

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills Party News

We are hoping to resume our monthly meetings on the 2nd Saturday of the month sometime after the primary elections. Check for updates at flinthillsteaparty.com We are now posting news items, events and the newsletters both recent and archived issues at our newly updated website. Weekly meetings will be held at McAlister's, 5:30-10pm, Wed. evenings. They are come and go, at your convenience. Bring your concerns for discussion. Your concerns are important – they are why we exist. In this publication what is in green is me, other colors are just for getting attention. Changes in font are for letting readers know it is a change of subject or person speaking. I would like to include your opinion/concerns.

We must continue working, paying attention, & most of all PRAYING!! With the help of the LORD we will prevail!! The USA is too important to the world for us, yes us, to let it be destroyed – Take a deep breath, PRAY, Forge ahead, we will succeed!!! I truly believe GOD is with us. With GOD's help we won't fail. Be informed, work for the good of the USA.

IF CLINTON WINS, FOUNDATION SAYS IT WON'T TAKE FOREIGN MONEY

by Dan Merica and Eric Bradner, CNN

(CNN)The Clinton Foundation said Thursday it will not accept foreign or corporate donations if Hillary Clinton is elected president in November.

The decision comes amid intensifying scrutiny over the foundation's practices as Republicans use its connections to wealthy international players to attack Clinton's tenure as secretary of state. Bill Clinton also plans to cease giving paid speeches -- another move intended to prevent further accusations of cronyism.

Bill Clinton told foundation staff about the decision at a meeting, according to Clinton Foundation spokesman Craig Minassian. Minassian also said Clinton also told staff yesterday that he would resign from the Clinton Foundation board, should Hillary Clinton win in November.

Bill Clinton also said the Clinton Global Initiative meeting in New York next month will be the final CGI meeting, no matter what happens with Hillary Clinton in November.

The decision is an acknowledgment by Bill Clinton that while he wants the work to continue, he understands that it needs to be refocused and retooled should his wife win in November.

The decision was [first reported](#) by The Associated Press.

Bill Clinton has also decided not to give paid speeches if Hillary Clinton is elected president, his spokesman, Angel Urena, said Thursday.

The former president has not given a paid speech since November and Urena said the plan is, should Hillary Clinton win, he would not give a paid speech for the entirety of her presidency. Urena added that Bill Clinton will not give any paid speeches between now and Election Day, either.

Fodder for Republicans

The Clinton Foundation's activity has provided fodder for Republicans who have for months accused Hillary Clinton of pay-to-play schemes, connecting her actions as President Barack Obama's secretary of state to contributions to the foundation.

This week, State Department officials have [faced questions this week](#) about the department's interest in purchasing land for a US embassy in Lagos from Lebanese-Nigerian businessmen Ronald and Gilbert Chagoury. Gilbert Chagoury has donated more than \$1 million to the Clinton Foundation, according to the foundation's website, which also notes that The Chagoury Group -- run by the brothers -- pledged to commit \$1 billion to fight coastal erosion.

Over the weekend, former Democratic Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, a Clinton supporter, [told The New York Daily News](#) the foundation should be disbanded if she's elected.

"I definitely think if she wins the presidency, they have to disband it. I know it'll be hard for President (Bill) Clinton because he cares very deeply about what the foundation has done," Rendell said. "It'd be impossible to keep the foundation open without at least the appearance of a problem."

And on Tuesday, The Boston Globe [published an editorial](#) calling for the foundation to "remove a political -- and actual -- distraction and stop accepting funding."

Urena [tweeted](#) late Thursday that the Globe's editorial had "absolutely no bearing" on the foundation's decision.

A US official also told CNN last week that the FBI and Department of Justice met several months ago to discuss opening a public corruption case into the Clinton Foundation, after the FBI received notification from a bank of suspicious activity from a foreigner who had donated to the foundation.

Clinton has yet to address the future of the foundation or her husband's role in it should she win the White House. At a CNN town hall in June, she told Anderson Cooper, "We'll cross that bridge if and when we come to it."

CNN's Laura Koran and Eric Bradner contributed to this report.

The H is silent in Bengazi

from: Patriot Depot

Hillary Clinton is being billed as the "most experienced" candidate running for President. But most experienced in what? Lying? Check. Committing crimes? Check. Causing Americans to die overseas? Check again. Hillary Clinton is definitely very experienced, but in all the wrong things.

But Hillary doesn't seem to want to talk about the things she's actually experienced in. She tries to laugh off her email server scandal, she of course will never discuss the dozens of mysterious deaths associated with her and her husband, and when asked about the four Americans who were killed in Benghazi, Hillary asks "What difference does it make?".

For a woman who likes to talk so much, she has very little to say about one of the biggest issues voters are concerned about in regards to her "experience".

I received this from a friend. Three Cheers for this homeowners Response!!!

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife sent a letter to a home/landowner asking for permission to access a creek on their property to document the decline in a certain species of frogs.

Dear Landowner:

The Department of Oregon Fish & Wildlife Staff will be conducting surveys for the Foothill Yellow-legged frogs over the next few months. As part of this research we would like to survey the creek on your property. I am writing this letter to request your permission to access your property. Recent research indicates that the Foothill Yellow-legged frogs have declined significantly in recent years and are no longer found at half their historic sites. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated and will help contribute to the conservation of this important species. An attached postage-paid postcard is to let us know if you are willing to let us cross your property or not. If you have any concerns about this project please give us a call. We would love to talk with you about our research.

Sincerely,

Steve Niemelak

Conservation Strategy Implementation Biologist

Response from Property Owner:

Dear Mr. Niemelak:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding accessing our property to survey for the yellow-legged frog. We may be able to help you out with this matter. We have divided our 2.26 acres into 75 equal survey units with a draw tag for each unit. Application fees are only \$8.00 per unit after you purchase the Frog Survey License (\$120.00 resident / \$180.00 Non-Resident). You will also need to obtain a Frog Habitat parking permit (\$10.00 per vehicle).

You will also need an Invasive Species stamp (\$15.00 for the first vehicle and \$5.00 for each additional vehicle) You will also want to register at the Check Station to have your vehicle inspected for non-native plant life prior to entering our property. There is also a Day Use fee, \$5.00 per vehicle. If you are successful in the Draw you will be notified two weeks in advance so you can make necessary plans and purchase your Creek Habitat stamp. (\$18.00 Resident / \$140.00 Non-Resident). Survey units open between 8am and 3pm but you cannot commence survey until 9am and must cease all survey activity by 1pm. Survey Gear can only include a net with a 2" diameter made of 100% organic cotton netting with no longer than an 18" handle, non-weighted and no deeper than 6" from net frame to bottom of net. Handles can only be made of BPA-free plastics or wooden handles. After 1pm you can use a net with a 3" diameter if you purchase the Frog Net Endorsement (\$75.00 Resident / \$250 Non-Resident)

Any frogs captured that are released will need to be released with an approved release device back into the environment unharmed. As of June 1, we are offering draw tags for our Premium Survey units and application is again only \$8.00 per application. However, all fees can be waived if you can verify Native Indian Tribal rights and status. You will also need to provide evidence of successful completion of Frog Surveys and Your comprehensive course on frog identification, safe handling practices, and self-defense strategies for frog attacks. This course is offered online through an accredited program for a nominal fee of \$750.00.

Please let us know, if we can be of assistance to you. Otherwise, we decline your access to our property but appreciate your inquiry.

Received from THE PATRIOT POST --- Voice of Essential Liberty

“Why did Hillary Clinton have a PRIVATE SERVER in the first place? She obviously LIED about the purpose. It wasn’t *CONVENIENCE*. It was *CONCEALMENT*.”

---- Charles Krauthammer

I received this from a friend:

Subject: LA TIMES QUOTE OF THE DAY ----PRICELESS:

Quote of the day by Dianne Feinstein... Dianne Feinstein: "All vets are mentally ill in some way and government should prevent them from owning firearms."

Yep, - she really said it on Thursday in a meeting in front of the Senate Judiciary Committee... and the quote below from the LA Times is priceless. Sometimes even the L.A. Times gets it right.

Kurt Nimmo: "Senator Feinstein insults all U.S. Veterans as she flays about in a vain attempt to save her anti-firearms bill." Quote of the Day from the Los Angeles Times: "Frankly, I don't know what it is about California, but we seem to have a strange urge to elect really obnoxious women to high office. I'm not bragging, you understand, but no other state, including Maine, even comes close. When it comes to sending left-wing dingbats to Washington, we're Number One. There's no getting around the fact that the last time anyone saw the likes of Barbara Boxer, Dianne Feinstein, Maxine Waters, and Nancy Pelosi, they were stirring a cauldron when the curtain went up on 'Macbeth'. The four of them are like jackasses who happen to possess the gift of blab. You don't know if you should condemn them for their stupidity or simply marvel at their ability to form words." Columnist Burt Prelutsky , Los Angeles Times

Be sure to forward this to all of the "mentally ill" vets you know. Especially the ones with guns... Smile.....and have a nice day!

FYI, --New York state taxpayers are paying for the rope that will hang them. -- JDA

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<http://lonsberry.com/writings.cfm?story=4021>

#STOPWHITEPEOPLE2K16

Stop white people.

That's the course name and that's the hashtag -- #StopWhitePeople2k16.

And if you think that's racist, you're racist.

That seems to be the message out of the State University of New York campus at Binghamton, a small Rust Belt city in the impoverished Southern Tier of New York. As this year's resident assistants are gathering to campus, they are -- according to a barely comprehensible student newspaper -- being required to take a short course called #StopWhitePeople2k16.

The purpose is to teach these student supervisors of the dorms how to speak to "uneducated" students who may balk at the notion that "white privilege" defines all of life and accurately casts white people as the devils of society. Apparently, some of these uneducated people come to campus and believe that programs which advantage minorities might simultaneously be discriminating against whites.

"Reverse racism" is apparently a phrase not tolerated on campus.

It seems to be, in the mind of SUNY Binghamton, that RAs are the front line of the fight against such counter-revolutionary speech. This course tells them how to silence the unorthodox speech and, presumably, stop any unacceptable thought.

Of course, some might think that's outside the job description of RAs, who -- at a progressive college like this -- have as their primary responsibilities handing out free condoms and keeping the Narcan handy.

But no, it's social engineering, and the intolerant orthodoxy of the progressive left.

This is the Hillary Clinton side of the world, and if you want to get ahead, you better think the way they think. And so RAs are being trained to welcome the new crop of 18-year-olds with the mission statement StopWhitePeople.

It's all part of the left's war against traditional American culture and values, and the specific portion of that targeted at debasing the role and acceptance of white people in society. Just as during the evils of slavery black people were told that they were morally, intellectually and politically inferior, in today's social enshackling of white people, a similar tale of moral, intellectual and political inferiority has begun to be told.

To break a horse, you must first convince it that you are its superior. And so increasingly in our society, in the name of lifting non-white people, we actually are debasing white people. The goal is not to lift all to one plane, it is to forge a coalition of the aggrieved by focusing upset on white people and to facilitate that by convincing white people that they are the evil spawn of evil forebearers.

The catch phrase is "structural racism" and it claims that all whites are beneficiaries of racism and therefore culpable for racism and therefore worthy of punishment, and that all of America's institutions and laws were created to benefit whites by oppressing minorities -- specifically blacks. This dogma was preached at the recent Democratic National Convention, it is in that party's platform, and it is a frequent topic for the president.

The great progressive refrain is that we must have a "dialogue about race."

But dialogue is not what is sought. There is no appetite or tolerance for a discussion about race, in which both sides are heard. What is sought is a harangue against whites and a denunciation of American history and government. The only dialogue about race which the wildly intolerant gods of political correctness will accept is that which is being taught to the RAs at #StopWhitePeople2k16.

All racial disparities in America, according to progressive orthodoxy, are the result of white racism. The criminal justice system, according to progressive orthodoxy, is a tool of white racism. The police, according to progressive orthodoxy, are the enforcers of white racism. The notion of elections and ownership of property, and such things as traditional definitions of family and self-reliance, are all functions of white racism, the progressives tell us.

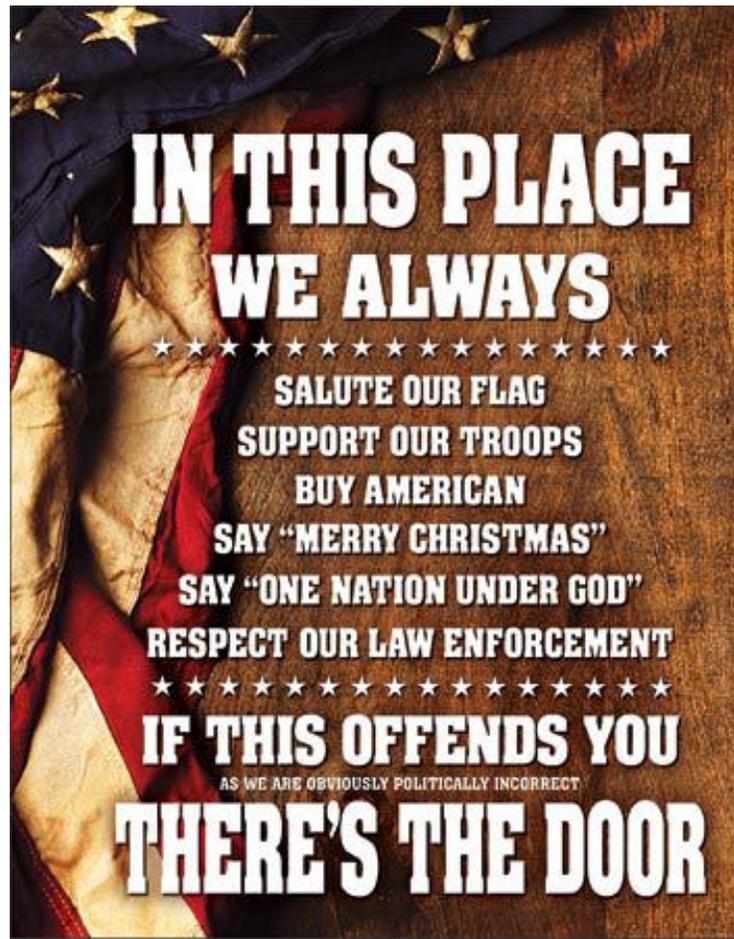
And any claim that there is racial bigotry among non-whites themselves is rebuffed as more proof of white racism. Non-whites can't be racist, students have been taught for a generation, because they don't control the institutions of power. And now the enhanced message is that hatred of whites is righteous, not immoral, because, well, whites have it coming.

That's the message of #StopWhitePeople2k16.

Which is the message being taught students at a taxpayer-supported state college in rural New York.

Which makes you wonder why anyone would want to send either their taxes or their children there.

□- by Bob Lonsberry © 2016



From John D'Alola:

Friends,
The forces of evil are going to try to take out Rep. Ron Highland, 51st District, in November in the same manner as they took out Tim Huelskamp in the primary.

Ron is going to need all the help he can get, both monetarily and with people countering the lies and charges that I am sure are going to be levied against him, from being a Brownback crony to wanting to hurt kids by defunding government schools. I expect that the KNEA, educator associations, and PTAs will be leading the charge against him and trying to scare parents into voting against him. I will not be at all surprised to find that out-of-state Super PACs are involved as they were in defeating Tim.

Ron, as chair of the House Education Committee, has an excellent command of the facts about education and how to proceed, but he will be dismissed out-of-hand by those trying to take him down. Take a look at his website:

<http://ronhighland.com/index.html> , particularly "2016 Topics of Special Interest" at:

http://ronhighland.com/files/2016_Campaign_Handout-Topics.pdf

Ron has a district that covers portions of five counties: Shawnee, Pott, Wabaunsee, Lyon, and Riley. A map and description of the district is at: http://www.kslegislature.org/li/m/pdf/district_maps/district_map_h_051.pdf If you are in his district, please do all you can to help him with \$\$\$ and people-to-people discussions, and ultimately with votes. If not in his district, please consider helping him financially and by convincing friends and relatives in his district to vote for him. In all situations, please keep him in your prayers.

A copy of Ron's "palm card" is attached.

RON HIGHLAND

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LOCAL CONTROL OF SCHOOLS

Authority for our schools must remain with local districts where students learn at their highest potential with parental involvement, and where teachers, parents, and students are respected and supported.

EVALUATE SPENDING AND TAXING

Fairness and equity in our taxing should meet the state's needs using a plan for systematic reduction in spending. I have voted for a more accountable, smaller, and responsive state government.

JUDICIAL REFORM

Voters and elected officials must be involved in the selection of judges, not an un-elected committee who now select our judicial nominees.

STATE SOVEREIGNTY

Businesses and state agencies are burdened by federal over regulation, which cause increased costs that we all pay for goods and services. I will always stand on the side of Kansas' sovereign 10th Amendment rights.

CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTY

I support the US and Kansas Constitutions and the Platform of the Kansas Republican Party, which all call for the liberties and protections of life, family, 2nd Amendment, and religious freedom. I hold a 100% voting record of support for these issues.

Paid for by Ron Highland for State Representative, Linda Highland, Treasurer

Ron and his wife Linda are great people, from whatever view you want to make. Those of us who know them personally are honored to call them "Friends". We have been fortunate to have them as our dedicated Representative. Ron is NOT my Rep, legally, but represents us all with his hard work – with Linda always by his side. We need to work just as hard to get Ron reelected. We need him; Kansas needs him; our Country needs him. If you can help with a donation – WONDERFUL!! No matter what, please, support Ron Highland verbally and with a vote for him when possible!!!

FreedomWorks PAC

Let's face it, Obama's Justice Dept. is never going to indict Hillary Clinton.

She spent decades acquiring power and political favors. She did it all to be President, And, trust me, she's not going to let something as "trivial" as the LAW stop her.

Hillary may escape justice in the courtroom, but we can make her pay at the ballot box.

*Hillary Clinton should be indicted, period. As Secretary of State she broke multiple laws, multiple times. And her private email server endangered the lives of innocent Americans. **And what's worse, is she sold her power and influence to the highest bidder all to enrich her family and friends at the corrupt Clinton Foundation.***

*Hillary Clinton is too corrupt to be our next president. **IF YOU AGREE, PLEDGE TO STOP HILLARY CLINTON TODAY!!!***

*You saw what she did at the State Department. You remember how corrupt the White House was under Bill's control. You've seen her break the law time and time again and get away with it. And you know it'll be even worse if Hillary wins. Sylda, don't let that happen. **Commit yourself to STOPPING Hillary Clinton right now.***

For Freedom,

Adam Brandon

Chairman, FreedomWorks PAC

*If you think things have gone to H**l in a hand basket in the last 8 yrs. under Obama – well, the pace will double under Hillary. Hillary cares nothing about the USA, our citizens, veterans, Seniors, unborn babies, schools and our children, our needs, savings, belongings – you name it. It will all go down the drain if Hillary becomes President. There are those who have said they will move out of the Country if Trump wins – I will want to be gone if Hillary wins. Hillary becoming President of the USA is a death sentence for our once wonderful Country. You do the research if you don't believe me!!*

I just read something that I will share with you – if nothing has proven the ignorance of the Democrats previously – this will!!!

Liberty Alliance

by **GEORGE JONES**

Relax America, Secretary of State John Kerry has figured out how to win the war on terrorism. His solution is so far beyond the line where ideas are considered moronic – it is almost brilliant in its stupidity.

We don't need to destroy the terrorist forces.

We don't have to negotiate with them, making all kinds of concession that will only lead to our own destruction the way John Kerry and Barack Obama did with the Iran deal.

According to John Kerry the way to stop terror is to stop covering it in the media. Really that's all we have to do – if the media doesn't cover it, no one will know about it and abracadabra...no terror!

"Kerry in Bangladesh: Media Should Cover Terrorism Less," by Jeryl Bier, **Weekly Standard**, August 29, 2016:

During Secretary of State John Kerry's first official visit to Bangladesh, he met with top Bangladeshi government officials and held a press conference at the Edward M. Kennedy Center in Dhaka. In light of recent terror attacks in that country, Kerry addressed the problem of terrorism, including root causes and how the terrorists spread their message. The secretary said that the media could "do us all a service" by reducing coverage of terror attacks:

Remember this: No country is immune from terrorism. It's easy to terrorize. Government and law enforcement have to be correct 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. But if you decide one day you're going to be a terrorist and you're willing to kill yourself, you can go out and kill some people. You can make some noise. Perhaps the media would do us all a service if they didn't cover it quite as much. People wouldn't know what's going on. (Applause.)...

Who knew? If people didn't know what was going on...there would be no terrorism.

This is just another reason we MUST elect as many Conservative Republicans as possible. This type of thinking MUST be done away with as soon as possible. Ignorance is hard to beat – why encourage it???

COPPER COATED MICROCHIP IMPLANT ALLOWS TERRORISTS TO SPEAK TO GOD

The implant is specifically designed to be injected in the forehead.

When properly installed,

it will instantly allow the terrorist to speak to God.

It comes in various sizes: Generally from .223 to .50 cal.

The exact size of the implant will be selected by a well-trained and highly skilled technician, who will also make the injection.

No Anesthetic is required.

The implant is likely to be painless. Side effects, like headaches, nausea, aches or pains are extremely temporary.

Some bleeding or swelling may occur at the injection site.

In most cases, you won't even notice it.

Please enjoy the security we provide for you.

Best regards,



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Our MARINES have always made us proud. And don't let them forget YOU feel that way!!!

I had sent an inquiry to my Congressional Representative Tim Huelskamp a while back. The following is the response I received from him.

<https://huelskamp.house.gov/>

September 1, 2016

Dear Mrs. Nichols,

Thank you for contacting me regarding Social Security, a government program that has been in place for over 75 years. Like you, I am concerned about the future of this program, and believe that those who have paid into the system should be able to reap the benefits of their past contributions.

When originally established in 1935, Social Security was designed to help prevent older Americans from falling into poverty. The Social Security Disability Insurance program was added in 1956 to provide benefits to disabled workers below retirement age and their families. In 1974 the program was again expanded to include Supplemental Security Income for elderly, blind, and disabled individuals on limited incomes. Today, the Social Security program is in trouble. Years of the government raiding of the Trust Fund has resulted in the possibility of Social Security becoming insolvent within the course of a generation. Despite misconceptions, there is no money in the trust fund. Previous surpluses have been borrowed and spent by the U.S. Treasury.

The Social Security Trust Fund total expenditures have exceeded non-interest income since 2010, and is expected to average a \$77 billion cash flow deficit annually from now until 2018. This trend is expected to escalate and go into the red permanently as the baby boomer generation reaches retirement age and the number of U.S. workers paying into the system diminishes. It is predicted that by 2035 Social Security will become completely insolvent. At that point, benefits will either have to be reduced or payroll taxes significantly increased. Back in 1950, there were 16 workers for every individual receiving benefits. Today that number has decreased to a mere 2.9 workers for each retiree.

Now is the time to scrutinize and consider the best steps forward in ensuring those currently in the program receive the benefits they deserve and future retirees are not left hanging due to government irresponsibility. Several options include the following:

- Ensure that current retirees and those close to retirement will see minimal, if any, change in their benefits.
- Slowly phase in an increased retirement age and an improved disability system for those physically incapable of later retirement. Consider that in 1935 the average life expectancy at birth was 61.7, today it is 78.7 years.

- Shift to a defined flat benefit plan instead of a defined contribution plan
 - Provide for those truly in need of benefits and adjust and reduce the benefits received by those with substantial non-Social Security retirement income.
 - Improve and encourage retirement savings by providing voluntary investments options with higher rates of return.
- The federal government faces major challenges right now, including an unprecedented level of debt (\$19 trillion and counting) and trillion-dollar annual deficits. If no changes are enacted to the biggest drivers of the country's spending, then the country's economic situation will only continue to decline. It is for this reason that I support measures to ensure that we preserve and protect Social Security for the next generation.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. If you have not already, I encourage you to take a moment to find me on Facebook (www.facebook.com/congressmanhuelskamp), follow my personal updates on Twitter (www.twitter.com/CongHuelskamp) and check out my latest speeches and media appearances on YouTube (www.youtube.com/CongressmanHuelskamp)

Sincerely,  Tim Huelskamp  Member of Congress

**With these thoughts in mind we must practice great care in managing our finances!!!
Do give it deep thought!!**

From Google Alerts for Kris Kobach on Sept 2, 2016

Trump's Wall-building Plan Finds An Ally in Kansas Official

Kansas Secretary of State **Kris Kobach supports building a wall on the U.S. border with Mexico even if we have to pay for it.** **The Wichita Eagle reports**

Bless Me Father

A US Marine enters the Catholic Church confessional booth in Greenville, SC. He tells the priest, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. Last night, I beat the ever-living crap out of a flag burning, cop hating, Obama loving protester." The priest says, "My son, I'm here to forgive your sins, not to discuss your community service."

Sorry, I saw this on line and couldn't resist!!

I received this article on email. I Googled James Clayton and this is what I found. James Clayton "Jim" Dobson, Jr. (born April 21, 1936) is an American evangelical Christian ... in 2010 and launched a new radio broadcast, "Family Talk with **Dr. James Dobson**", that began on May 3, 2010 on over 300 stations nationwide.

Read these thoughts, by Dr. Dobson, and think about it! Different times, different situations may require different people! Scary times for sure! God help us!

A Christian Pastor's Analysis of the U.S. Election Drama

By: Dr. James Dobson

Is Trump good for America? I mentioned Sunday that I would speak on this next week. Unfortunately, I found that I was shoehorning this topic into my planned message. To properly present what I want to speak on Sunday, I may have to leave the Donald out of it! But let me take a minute for those that wonder and give some of my thoughts.

When I first heard that Trump (DT) was entering the race last year, I told my wife that perhaps it was a good thing for the party and America. I knew that he was not a "saint," but I thought that he would be like a bull in a china shop. He is a disrupter and I believe America could use a fresh thinker especially in the political arena. I didn't think he would get the nomination, but that he would shake up politics as usual. I was correct on the shaking up!

Lance Wallnau likens him to a biblical Cyrus. Someone who is dynamically used of God even though not perceived by many as a God follower. God has used many people in history that I would probably not like or agree with. I'm not sure I would have liked all the disciples, or David, or Moses. Somehow, God did not seem compelled to consult with me on His choices!

I have always admired Winston Churchill. He is seen as one of the greatest national leaders in the 20th century. Last year, I had the privilege of going through the War Museum in London. Winston is a key feature. His life is controversial. He was not always celebrated as a great leader. He was a bombastic, cigar smoking, at times crude, even misogynistic leader. It is alleged that he told off color stories to his children before bedtime! A woman once told him he was disgustingly drunk. His response was "My dear, you are disgustingly ugly, but tomorrow I shall be sober and you will still be ugly!"

There are many websites that discuss the outlandish comments and activities of this great world leader. But, he

had exactly what was needed to stop Hitler at the Channel, to rouse a nation to never give up and to partner with America to find final victory in Europe. You probably wouldn't want him as your pastor, maybe not even your father, but he was the right leader for that moment in England's history. Such a brazen man that would go up to the roof of his quarters in central London and smoke cigars as Hitler's air force bombed all around him. I'm not sure I would have voted for him.... but he was the right man!

I think it would be awesome to have a righteous leader, one that understood the intricacies of the economy, health care, defense, immigration, with great sensitivity to religious institutions, a heart for the poor, a vision for the future. If that leader was a praying person, formidable in the word of God and loved the local church, I would rejoice! I do not think that is the choice we will have in November.

Instead....we will look for someone who is imperfect, yet will fit the times we are living in. Particularly, that 'whoever' we vote for, will be someone who might possibly have the opportunity to appoint up to three Supreme Court justices. That could radically shape our culture in America for the next 30 years. The America of our grandchildren could be very different....and that may not be good. We cannot stand on the sidelines. A non-vote is a passive vote for a direction we may very well regret.

So...is Donald Trump good for America? I honestly believe that he has been already. He has shaken the political system. Do his comments offend me? At times! Do I agree with all he says? Not at all! But could he be a "Cyrus" being raised up by God to preserve America? Nobody liked Gen. Patton, but he sure WAS an instrument of the United States for the right things.

This I know. I will vote for the best chance for America. I will pray for our leaders as I have already. In the end - God will continue to be my source and my hope. I do believe that God has had a hand in America's history. I hope and pray that He will also have a saving hand in America's future.

I shudder when I think of the **caliber** of HILLARY'S APPOINTEES.

GOD help us.

<http://time.com/4474496/screens-schools-hoax/>

Screens In Schools Are a \$60 Billion Hoax

Dr. Nicholas Kardaras

Aug. 31, 2016

Dr. Kardaras is the author of the new book [Glow Kids: How Screen Addiction is Hijacking Our Kids—and How to Break the Trance.](#)

It's a gold rush, not a flood of educational concern

As the dog days of summer wane, most parents are preparing to send their kids back to school. In years past, this has meant buying notebooks and pencils, perhaps even a new backpack. But over the past decade or so, the back-to-school checklist has for many also included an array of screen devices that many parents dutifully stuff into their children's bag.

The screen revolution has seen pedagogy undergo a seismic shift as technology now dominates the educational landscape. In almost every classroom in America today, you will find some type of screen—smartboards, Chromebooks, tablets, smartphones. From inner-city schools to those in rural and remote towns, we have accepted tech in the classroom as a necessary and beneficial evolution in education.

This is a lie.

Tech in the classroom not only leads to worse educational outcomes for kids, which I will explain shortly, it can also clinically hurt them. I've worked with over a thousand teens in the past 15 years and have observed that students who have been raised on a high-tech diet not only appear to struggle more with attention and focus, but also seem to suffer from an adolescent malaise that appears to be a direct byproduct of their digital immersion. Indeed, over two hundred peer-reviewed studies point to screen time correlating to increased [ADHD](#), [screen addiction](#), [increased aggression](#), [depression](#), [anxiety](#) and even [psychosis](#).

But if that's true, why would we have allowed these "educational" Trojan horses to slip into our schools? Follow the money.

Education technology is [estimated to become a \\$60 billion industry by 2018](#). With the advent of the Common Core in 2010, which nationalized curriculum and textbooks standards, the multi-billion-dollar textbook industry became very attractive for educational gunslingers looking to capitalize on the new Wild West of education technology. A tablet with educational software no longer needed state-by-state curricular customization. It could now be sold to the entire country.

This new Gold Rush attracted people like Rupert Murdoch, not otherwise known for his concern for American pedagogy, who would go on to [invest over \\$1 billion](#) into an ed-tech company called Amplify, with the stated mission of selling every student in America their proprietary tablet—for only \$199—along with the software and annual licensing fees.

Amplify hired hundreds of videogame designers to build educational videogames—while they and other tech entrepreneurs attempted to sell the notion that American students no longer had the attention span for traditional education. Their solution:

Educate them in a more stimulating and “engaging” manner.

But let’s look more closely at that claim. ADHD rates have indeed [exploded by 50 percent over the past 10 years](#) with the CDC indicating that rates continue to rise by five percent per year. Yet many researchers and neuroscientists believe that this ADHD epidemic is [a direct result of children being hyper-stimulated](#). Using hyper-stimulating digital content to “engage” otherwise distracted students exacerbates the problem that it endeavors to solve. It creates a vicious and addictive ADHD cycle: The more a child is stimulated, the more that child needs to keep getting stimulated in order to hold their attention.

Murdoch’s Amplify wasn’t the only dubious ed-tech cash-grab. The city of Los Angeles had entered into a \$1.3 billion contract in 2014 to buy iPads loaded with Pearson educational software for all of its 650,000 K through 12 students—until the FBI investigated its contract and found that now-former Superintendent John Deasy had a close relationship with [Apple](#) and Pearson executives. (Before the deal was killed in December 2014, the Pearson platform had incomplete and essentially worthless curriculum and such feeble security restrictions students that bypassed them in weeks.)

Despite the Amplify and LA debacles, others still seek to convince naïve school administrators that screens are the educational panacea. Yet as more American schools lay off teachers while setting aside scarce budget dollars for tech, many educators and parents alike have begun to ask: Do any of these hypnotic marvels of the digital age actually produce better educational outcomes for the kids who use them?

We could look to Finland, whose school system routinely [ranks toward the top globally](#) and has chosen to skip the tech and standardized testing. Instead, Finnish students are given as many as [four outdoor free-play breaks per day](#), regardless of the weather—while here, a sedentary American child sitting in front of a glowing screen playing edu-games while over-scheduled and stressed by standardized testing is seen as the Holy Grail.

Dr. Kentaro Toyama, an associate professor at the University of Michigan’s School of Information, once believed that technology in the classroom could solve the problems of modern urban education. No Luddite, he had received his Ph.D. in computer science from Yale and had moved to India in 2004 to help found a new research lab for Microsoft; while there, he became interested in how computers, mobile phones and other technologies could help educate India’s billion-plus population. Rather than finding a digital educational cure, he came to understand what he calls [technology’s “Law of Amplification”](#): technology could help education where it’s already doing well, but it does little for mediocre educational systems. Worse, in dysfunctional schools, it “can cause outright harm.” He added: “Unfortunately, there is no technological fix...more technology only magnifies socioeconomic disparities, and the only way to avoid that is non-technological.”

The list of supporting education experts and researchers is long:

- The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development said in a 2015 report that heavy users of computers in the classroom “do a lot worse in most learning outcomes” and that: “In the end, technology can amplify great teaching, [but great technology cannot replace poor teaching.](#)”
- An exhaustive meta-study conducted by Durham University in 2012 that systemically reviewed 48 studies examining technology’s impact on learning found that “technology-based interventions tend to [produce just slightly lower levels of improvement](#) when compared with other researched interventions and approaches.”
- The Alliance for Children, a consortium of some of the nation’s top educators and professors, in a 2000 report concluded: “[School reform is a social challenge](#), not a technological problem...a high-tech agenda for children seems likely to erode our most precious long-term intellectual reserves—our children’s minds.”
- Patricia Greenfield, distinguished professor of psychology at UCLA, analyzed more than 50 studies on learning and points out that reading for pleasure among young people has decreased in recent decades, which is problematic because “studies show that [reading develops imagination](#), induction, reflection and critical thinking, as well as vocabulary...in a way that visual media such as video games and television do not.”
- Education psychologist and author of *Failure to Connect: How Computers Affect Our Children’s Minds* Jane Healy spent years doing research into computer use in schools and, while she expected to find that computers in the classroom would be beneficial, now feels that “[time on the computer might interfere with development](#) of everything from the young child’s motor skills to his or her ability to think logically and distinguish between reality and fantasy.”
- John Vallance, a Cambridge scholar and headmaster of Australia’s top K-through-12 school, Sydney Grammar, has said: “I think when people come to write the history of this period in education...[this investment in classroom technology is going to be seen as a huge fraud.](#)”

There has also been surprising research coming out of Canada: Students don’t even prefer e-learning over traditional education. In a 2011 study, researchers found that [students actually preferred “ordinary, real-life lessons”](#) to using technology. Those results surprised the researchers: “It is not the portrait that we expected, whereby students would embrace anything that happens on a more highly technological level. On the contrary—they really seem to like access to human interaction, a smart person at the front of the classroom.”

We are projecting our own infatuation with shiny technology, assuming our little digital natives would rather learn using gadgets—while what they crave and need is human contact with flesh-and-blood educators.

Schools need to heed this research in order to truly understand how to best nurture real intrinsic learning and not fall for the Siren song of the tech companies—and all of their hypnotic screens.

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