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Eagle Eye Opener — The Democrat Debate

Democrats Detail an Agenda that will Alienate Independent Voters

By Scott Jennings, CNN June 28, 2019

Listen closely to California Sen. Kamala Harris, and she'll tell you exactly what the Democrats are thinking: we're a part of the government, and we're here to help (whether you want it or not).

First, she admonished her fellow candidates to stop fighting. "Hey guys...America does not want to witness a food fight. They want to know how we're going to put food on their table," she scolded early on.

Then came her big moment to prosecute the front runner, Joe Biden. Her ambush on his position on busing should have been predictable for Biden, but he clearly wasn't ready and had no plan to counterattack Harris on her as California's attorney general (which would have been the smart play).

But her closing caught my attention, as it recalled a sentiment she made in her food fight quip – the government is going to take care of you.

"I have what I call a 3 a.m. agenda, that is about everything from what we need to do to deliver health care to how you will be able to pay the bills by the end of the month."

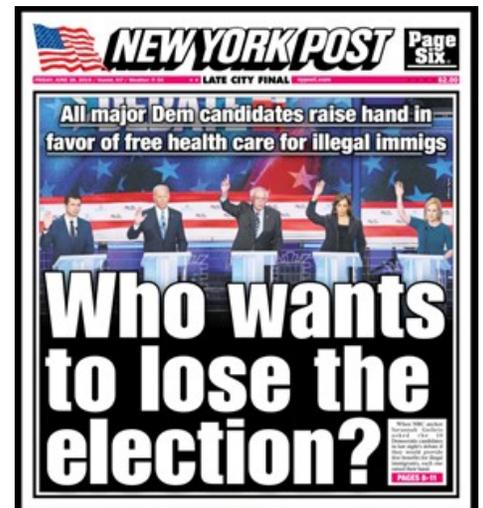
She started with talking about the government putting food on your table and ended with talking about the government paying your bills.

There was great honesty in those lines – I would argue that Democrats view government as a welfare state, not as a vehicle to create an economic environment where families can provide for themselves. This fundamental difference in the two parties will be on display in 2020. Democrats have sweeping government solutions for everything, and some candidates already admitted they will raise taxes to pay for it.

On Wednesday, Julian Castro said his health care plan would cover abortions for transgender people, and tonight, every Democrat on stage agreed that his or her health care plan would cover undocumented immigrants. These two moments sent a strong message to independent voters in swing states, and I am not sure Democrats are going to like how it was received.

Harris and the rest of her cohorts gave passionate defenses of a massive expansion of the federal government, even covering people who aren't citizens. This sentiment will make up the core of the Republican attack over the next year and a half – they will raise your taxes to pay for stuff for other people. Period.

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National Review The Democrat Debate



No More Chastened Democrats

By MICHAEL BRENDAN DOUGHERTY, June 28, 2019 *National Review*

Freak flags flew for two nights in a row.

Chastened Democrats win elections. In 2006, 2008, and 2018, Democrats humbled themselves before moderate and even conservative voters and triumphed. Arrogant Democrats lose these voters. Nancy Pelosi must have been watching the past two nights of Democratic primary debates in horror.

In the 2018 midterm elections, Pelosi's Democrats far outdid Hillary Clinton's 2016 performance. Pelosi's Democrats won the popular vote over Republicans by 6.7 points nationwide. How? By relentlessly talking about pocketbook issues, particularly the Democrats' commitment to protecting voters' existing health-insurance arrangements. Attack ads against Republicans in 2018 focused on the provision of a bill that would have weakened protections for those with preexisting conditions. Pelosi's Democrats said Republicans would "raise your premiums" and "kick you off your health-care plan." For good measure they accused Republicans of "doubling the debt." Pelosi and Chuck Schumer tried to tamp down the story of the migrant caravan then traveling through Mexico, calling President Trump's focus on it a distraction from health care. Pelosi's Democrats retook the Rust Belt districts that Donald Trump had won in 2016.

Her operation reminded me of the last time Democrats had been humbled: after the 2004 elections. In the following midterms in 2006 and the election of 2008, Democrats ran against Republican radicalism. Just twelve years ago, Democratic candidates for president competed with each other on how tough and realistic they could be on illegal immigration. The leading candidates for president advertised not just their opposition to same-sex marriage but also their opposition to drivers' licenses for illegal immigrants. Dennis Kucinich quoted from the Bible.

Over the last two nights, we saw a completely different Democratic party. Several leading candidates, including Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, and Kamala Harris, vowed to kick 100 million Americans off their private insurance plans in favor of Medicare for All. This is a position supported by less than 15 percent of Americans. Just a tiny fraction of that

number of cancellations in the wake of Obamacare caused an electoral earthquake for Democrats in 2010.

Democratic candidates have committed to decriminalizing illegal entry, rendering it a civil offense. Those caught entering would be released and told to come to court at a future date. Democrats also say they would not deport anyone whose sole offense was illegally entering the country, because illegal immigrants are Americans.

Taken together, these reduce illegal immigration to a speeding violation on the way toward guaranteed residence. That's not quite open borders, but it's close. In addition, every candidate on the debate stage of night two promised free health care for illegal immigrants, and some candidates have emphasized that free health care includes abortion.

Trump promised a wall. Democrats are promising an inviting turnstile.

Trump was hardly mentioned at all in the Democratic debates, despite the fact the job they are interviewing for is defeating Trump. Trump is an unusually unpopular incumbent even in a strong economy. Where were the inventive putdowns? Kamala Harris made some efforts at contrast when she promised, "I will release children from cages." Though, given her history as a prosecutor, I think she just intends to have fun catching them as truants later.

The only candidate who spoke clearly about winning over voters who went for Donald Trump in 2016 was the fascinating fringe candidate Andrew Yang. He received just two minutes and 18 seconds of air time.

Of course, we should have expected some freak flags flying. The people tuned in to the primary this early tend to be activists and highly engaged donors. And the electorate in 2020 will be younger and more progressive than the one that Nancy Pelosi had to win over in 2018, because turnout rises in presidential-election years.

But as the hands went up unanimously for extremely disruptive and extremely unpopular policies, the thought kept coming to me: "This is why you're gonna get Trump."



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Report from the United States Senate



PRESS RELEASES from SENATOR TODD YOUNG



Fixing America's Housing crisis

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) introduced the *Yes In My Backyard (YIMBY) Act* to shed light on discriminatory land use policies, encourage localities cut burdensome regulations, and bring a new level of transparency to the community development process. Instead of adopting inclusive land use policies that allow citizens of all income levels, backgrounds, and identities to live, work, and flourish in their city or town, some communities are building paper walls of regulations around themselves that negatively affect and sometimes discriminate against low- and middle-income Americans. The YIMBY Act would require Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) recipients to go on the record with why they are not adopting specific pro-affordability and anti-discriminatory housing policies.

“Burdensome and discriminatory local zoning and land use policies drive up housing costs in communities across America,” said Senator Young. “These policies exacerbate the housing affordability crisis and stifle the ability of Americans to move to areas of opportunity. My legislation will require cities, towns, and rural areas across America to face this reality under a new level of transparency and encourage them to cut these harmful regulations.”

The *Yes In My Backyard (YIMBY) Act* works to provide more transparency for citizens, lawmakers, academics, and others to understand and in some cases, critique, a

community's rationale for not adopting anti-discriminatory housing policies. The bill does not encroach on states' rights because it does not tell localities what policies to implement, it simply requires them to detail their rationale for choosing not to cut harmful land use regulations. The country is dealing with a housing affordability crisis and it's about time that localities do their part to make housing more affordable for everyone. For the full bill text, [click here](#).

Addressing Planting Issues in Indiana

Indianapolis, Ind. – Today, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) met with dozens of agriculture stakeholders for a roundtable discussion hosted by the Indiana Soybean Alliance and the Indiana Corn Growers Association. The discussion focused on the difficult planting season affecting Hoosier farmers and opportunities for assistance at the federal level.

At the roundtable, Senator Young announced he sent a letter to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Sonny Perdue urging action to help mitigate the immediate and long-term effects of planting hardship in Indiana. Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Representatives Larry Bucshon, M.D, (R-IN-08), Pete Visclosky (D-IN-01), Jackie Walorski (R-IN-02), Susan Brooks (R-IN-05), André Carson (D-IN-07), Jim Banks (R-IN-03), James Baird (R-IN-04), and Greg Pence (R-IN-06) also signed the letter.

Senator Young previously spoke in Washington on planting hardship this season and the need for clarification from USDA. Later today, he will meet with Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch's office and Indiana State Director of Agriculture Bruce Kettler about efforts underway at the state level.

“Indiana farm country needs clarity in these uncertain times. I'm going to take the feedback from today's meetings back to Washington to ensure our Hoosier farmers are equipped with the right tools to combat this crisis,” said Senator Young. Full text of the letter to USDA is available [here](#).



Report from The United States Senate



Congress has a Solution to the Border Crisis

By Senator Mike Braun, from the
Washington Examiner, June 14, 2019



SENATOR MIKE BRAUN

When I arrived in Washington, the government was shut down due to the humanitarian and security crisis on our southern border. Six months later, as Democrats refuse to address this emergency, the crisis has deteriorated to the point that even the *New York Times* is urging Congress to take action before we run out of money to address this humanitarian disaster at the border.

This week, the Senate will work on legislation that allocates \$4.5 billion for our southern border, which includes \$3.3 billion to address the dire humanitarian crisis. The Department of Health and Human Services, which is responsible for providing care and shelter to unaccompanied migrant children, is out of money and without an emergency funding supplemental will be unable to provide shelter, food, and medicine for the 13,000 unaccompanied migrant children at the border.

In a letter to Congress this week, the heads of HHS and the Department of Homeland Security shared that Border Patrol agents are spending over half of their time caring for families and children instead of carrying out their law enforcement responsibilities, with agents making an average of 70 trips to hospitals each day to provide urgent care to these immigrants. By replenishing HHS, specifically the Office of Refugee Resettlement, we can expand shelter facilities and increase dedicated care for unaccompanied children.

Top Trump administration officials have told me these additional funds are desperately needed, as nearly 170,000 children have surrendered at our southern border in the last seven months — more than half of whom are under the age of 12. Their journey is incredibly dangerous: for example, DHS mandates that all girls arriving at the border over the age of 10 be given a pregnancy test due to the high risk of sexual assault on the trek. These funds would directly improve living conditions for these children.

If Congress truly wants to address the humanitarian crisis on our southern border, there is no better solution than ensuring the Office of Refugee Resettlement is adequately funded to handle this crisis. This should not be a partisan issue, but for those Democrats who claim to be concerned with the living conditions of children on our southern border, they will have no one to blame but themselves if they block this legislation that is even supported by the *New York Times'* editorial board.

In addition to the humanitarian crisis, we have a security crisis. In the past year, the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol apprehended over 460,000 immigrants who were caught illegally crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, the highest number since 2009. Just in the month of May, Border Patrol encountered the highest monthly number of illegal immigrants in 13 years, and as the *Washington Post* reported, drug traffickers and human smugglers are taking advantage of our strained resources at the border. That's why this legislation sets aside over \$1 billion that will begin to address these concerns, because fixing the security crisis on our southern border means keeping drugs and dangerous criminals out of our country.

As a former entrepreneur, I've spent my entire life working on solutions, compromises, putting together deals, and delivering real results, which is exactly what this legislation does in terms of addressing the humanitarian and security crisis on our southern border. It's my hope that Congress can come together this week and pass this desperately needed legislation to relieve some of the strain on our southern border.



Upcoming Events



Portage Parade — July 4th

9:00 am Line Up — 11:00 Parade
Start at Nativity of our Savior Church

Independence Day Festival

Founders Square Park 5:00 pm –9:30pm



Hebron Parade — July 4th



Porter County Fair July 18-27th

JUL 18 - JUL 27, 2019

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| THU JUL 18 DARCI LYNNE with The Darcys | FRI JUL 19 LUKE COMBS with The Runners | SAT JUL 20 NEWSBOYS with The Newsboys | SUN JUL 21 SAWYER BROWN with The Sawyer Browns |
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Valparaiso Kiwanis Corn Roast Fest

August 3rd 2019

Central Park Plaza 5:00pm



Kouts Porkfest 2019

August 24th



Valparaiso Popcorn Festival

September 7th

POP CORN Festival

Saturday, September 7, 2019



GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR NOVEMBER 5, 2019

General Election Calendar Dates

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, for the Democratic or Republican Party to file a certificate of selection stating that a vacancy on the municipal election ballot resulting from a vacancy on the primary election ballot has been filled.

Thursday, August 1, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, to file a declaration or withdraw a declaration of candidacy for nomination by a town convention in a town having a population of less than 3,500.

Thursday, August 8, 2019

DEADLINE, for a town council in a town having a population of less than 3,500 to adopt a resolution to establish a town election board to conduct the town election. If no resolution is adopted, the town election will be conducted by the county election board.

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

DEADLINE, for the Democratic, Libertarian or Republican Party to conduct a town nominating convention in a town with a population of less than 3,500.

DEADLINE, by noon, for town council in a town having a population less than 3,500 to file a resolution with the county election board to establish a town election board to conduct the town election.

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, for filing certificate of nomination from town convention with circuit court clerk for a town having a population less than 3,500.

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, for the circuit court clerk to file a copy of the certificate of nomination from the town convention with the town clerk treasurer.

Saturday, September 21, 2019

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

Monday, October 7, 2019

VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS

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

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

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

Friday, October 11, 2019

End of pre-election campaign finance reporting period.

Thursday, October 17, 2019

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 18, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, to file pre-election campaign finance reports (including unopposed candidates where no municipal election is conducted).

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours to permit in-person absentee voting. However, a county election board may adopt a resolution to reduce the days or hours for absentee voting.

Monday, October 28, 2019

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.



General Election Calendar

General Election Calendar

Saturday, November 2, 2019

Office of the circuit court clerk must be open for at least 7 hours to permit in-person absentee voting. However, a county election board may adopt a resolution to reduce the days or hours for absentee voting.

Monday, November 4, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, for circuit court clerk 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, by midnight, 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 5, 2019

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY

Polls are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., prevailing local time, in certain cities and towns.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

DEADLINE, by noon, for a candidate to file a verified recount or contest petition.

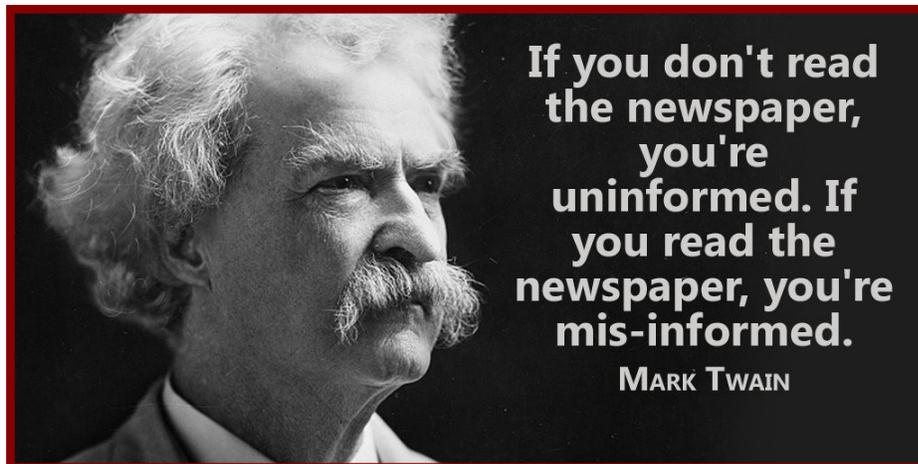
Monday, December 2, 2019

VOTER REGISTRATION OPENS

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

End of annual reporting period for campaign finance reports.

Words to Live By . . .



**If you don't read
the newspaper,
you're
uninformed. If
you read the
newspaper, you're
mis-informed.**

MARK TWAIN