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Chairman's Comments



Fellow Republicans –

The heat of summer is upon us and the never ending “nightmare” remains entrenched in our lives. As COVID-19 continues to wreak havoc in our community, our Country and across the World, it gives me pause to think about many things. One of the most important is the fact that if you protest, especially with rioting and looting, you are immune from COVID-19. This is an important fact and one that should be used to your advantage. Now every event I attend or host is a protest, thus ensuring that I will continue to remain COVID-19 free.

Seriously, the pandemic is serious and something we should all approach with caution and common sense. Our bigger concern should be the fact that there are forces in our Country bent on nothing but anarchy and destruction. They want to destroy our way of life and replace it with their twisted version of socialism and communism. This is why it is so critical to engage all Republicans, Independents and Conservative Democrats and convince them to vote! It will be inaction and apathy that will allow these evil forces to succeed.

We must get behind our current office holders and our candidates on the ballot. They all need our vocal support, financial support, time and VOTE! Our communities deserve the very best and we need to continue the success that we’ve had over the last several years.

Please remember to support our local businesses! They deserve and need your patronage! Let’s keep our Communities, State and Nation a sound and healthy place to raise our families in safety and comfort. A place where opportunities exist for economic expansion, wage growth and job opportunities for everyone. Thank you for being a part of our party.

God Bless All of You.

Michael Simpson

**Chairman, Porter County
Republicans**



SAVE THE DATE!

Porter County Lincoln Day Dinner
August 19, 2020
Porter County Expo Center
Guest Speaker

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FOREBODING SIGNS OF OUR TIMES

Theodore Roosevelt statue
Will be removed from
Museum of Natural History

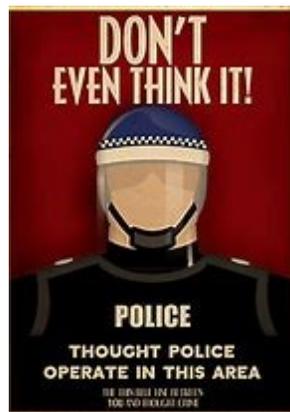


“Every record has been destroyed or falsified, every book has been rewritten, every picture has been repainted, every statue and building has been renamed, every date has been altered.

And that process is continuing day by day and minute by minute. History has stopped. Nothing exists except an endless present in which the Party is always right.”

George Orwell

1984





CONSERVATIVE COMMENTARY

The Value of Civility in Politics

By Julie Hayward Biggs

As the Presidential political campaign picks up in volume and venom, I am reminded of a period of time when I was privileged to experience a particularly divisive and politically challenging event in America in the company of a dedicated Democrat colleague. The story begins in 1990 when I was an associate attorney with a large law firm in Southern California. During my tenure there, I met a young partner in the firm, whom I will call Mitch, who was as interested as I was in national partisan politics. While I began my Republican political activism during the Goldwater campaign when I was in high school, Mitch had long been active in local, state and federal Democrat political campaigns including a local Mayor's race his father had won. We met when attending a rally sponsored in part by the firm where the featured speaker was Dan Quayle, then Vice President of the United States.

On the way back from the event, most our colleagues who had attended with a yawn and dutifully filled seats paid for by the firm were chatting about anything but politics. Even though I had not met Mitch before, I had heard of his political connections. To my surprise, as we walked back to the firm we got caught up in an intense conversation analyzing what we had just experienced. We discovered that although we were from opposite ends of the political spectrum, we surprisingly agreed on many points that we had observed. Neither of us was impressed with Mr. Quayle. And so, our political discourse began.

Our colleagues at the firm were often amused by our penchant for talking politics earnestly and with vigor. Mitch, as a Democrat whose family was politically prominent in the area, came to politics with a very different set of ideas, principles and goals than I did. We seemed to be polar opposites and yet when a political issue arose, we sought each other out to test our thinking and perspectives with respect for the sincerity we each brought to the table. In 1991 we had a remarkable opportunity to do just that when the issue of Clarence Thomas's appointment to the United States Supreme Court was before the nation.

I was opposed to the nomination of Clarence Thomas because I believed he was a token racial minority nominee. I was disappointed in President Bush for overlooking many very qualified candidates and appointing one apparently based primarily on race. I was not opposed to the appointment of a minority jurist to the highest court in the land, but I thought President Bush could have found a better candidate. Mitch was conflicted on the issue because although he wanted to see a minority appointment, he also found Clarence Thomas lacking in credibility. So, the discourse began on both sides predicated on the skills and accomplishments of the nominee rather than on his race or politics.

And then, Anita Hill dropped her bombshell. Suddenly, the appointment was not a polite topic of discussion among political intellectuals, but a knock-down, drag-out fight over sexual harassment and personal integrity. Beginning from entirely different perspectives, Mitch and I avidly watched and later dissected the hearings. I doubted Anita Hill's story as did Mitch. As we watched the hearings, we were both appalled by the posturing, slander, hatefulness and misrepresentation we observed. We were also astounded by the presence and support that appeared from the black community in favor of Clarence Thomas. High achieving black leaders of communities and executives of major companies stepped forward in support and filled the audience at the hearings. The clear conflict between those black leaders seeking to undermine the nomination and those standing in support was striking and impressive.

Ultimately, after weeks of character assassination and scurrilous and apparently untrue allegations, it appeared that Clarence Thomas had withstood the attacks with strength and integrity and Mitch and I again found ourselves in agreement. We concurred that whatever we had thought before, and however nice it might have been to have a stellar candidate rather than a somewhat mediocre one, Clarence Thomas deserved to be appointed to the Court. The process was so clearly designed to further partisan goals, not the rule of law, democratic principles or American values. We both believed that having endured and overcome that process with grace and humility, Thomas was entitled to the office. Our conclusion was neither a Republican nor a Democrat conclusion – it was an American conclusion.

We both gained a lifetime respect for the value of civility in politics during that time. Mitch is still a Democrat and I am still a Republican. Nevertheless, we can still converse on the complex and sometimes poisonous issues of the day with civility and respect for each other and for the principles and ideals we each cherish. A valuable lesson for all today as well.



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Controversy As Biden Caught Sniffing Confederate Statue

July 1, 2020



NASHVILLE, TN—While many on the left have taken a strong, anti-statue position, blaming statues for inequality and a number of unsolved murders, presidential candidate Joe Biden has taken a much softer stance and is often seen talking to statues. Controversy erupted, though, when Biden was spotted sniffing the sculpted hair of a Confederate statue.

“The Confederacy is all about racism and slavery,” said a left-wing activist. “It’s like Biden was curious what slavery smelled like.”

Biden was unapologetic. “I just saw someone and thought I’d come up behind and take a sniff. I didn’t know it was Nathan Bedford Forrest. It doesn’t matter, though. People are just getting worked up over nothing. We have too much division. We need multiplication. I think I saw a goat laughing at me.”

Biden says he is for taking down Confederate statues, though he says it “should be done peacefully” and maybe they should leave alone “the really attractive ones.”



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Health | Worldviews

Breaking: Health Officials Quarantine Portland To Prevent Spread Of Communism

February 3rd, 2020



Julie Biggs, Editor

PORTLAND, OR—The CDC has announced a full quarantine of Portland to prevent the spread of a dangerous virus known as communism.

While communism has been around for a while, experts believe the 2020-Antifa strain could develop into the worst communism pandemic in decades.

"We are enforcing a ban on all travel in and out of Portland until a cure is found," said one CDC official. "We simply can't risk deadly viruses like communism spreading out into the world. Millions will die."

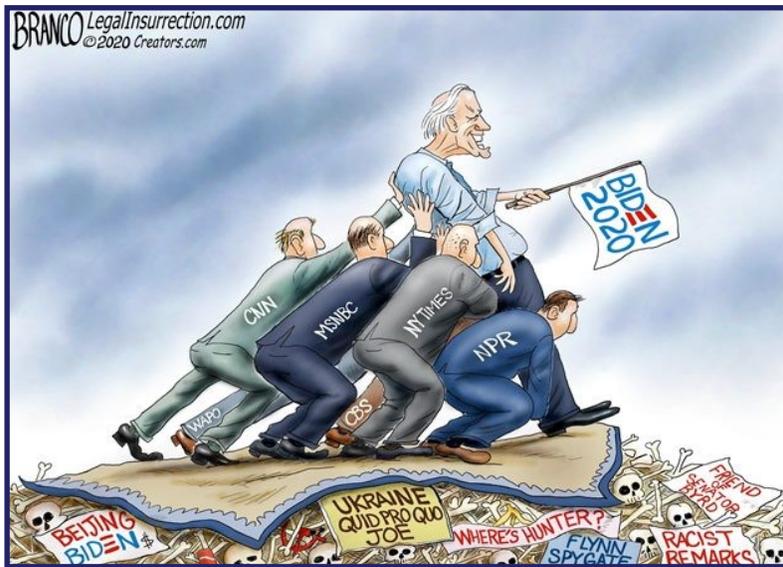
Although there is no known cure for communism, there are preventive measures that experts recommend, such as reading history books. Signs that someone you love may have communism already include wearing ski masks, sporting Che Guevara shirts, and not showering regularly.

"If you see something that indicates someone you know may be infected with communism, say something."

In a shocking turn of events, all Democratic candidates were found to be carriers of the disease, though they assured everyone it was actually a democratic version of the virus.



Humor in Politics





GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

General Election Calendar

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 DEADLINE, by noon, for any candidate to voluntarily withdraw from the general election ballot.

DEADLINE, by noon, for the Democratic, Libertarian and Republican Parties to file a certificate of nomination of candidates nominated at the state party conventions

DEADLINE, by noon, for independent or minor party candidate to file consent of candidate and petition of nomination after county verification of petition signatures (See related entry for June 30, 2020).

Wednesday, July 22, 2020 First day to file a petition and consent for a school board member elected at the general election.

Friday, August 21, 2020 DEADLINE, by noon, to file a petition and consent for a school board office elected at the general election.

Saturday, September 19, 2020 DEADLINE for county election board to mail absentee ballots to voters who have already filed an approved application with circuit court clerk.

Monday, October 5, 2020 VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS

DEADLINE at voter registration office's close of business for a voter to apply to register or transfer registration or at midnight for a voter to complete and submit a voter registration application online.

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 First day that a voter may vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

Friday, October 9, 2020 End of pre-election campaign finance reporting period.

Thursday, October 15, 2020 First day a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person at a private residence, or a voter with disabilities may vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's residence or place of confinement.

Friday, October 16, 2020 DEADLINE, by noon, to file pre-election campaign finance reports.

Thursday, October 22, 2020 DEADLINE, by 11:59 pm, for the circuit court clerk to receive an absentee ballot application from an applicant requesting delivery of a ballot by mail. Applications may be submitted to the circuit court clerk in person or by mail, fax or email.

Saturday, October 24, 2020 Office of the circuit court clerk must be open at least seven (7) hours to permit in-person absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of four (4) hours on this date. Vote center counties must also have at least one vote center used on Election Day open for in-person early voting, in addition to the office of the circuit court clerk.

Saturday, October 31, 2020 Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least seven (7) hours to permit in-person absentee voting. However, in a county with a population of less than 20,000, the county election board may reduce hours to a minimum of four (4) hours on this date. Vote center counties must also have at least one vote center used on Election Day open for in-person early voting, in addition to the office of the circuit court clerk.

Monday, November 2, 2020 DEADLINE, by noon, for circuit court clerks to receive absentee ballot applications from confined voters or voters caring for a confined person requesting delivery of a ballot by absentee voter board.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a circuit court clerk to receive absentee ballot applications from military/overseas voters requesting to vote by email or fax.

DEADLINE, by noon, for a voter to vote an absentee ballot in the office of the circuit court clerk or satellite office.

DEADLINE for a confined voter, a voter caring for a confined person, or a voter with disabilities to vote an absentee ballot before an absentee voter board at the voter's place of confinement.

Tuesday, November 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION DAY Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate to file a verified recount or contest petition.



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