Who would want to play politics with the well-being of innocent people who stood by America in the tragic Vietnam War?  
**THAT SENATOR WAS JOE BIDEN.**



*From the book When the Center Held, by Donald Rumsfeld in 2018 (biography).*



## Letters

### **Which Lie Is True, Joe? Either Way Biden is Lying**

In his speech yesterday, where he addressed the number of American citizens left behind in Afghanistan, President Biden emphatically stated that, and I paraphrase here:

“ . . . the State Department reached out to them [American citizens in Afghanistan] 19 times since March . . . ”

Just who did they reach out to and how? The implication there was that Biden et al. knew who, and where to contact them, and communicated with them directly. That being the case, then how? By phone, by internet, by courier, in-person visits? If they knew who to contact and how, then Biden and his minions deliberately lied to us all when they repeatedly and publicly stated that they didn't know how many American citizens were ultimately left behind in Afghanistan.

But what if they didn't know who and where the Americans were who were in country, and how many were ultimately left behind? If that's the case, just who did “State” reach out to, and how? Did they “reach out” via newspaper ads, telephone, telegraph, phone trees, billboards, posters stapled to telephone poles; or did they have the Air Force drop pamphlets onto rooftops? Perhaps, since they gave a list of Americans and their Afghan allies to the Taliban, “State” had their new best friends in the Taliban do the reaching out! After all we still “have leverage” over the Taliban.

So as you see, if they all knew who, they were lying when they said they didn't know how many; but if they didn't know who, than they were lying when they said that “State” reached out 19 times. How could they reach out if they didn't know who to contact?

*Ed McCarthy  
September 1*

### **We Are a Leaderless Nation**

Dear Members and Friends,

We are a leaderless nation. No, we are not the proverbial freight train heading for disaster. Worse. Rather we are a passenger-loaded, well-fueled, cockpit-locked, pilot-less jetliner careening to earth. And few, contentedly watching TV in their buckled seats, seem to realize it. How is that possible? Oh yeah, the tribunals of truth, the NYT, WAPO, CNN and MSNBC don't front page it. They work to divert our minds with endless chit-chat about the feigned seriousness of the Chinese Virus spreading among our school children if they are not all vaccinated and if they do not wear their masks while in gym classes, napping or out in the fresh air of the playgrounds.

Where are the likes of these media gurus when it comes to the real threats facing us all? The humiliating, humanitarian disaster unfolding in Afghanistan. The border crisis getting worse daily. Inflation ravaging our country. Gas and food prices soaring. The housing market out of reach of middle-incomers. The crime wave pandemic in all our Progressive-run cities. Does anyone in power care? Our Vice President Harris, in Singapore yesterday, blurted out what is seemingly her top concern to our people back home: “Do your Christmas shopping now in August. There may not be supplies of gifts later on in the fall.” The sure-to-be replacement for faltering Joe Biden is keeping a low profile. Not a word on the swiftly crumbling situations on the border or of the Afghan disaster. No input. “This is not my baby,” she implies with her willful snickering ignoring of reality. Her trademark.

So, who is running the nation? No one in authority seems to know. Fauci? Pelosi? Schumer? AOC and her gang of lunatics? The problem is that the wolves at our door are watching and waiting. Iran, Russia, China and North Korea, all subdued and forced to hide in their corners during the four years of the snarling, aggressive Trump years, are now licking their lips watching and waiting to pounce. They see the internal dissent and dissatisfaction of our citizens with the handling of the second wave of the virus. They see parents revolting in school board meetings over the syllabi of hate teaching in the schools. We are a nation in disorder, fractured in many pieces. At each other's throats. No flashing street traffic signals. No warning stop signs. No crossing guards to lead us safely across this newly created abyss. Lost and trapped.

And just what fears are on the minds of the hapless Israelis, Taiwanese and Japanese, who have endlessly depended on America to protect them from their enemies? Their bold, heroic, fearless sword-waving savior seems to have dissolved to dust in seven short, horrid months. They all understand that the vacuous mind of Biden and the daily growing concerns of his hapless handlers cannot focus on them at any given moment. They are on their own. And so, apparently are the people of our own country who look around in dismay at the chaos at our southern border and in Afghanistan (to name a few) where the fumbling and lack of planning by our leaders are creating human disasters sure to get worse with each passing day. Our powers, like that of Superman have met their Kryptonite. Can we limp through to the 2022 elections for some hope of salvation? Or will we be ordering an Amazon cargo ship filled with wheelchairs? The future is not a bright one.

*Alan Bergstein  
August 24*

*Please note: Because of health issues, Tom Mullings, the Editor of this newsletter, will not be able to write a book review or his Editor's Postscript this month. He hopes to be able to return to writing soon.*



# Republican Executive Committee Membership Application

The Republican Executive Committee (also known as the REC) is the governing body of the Republican Party of Palm Beach County. The REC elects the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Party. Members of the REC also approve the Party's constitution; Rules, Policies & Procedures; and budget.

Members of the Republican Executive Committee represent registered Republicans who live in their precinct and serve as the Party's liaison to the Republicans within that precinct. REC members are expected to maintain contact with Republicans living in their precinct and to keep them informed as to what is going on in the Republican Party. This can be done through E-mail or other means like regular mail, phone calls and/or walking your precinct. The REC is the basis for our grassroots efforts and we rely on REC Members to organize and develop their precincts, recruit new volunteers, recruit candidates to fill vacancies on the REC, find sign locations for Republican candidates, register new Republican voters and work to get out the Republican vote in their precincts during elections. The role of committeeman or committeewoman is essential to Republican Party's and our candidates' success in Palm Beach County.

### REC Committeeman & Committeewoman Duties and Responsibilities

1. Expected to donate financially to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County
2. Attend REC Meetings
3. Organize your precinct and carry out the policies and programs of the Party within your precinct. Active participation in the various programs of the Party is expected.
4. Serve on a Party Committee.
5. Develop a presence in the broader community by joining a Republican Club; serving on a local board or committee; or monitoring local media for relevant material.

*ALL APPLICANTS FOR THE REC MUST BE A REGISTERED REPUBLICAN IN PALM BEACH COUNTY. PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REC APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT ALONG WITH A PHOTO COPY OF THE FRONT OF YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION CARD. ANY APPLICATION RECEIVED WITHOUT A COPY OF THE APPLICANT'S VOTER REGISTRATION CARD WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. YOU WILL ALSO NEED THE SIGNATURES BELOW OF TWO CURRENT REC MEMBERS. THE DEADLINE FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS IS 11:00 AM, 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE REC MEETING.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail\*: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Check here if you DO NOT want your email reported to the Supervisor of Elections thus making it a matter of public record under Florida law. \_\_\_\_\_

Profession: \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct #: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for the position of: Committeeman \_\_\_\_\_ Committeewoman \_\_\_\_\_

### Two Current REC Members' Sponsor Signatures:

1). \_\_\_\_\_ REC Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_ 2). \_\_\_\_\_ REC Precinct # \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your REC Application to the Republican Party of Palm Beach County Headquarters,  
1555 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd., Suite 500, West Palm Beach 33401 Phone (561) 686-1616

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**Republican Party of Florida  
Party Loyalty Oath**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, swear and/or affirm that during my term of  
(Name of Member – Please write clearly)

office I will not actively, publicly, or financially support the election of any candidate other than the Republican Candidate in a partisan unitary, general or special election, or a registered Republican in non-partisan elections, other than Judicial races governed under chapter 105, Florida Statutes, if there is a registered Republican running for the same office.

Further, in a contested Republican primary election, I will not support the nomination of one Republican candidate over another in my capacity as a Republican County Executive Committee member unless the Party has voted to endorse under RPOF Rule 8. This rule does not preclude me from supporting in any manner my personal Republican candidate of choice, provided I do not express such support with public reference to my title or office within the Republican Party of Florida.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
County/Precinct #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
(State Committeeman, State Committeewoman; Precinct Committeeman, Precinct Committeewoman;  
Alt. Precinct Committeeman, Alt. Precinct Committeewoman)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address, as it appears on voter registration

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number



## CANDIDATE OATH –

### Committeemen and Committeewomen

Check applicable one:

- Precinct Committeeman or Committeewoman  
 District Committeeman or Committeewoman  
 State Committeeman or Committeewoman

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### Candidate Oath

(Sections 99.021(1)(a) and (2), Florida Statutes)

I, \_\_\_\_\_,

(Print name above as you wish it to appear on the ballot. If your last name consists of two or more names but has no hyphen, check box  (see page 2 - Compound Last Names). No change can be made after the end of qualifying.)

am a candidate for the office of  **Committeeman**  **Committeewoman**

**Precinct/District Number** \_\_\_\_\_ (Not applicable to State Committeemen and State Committeewomen);

I am a qualified elector of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida; I am qualified under the Constitution and the Laws of Florida to hold the office to which I desire to be nominated or elected; and I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Florida.

### Statement of Party

(Section 99.021(1)(b), Florida Statutes)

I am a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Party; I have been a registered member of this political party, for which I am seeking nomination as a candidate, for 365 days before the beginning of qualifying preceding the general election for which I seek to qualify; and I have paid the assessment levied against me, if any, by the executive committee of the above-stated political party.

**Candidate's Florida Voter Registration Number** (located on your voter information card): \_\_\_\_\_

**Phonetic spelling for audio ballot:** Print name phonetically on the line below as you wish it to be pronounced on the audio ballot as may be used by persons with disabilities (see instructions on page 2 of this form): *[Not applicable to write-in candidates.]*

**X** \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Signature of Candidate Telephone Number Email Address

Address City State ZIP Code

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Notary Public

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public below:

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of  
online notarization  OR physical presence

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Personally Known  OR Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced: \_\_\_\_\_