

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills T.E.A. Party News

We are hoping to resume our monthly meetings on the 2nd Saturday of the month after the KSU Football season. Check for updates at flinthillsteaparty.com. We are now posting news items, events and these newsletters — both recent and archived issues — at our newly updated website. Weekly meetings are 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 you know it is a new subject or person speaking. Help me include YOU!!

We must continue working, paying attention, informing & 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, you and me and all our friends and family, 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.

Donald Trump's Contract With The American Voter

What follows is my 100-day action plan to Make America Great Again.

It is a contract between myself and the American voter — and begins with restoring honesty and accountability, and bringing change to Washington. On the first day of my term of office, my administration will immediately pursue the following:

Six measures to clean up the corruption and special interest collusion in Washington, DC:

1. FIRST, propose a constitutional amendment to impose term limits on all members of congress.
2. SECOND, a hiring freeze on all federal employees to reduce the federal workforce through attrition (exempting military, public safety, and public health).
3. A requirement that for every new federal regulation, two existing regulations must be eliminated.
4. A five-year ban on White House and Congressional officials becoming lobbyists after they leave government service.
5. A lifetime ban on White House officials lobbying on behalf of a foreign government.
6. A complete ban on foreign lobbyists raiding money for American elections.

Seven actions to protect American workers:

1. I will announce my intention to renegotiate NAFTA or withdraw from the deal under Article 2205.
2. I will announce our withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership.
3. I will direct the Secretary of the Treasury to label China a currency manipulator.
4. I will direct the Secretary of Commerce and U.S. Trade Representative to identify all foreign trading abuses that unfairly impact American workers and direct them to use every tool under American and international law to end those abuses immediately.
5. I will lift the restrictions on the production of \$50 trillion dollars' worth of job-producing American energy reserves, including shale, oil, natural gas and clean coal.
6. Lift the Obama-Clinton roadblock and allow vital energy infrastructure projects, like the Keystone Pipeline, to move forward.
7. Cancel billions in payments to U.N. climate change programs and use the money to fix America's water and environmental infrastructure.

Five actions to restore security and the constitutional rule of law:

1. Cancel every unconstitutional executive action, memorandum and order issued by President Obama.
2. Begin the process of selecting a replacement for Justice Scalia from one of the 20 judges on my

- list, who will uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution.
3. Cancel all federal funding to sanctuary cities.
 4. Begin removing the more than two million criminal illegal immigrants from the country and cancel visas to foreign countries that won't take them back.
 5. Suspend immigration from terror-prone regions where vetting cannot safely occur. All vetting or people coming into our country will be considered "extreme vetting"

I will work with Congress to introduce the following broader legislative measures and fight for their passage within the first 100 days of my Administration.

Middle Class Tax Relief and Simplification Act

1. An economic plan designed to grow the economy 4% per year and create at least 25 million new jobs through massive tax reduction and simplification, in combination with trade reform, regulatory relief and lifting the restrictions on American energy. The largest tax reductions are for the middle class. A middle-class family with two children will get a 35% tax cut. The current number of brackets will be reduced from seven to three, and tax forms will likewise be greatly simplified. The business rate will be lowered from 35% to 15%, and the trillions of dollars of American corporate money overseas can now be brought back at a 10% rate.

End the Offshoring Act

1. Establishes tariffs to discourage companies from laying off their workers in order to relocate in other countries and ship their products back to the U.S. tax free.

American Energy and Infrastructure Act

1. Leverages public-private partnerships, and private investments through tax incentives, to spur \$3trillion in infrastructure investment over ten years. It is revenue neutral.

School Choice and Education Opportunity Act

1. Redirects education dollars to give parents the right to send their kid to the public, private, charter, magnet, religious or home school or their choice. Ends common Core and brings education supervision to local communities. It expands vocational and technical education, and makes two- and four-year college more affordable.

Repeal and Replace Obamacare Act

1. Fully repeals Obamacare and replaces it with Health Savings Accounts, the ability to purchase health insurance across state lines and lets states manage Medicaid funds. Reforms will also include cutting the red tape at the FDA; there are over 4,000 drugs awaiting approval, and we especially want to speed the approval of life-saving medications.

Affordable Childcare and Eldercare Act

1. Allows Americans to deduct childcare and eldercare from their taxes, incentivizes employers to provide on-site childcare services and creates tax-free dependent care savings accounts for both young and elderly dependents, with matching contributions for low-income families.

End Illegal Immigration Act

1. Fully-funds the construction of a wall on our southern border with the full understanding that the country of Mexico will be reimbursing the United States for the full cost of such wall; establishes a two-year mandatory minimum federal prison sentence for illegally re-entering the U.S. after a previous deportation, and a five-year mandatory minimum federal prison sentence for illegally re-entering the U.S. after a previous deportation, and a five-year mandatory minimum federal prison sentence for illegally re-entering for those with felony convictions, multiple misdemeanor convictions or two or more prior deportations; also reforms visa rules to enhance penalties for overstaying and to ensure open jobs are offered to American workers first.

Restoring Community Safety Act

1. Reduces surging crime, drugs and violence by creating a task force on violent crime and increasing funding for programs that train and assist local police; increases resources for federal law enforcement agencies and federal prosecutors to dismantle criminal gangs and put violent offenders behind bars.

Resorting National Security Act

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Clean Up Corruption in Washington Act

1. Enacts new ethics reforms to drain the swamp and reduce the corrupting influence of special interests on our politics.

On November 8th, Americans will be voting for this 100-day plan to restore prosperity to our economy, security to our communities and honesty to our government. **This is my pledge to you.**

Something very interesting in the Wall St Journal this morning (November 17, 2016).

Something very positive about Obama, who has been obsessed with his legacy.

The real Obama legacy he leaves behind is:

1. Republican President
2. Republican Vice President
3. Republican control of the Senate
4. Republican control of the House
5. Republican control of 31 state houses
6. Republican governors in 36 of 50 states
7. Republican control of a majority of county governments
8. Republican control of a majority of city governments

Now THAT is "Hope and Change."

This came from a friend and Truer Words were never spoken!!!

Most have never heard or seen the data.

Guns and drugs; drugs and guns. There is a connection folks!!!! "But not what you think, read for a lesson..."

Interesting Facts About Gun Control:

There are 30,000 gun related deaths per year by firearms, and this number is not disputed. The U.S. population is 324,059,091 as of Wednesday, June 22, 2016.

Do the math: 0.0000925% of the population dies from gun related actions each year. Statistically speaking, this is insignificant!

What is never told, however, is a breakdown of those 30,000 deaths, to put them in perspective as compared to other causes of death:

- 65% of those deaths are by suicide which would never be prevented by gun laws
- 15% are by law enforcement in the line of duty and justified
- 17% are through criminal activity, gang and drug related or mentally ill persons – gun violence
- 3% are accidental discharge deaths

So technically, "gun violence" is not 30,000 annually, but drops to 5,100 - Still too many? Well, first, how are those deaths spanned across the nation?

- 480 homicides (9.4%) were in Chicago
- 344 homicides (6.7%) were in Baltimore
- 333 homicides (6.5%) were in Detroit
- 119 homicides (2.3%) were in Washington D.C. (a 54% increase over prior years)

So basically, 25% of all gun crime happens in just 4 cities. All 4 of those cities have strict gun laws, so **it is not**

the lack of law that is the root cause.

This basically leaves 3,825 for the entire rest of the nation - or about 75 deaths per state. That is an average because some States have much higher rates than others.

For example, California had 1,169 - and Alabama had 1.

Now, which state has the strictest gun laws by far? Answer: California, of course, but understand, so it is not guns causing this. It is a crime rate spawned by the number of criminal persons residing in those cities and states. So if all cities and states are not created equally, then there must be something other than the tool causing the gun deaths.

Are 5,100 deaths per year horrific? How about in comparison to other deaths? All death is sad and especially so when it is in the commission of a crime but that is the nature of crime. Robbery, death, rape, assault - all are done by criminals and thinking that criminals will obey laws is ludicrous. That's why they are criminals.

But, what about other deaths each year?

- 40,000+ die from a drug overdose – THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR THAT!
- 36,000 people die per year from the flu, far exceeding the criminal gun deaths
- 34,000 people die per year in traffic fatalities (exceeding gun deaths even if you include suicide)

Now it gets good:

- 200,000+ people die each year (and growing) from preventable medical errors.

You are safer in Chicago than when you are in a hospital! **That is really terrible!!! Drs. & hospitals are never held responsible. When the wrong meds are given at the wrong time or in combination with wrong drugs SOMEONE should be responsible. Drs. and Medical staff are human and do make mistakes. Human accidents/mistakes in other areas are punishable – are medical staff/Drs treated the same???**

- 710,000 people die per year from heart disease. It's time to stop the double cheeseburgers!

So what is the point? If Obama and Hillary - the anti-gun movement - focused their attention on heart disease, even a 10% decrease in cardiac deaths would save twice the number of lives annually of all gun-related deaths (including suicide, law enforcement, etc.). A 10% reduction in medical errors would be 66% of the total gun deaths or 4 times the number of criminal homicides..... Simple, easily preventable 10% reductions!

So you have to ask yourself, in the grand scheme of things, why the focus on guns? It's pretty simple. Taking away guns gives control to governments. It renders citizens defenseless!! But then that is the Governments goal!!

The founders of this nation knew that regardless of the form of government, those in power may become corrupt and seek to rule as the British did by trying to disarm the populace of the colonies. It is not difficult to understand that a disarmed populace is a controlled populace.

Thus, the second amendment was proudly and boldly included in the U.S. Constitution.

It must be preserved at all costs.

So the next time someone tries to tell you that gun control is about saving lives, look at these facts and remember these words from Noah Webster: **"Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed, as they are in almost every kingdom in Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword, because the whole body of the people are armed and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretense, raised in the United States. A military force at the command of Congress can execute no laws, but such as the people perceive to be just and constitutional; for they will possess the power."**

Remember, when it comes to "gun control", the important word is "control", not "gun".

Surprisingly, these are not the statistics you hear about from the media or from the White House... ever wonder why?? During the Obama days the media followed and did what the White House wanted -- it will be interesting to see IF that continues when we have a Republican in the White House & Congress is Republican controlled. The media NOW knows that everyone knows they have been kissing up to Obama. Will the media continue to be Democratic reporters or will they now go with the Republicans or, Heaven Forbid, will they just report the truth as it is?? Will the Republican Congressional members actually work as Republicans when they vote in the House of Representatives & Senate?? Will they listen to the people they are representing? Or will they continue to be Republicans in Name Only (RINOs)???

**I Think It's Terrifying That a Country Based on the Foundations and Ideals of GOD,
Is Now Systematically Removing GOD From Everything.
EVERYTHING!!!**

Is this what is happening in “the GOOD OLE USA”? Come on, folks, WAKE UP!!! We MUST TAKE CHARGE -- TAKE RESPONSABILITY!! We have set by & allowed wrong things to happen. We have NOT been doing our share of the work. Talk to our elected people & IF they **don't want to listen AND DO** as we want/need – kick them out of office!! Those holding an ELECTED office can & should be held to their promises & IF they won't do as promised – UNELECT THEM!! IT IS OUR DUTY, CHOICE!!! WE ARE THE ONES DOING THE VOTING!!! Did we learn anything with this election?? When we vote & vote the right way, we accomplish things, we make a statement!! We were heard around the world!! Don't back off now! Stand up & continue to be listened to and to be counted. Our Minister told us we needed to be in good standing with GOD – to get GOD's help we must wake up – do everything we can to make things right. We can't just sit back, pray and expect GOD to do all the work – all the changing – all the understanding what is wrong – DON'T FORGET – GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES!!! WE, USA CITIZENS, MUST WAKE UP!!! STAND UP TO WHAT IS WRONG!! PRAY!! PRAISE GOD!!

When the Music Stopped...

(For those who are unaware: At all military base theaters, the National Anthem is played before the movie begins.)

This is written from a Chaplain in Iraq:

I recently attended a showing of 'Superman 3' here at LSA Anaconda. We have a large auditorium that we use for movies as well as memorial services and other large gatherings.

As is the custom at all military bases, we stood to attention when *The National Anthem* began before the main feature.

All was going well until three-quarters of the way through *The National Anthem*, the music stopped.

Now, what would happen if this occurred with 1,000 18-to-22-year-olds back in the States? I imagine that there would be hoots, catcalls, laughter, a few rude comments, and everyone would sit down and yell for the movie to begin. Of course, that is, only if they had stood for *The National Anthem* in the first place.

Here in Iraq 1,000 soldiers continued to stand at attention, eyes fixed forward. The music started again, and the soldiers continued to quietly stand at attention. Again, though, at the same point, the music stopped. What would you expect 1,000 soldiers standing at attention to do? Frankly, I expected some laughter, and everyone would eventually sit down and wait for the movie to start.

No!! ... You could have heard a pin drop while every soldier continued to stand at attention.

Suddenly, there was a lone voice from the front of the auditorium, then a dozen voices, and soon the room was filled with the voices of a thousand soldiers, finishing where the recording left off:

"And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say, does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

It was the most inspiring moment I have had in Iraq, and I wanted you to know what kind of U.S. Soldiers are serving you! Remember them as they fight for us!

Pass this along as a reminder to others to be ever in prayer for all our soldiers serving us here at home and abroad. Many have already paid the ultimate price.

Written by Chaplain Jim Higgins, LSA Anaconda is at the Ballad Airport in Iraq, north of Baghdad.

Please share only if you are so inclined. *God Bless America, and all of our troops serving throughout the world.* Thank GOD for our Military – each and every branch – each and every person, I feel sure they, with GOD's help will be our salvation!!

If the FBI can develop a computer program that can sort thru 650,000 emails in a short period of time, why isn't there a computer program that would sort out the ILLEGALS and other NON CITIZENS and the voting DEAD to END VOTER FRAUD?? WOULD BE NICE IF THE VOTING MACHINES COULDN'T BE TAMPERED WITH BEFORE, DURING AND UNTIL AFTER ALL COUNTING IS COMPLETED. HUM-M-M-M!! ~ Thoughts from Larry Tawney

November 10, 2016

Dear Friend,

Despite the Obama–Clinton machine, their friends in the liberal media, and the rest of the Washington Insiders, the American people spoke loud and clear on Tuesday.

America won. Washington lost.

Hillary Clinton proudly stood up and ran as Washington's candidate. Her message was that Washington had already made America great. Her biggest supporters were the Washington Elites and Special Interests. Her agenda was a massive expansion of the Obama agenda.

By contrast, Donald Trump promised to drain the swamp in Washington, reject the past eight years of liberal policies, and work on behalf of the American people.

With their votes, Americans said they were sick and tired of the Washington Establishment. They rejected big government cronyism and corruption which allowed people like Bill and Hillary Clinton to act above the law. And they denied Obama's agenda a third term.

I can tell you that Tuesday's results are driving Washington Insiders crazy. Liberal media pundits are still expressing their disbelief.

Some on the Left have apparently '**rediscovered**' the concept of separation of powers in the Constitution. While they cheered Obama's use of a phone and pen to illegally write laws, they now are calling on Congress to put limits on President Trump when he takes office.

Many liberals are crying "sexism" or "racism" as the reason for the results, some are even taking to the streets to protest. (Note: most of them are funded by the same leftists who run the Democrat party.)

But we know better. The American people wanted to rein in Washington.

Not only did the American people elect Donald Trump to implement a conservative agenda, but they elected a Republican Congress as well. **They delivered a demand to the GOP to chart a new course after eight years of Obama** – and six years of Republicans who did oh–so–little after the elections of 2010, 2012, and 2014.

It's time to repeal Obamacare, undo job–killing regulations, start balancing the budget and paying down our debt, restore the rule of law, end the policy of open borders, and stop the taxpayer-funded of Planned Parenthood and abortion.

As this new unified Republican government takes office, we must be prepared to hold them accountable for the promises they made. **The time for excuses is over.**

Yours in Liberty,

Tim Huelskamp

I received an email from a very Conservative cousin cheering that the name calling, lying, speech making is over because the elections are over. The following is my response.

I agree with what you say, but think you are dreaming -- things will NOT improve that much that quick. Continue to pray for our Country and for our President to be -- both are going to need it. It will be up to us -- the citizens of the USA -- to continue to support both of them. We the people, have, with GOD's help, WON this election, WE got citizens that have not voted before or for a long time to VOTE!!! We have succeeded in winning this election, however, the battle has just begun!! We MUST continue to be a part of our governing forces. Donald Trump is going to need all the help and support we can muster. Take as many deep breaths as you need, but don't back off. Be there for President Donald Trump, support Congress as they do their job, stay informed, stay ALERT, there is a long row to hoe and WE MUST support our newly elected as they strive to accomplish many difficult tasks!!! We must NOT forget our elected Congressional people. They may not have Donald Trump's confidence, they WILL need our support, encouragement and Thanks when deserved. Donald Trump's job has just begun and so has OURS – WE must continue to be there for our newly elected as they are there for US!!! We need attention, contact and most importantly – PRAYERS!!! I just don't seem to be able to avoid the soapbox, but I am very sincere, please, continue to be there for our Country!! GOD be with the USA and citizens!!!



Don't get me started on that – another time!!

A friend received this from KrisAnne Hall – an expert on the Constitution as well as a strong supporter of same.

A New Government Agency - The Department of Constitutional Education

Hi All:

Many people have made me aware of a website posted by [#President Elect Donald J. Trump](#). This website solicits suggestions and comments on how to Make America Great Again. Those sharing the site urged me to fill out the form and offer my services to teach the Constitution...So I did! And because of their urging I have agreed to ask you this question:

Would **YOU** like to see me teaching the Constitution as a part of the Make America Great Again team?

If your answer is yes, then I am asking you to go to www.greatagain.gov:

1. Click on the "Share Your Ideas" section (The page looks like this: <https://apply.ptt.gov/yourstory/>)
2. Share the idea that KrisAnne Hall become a part of this team.

Perhaps share my website www.KrisAnneHall.com and how my teaching, my radio show, or my books have helped you (and your family?) better understand the Constitution and how government should be working.

If we TRULY want to make America Great Again then we MUST become educated on what the Constitution means and how our government is supposed to be working for us.

NOTE: I am NOT looking for funding. I am looking for a platform to bring this education on a broader scale, so more people can get educated!

Let's see if we can get this education mainstream rather than the propaganda that we have been forced fed for generations.

I think we should take Mr. Trump at his word. If he is asking for help, I would love to be able to volunteer my services!

As always, Thank you for your support!

PS: You can find a video on exactly how to do this on the page with today's radio show at -

<http://krisannehall.com/obama-funding-planned-parenthood/>

And share this message freely across your social network.

If you have never heard KrisAnne speak you have missed a pleasure – America NEEDS her knowledge taught, not only in schools, but to the general population. America also needs to understand and share KrisAnne's love of our Constitution & Country. All this must be accomplished/shared to "Make our America Great Again!!"

How the Media Blew It

From Grassfire Nation

By Steve Elliott

Thursday Afternoon: Day Two In America's New Birth Of Liberty.

This is going to be a somewhat long email, but I think it's important to give you perspective on what just happened and why the Establishment media and pundits are scratching their heads.

First, the Establishment media and punditry got the election all wrong. They projected a clear Hillary victory, with some leading sites putting the likelihood of Hillary winning at over 85 percent.

But why were they so wrong?

Two reasons.

+ + Why The Establishment Media And Pundits Were Wrong

First, the Establishment is blind to you and me. They either don't think we exist, or don't think we deserve to exist. They live and work in places where they never run into you and me. They surround themselves with other elites who are succeeding in the globalist, anti-American, anti-faith ruling ethos. They can't even imagine that we are out there. And if we do exist, we shouldn't have a voice. That's why so much of their efforts are designed to shame and silence us -- just in case we do exist and think we might want to actually vote or have a voice.

That worked in their alternate non-reality universe until about 9pm Tuesday night. That's when Chris Wallace on FOXNews first broached the idea that Trump might actually win. As he said it, there was silence on the set for a moment as that thought settled in.

From that moment on as the votes came in and it became more and more likely that Trump would win, the leftist Establishment elites have been trying to figure out how this happened. There has been some amount of "how did we miss this?" questioning, but the dialogue I've heard hasn't actually hit the mark. They missed it because they are blind to you and me -- by choice, by philosophy and by lifestyle. We don't even exist. Or we didn't until 9pm on Tuesday.

The second reason is a bit more sinister. They missed the election because they believed their own polls that were *intentionally* skewed to favor a Democratic (Hillary) outcome. There are two key words in polling lingo: "oversampling" and "weighting." Both are used to skew results under the guise of trying to get the most accurate polls. Our Grassfire and Liberty News teams exposed the flaws of the Establishment polling methodology weeks ago. A quick repeat. First, the major polls in general *oversampled* Democrats by anywhere from +7 to +12, when the historical average is +3-4. That means they included 3% to 9% more Democrats than Republicans in their polls than is the historical average in presidential races. So a poll that showed Hillary up by five percent should have shown a tossup or even a Trump lead.

We expected (and projected) that the margin of Democrat over Republican voters would return to the historic average. So when we first posted our projections map three weeks out from Election Day, we showed Trump in the Electoral College lead. We never wavered, and we were right. Exit polls showed a +4 Democrat variance -- the historical average -- down from the Obama surge of 2008 and 2012. Also, as we expected, independent voters increased.

Think back on the news coverage over the 60 days prior to the election. Almost all of the coverage was in response to polling that always showed Hillary with a comfortable lead. So the Establishment media and punditry that doesn't think we actually exist (or at least don't deserve to have a voice) rigged its polling to show its desired outcome and then built all its programming on polls that confirmed the thesis.

A bit intellectually incestuous.

So how did we here at Grassfire get it right?

As I noted, we broke down the polls, saw the flaw, re-ran the numbers with more honest Democrat-Republican voter margins, and saw that Trump would win. And we stuck by our guns. Last Saturday, I emailed our team with my final prediction that Trump would win and the final vote would flip in Trump's favor by about the same margin as the variance between the Brexit polling and vote. I was very close to spot on. Quite frankly, the "rust belt" Trump wave was bigger than we expected, but that was in large part due to the warped polling that dominated the news.

But it goes deeper than that.

+ + We've Seen This Coming For Years...

Because of who we are and who you are, we have felt and lived what we have consistently called a CITIZEN REVOLT for many years now. The first wave came with Obama and the Tea Party. But the next wave hit almost exactly three years ago when GOP RINOs caved and decided to give up the fight

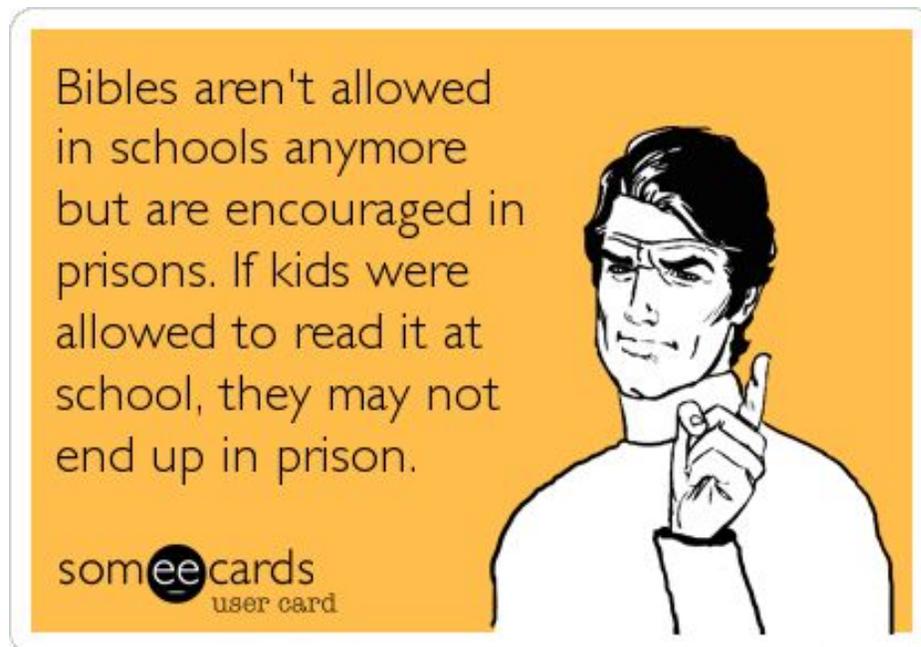
opposing ObamaCare. That's when a movement built around opposition to Obama's radical agenda transformed into a CITIZEN REVOLT against all the Establishment forces (both GOP and Democrat) that were oppressing the people.

Almost a year ago, I wrote a book about the Citizen Revolt and put Trump's name on the cover as the likely winner. This was before even one vote was cast in the primaries. It was a bit risky. I got some strong pushback from our team members. But the revolt was real, and as it turns out, Trump became the mouthpiece of a movement that is much greater than him.

+ + Deplorables Rise Up!

The repudiation of Hillary and the Establishment media and political system by voters is just the beginning. It's time for Deplorables to rise up and hold political leaders accountable. And we can't be shamed into silence by the radical Left (the campaign of intimidation has already started with the protests in the streets).

Actually this kinda takes me back to the last Newsletter and the story about the American Indian, Cowboy, and Muslim. Has the war between the Cowboy and those who appose him come out in the open and truly begun. We can work our way thru this opposition and worry about the Muslims when we get to them. Actually, we Conservatives do NOT want a war with anyone – we just want our Constitution and everything that goes with it back in the USA so we can live by it as our Fore Fathers intended!! They were so highly intelligent in writing all our rules and regulations – now if we are just intelligent enough to learn by this time of leaving it and get back to following the rules we were given. Pray – GOD will guide us, lead us if we are just wise enough to listen.



Why have Americans stood by and allowed our American Schools to prohibit BIBLES, PRAYER, all Christian recognition in our American Schools. We have been dumb and cowards!! We must step up and return our schools to GOD. I have no problem with other religions to be present also, but DO NOT EXCLUDE CHRISTIANITY.

***Congratulations, Marijuana,
on winning more states than Hillary Clinton!!!***

***Oh, my, What a face you make when you realize you
have to pass a drug test, take a shower, wake up before noon and find a job!!***



Veterans Day 2016

Veterans Day as a national holiday was established to set aside a special time for citizens of this country to honor and pay tribute to those who sacrificed and served for the freedoms we all enjoy. My father and I both came home after serving, he in the Pacific during WW II and me in Korea. The Korean War Memorial in Washington D.C. says, "Freedom is not Free!" 42 million men and women have served over the generations to protect America's cherished freedoms. As a veteran, I very much appreciate when someone says to me, "Thank you for your service." Linda and I wish to say thank you to all those who have served our country.

Our congregation honors veterans each year with a dinner and program. This year, Mt Calvary Lutheran Church, 17535 Say Road, Wamego, will host the dinner on Sunday, November 13, at noon. This event is free for all the public to enjoy. The latest Honor Flight trip and the Wamego Veterans Memorial dedication, scheduled for November 20, will be the program focus.

Thoughts on the 2016 Election

I am grateful and humbled by the support enabling me to win this election. So many people offered their financial help during this campaign. Some walked precincts, others put up signs, helped with mailers, wrote letters, and so many offered prayers for Linda and I. We are most appreciative of everyone's time and talents spent to win the House District 51 seat for the Republicans. I want to thank everyone who voted.

I also want to recognize and thank the Republican Parties in Pottawatomie, Wabaunsee, Lyon, Riley and Shawnee Counties for their support and hard work during this election. They worked diligently to help me and other candidates win.

My efforts to keep you informed will continue. I will steadfastly face the tasks ahead to better our state. It is an honor to serve you and all Kansans.

Respectfully,

Ron

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

I, We were very happy and relieved when Representative Highland was reelected. Personally, he is NOT my representative, but when I want to know something or find out what is going on in Topeka I ask Rep. Highland – the person that represents my district is useless. She says what she thinks she should and I learn nothing. She will receive her retirement now, so I hope she doesn't run again. Perhaps we can get someone who will actually DO something. Thank you, Ron, for being there for us as well as your own constituents. GOD be with all Kansas elected people. Thank you!!

***Daniel Greenfield, a Shillman Journalism Fellow at the Freedom Center,
is a New York writer focusing on radical Islam.***

This wasn't an election. It was a revolution.

It's midnight in America. The day before fifty million Americans got up and stood in front of the great iron wheel that had been grinding them down. They stood there even though the **leftwing nut media** told them it was useless. They took their stand even while all the chattering classes laughed and taunted them.

They were fathers who couldn't feed their families anymore. They were mothers who couldn't afford health care. They were workers whose jobs had been sold off to foreign countries. They were sons who didn't see a future for themselves. They were daughters afraid of being **murdered by the "unaccompanied minors" flooding into their towns**. They took a deep breath and they stood.

They held up their hands and the great iron wheel stopped.

The Great Blue Wall crumbled. The impossible states fell one by one. Ohio. Wisconsin. Pennsylvania. Iowa. The white working class that had been overlooked and trampled on for so long got to its feet. It rose up against its oppressors and the rest of the nation, from coast to coast, rose up with it.

They fought back against their jobs being shipped overseas while their towns filled with migrants that got everything while **they got nothing. They fought back against a system in which they could go to jail for a trifle while the elites could violate the law and still stroll through a presidential election.** They fought back against being told that they had to watch what they say. They fought back against being held in contempt because they wanted to work for a living and take care of their families. They fought and they won.

This wasn't a vote. It was an uprising. Like the ordinary men chipping away at the Berlin Wall, they tore down an unnatural thing that had towered over them. And as they watched it fall, they marveled at how weak and fragile it had always been. And how much stronger they were than they had ever known.

Who were these people? They were leftovers and flyover country. They didn't have bachelor degrees and had never set foot in a Starbucks. They were the white working class. They didn't talk right or think right. They had the wrong ideas, the wrong clothes and the ridiculous idea that they still mattered.

They were wrong about everything. Illegal immigration? Everyone knew it was here to stay. Black Lives Matter? The new civil rights movement? Manufacturing? As dead as the dodo. Banning Muslims? What kind of bigot even thinks that way? Love wins. Marriage loses. The future belongs to the urban metrosexual and his dot com, not the guy who used to have a good job before it went to China or Mexico.

They couldn't change anything. A thousand politicians and pundits had talked of getting them to adapt to the inevitable future. Instead they got in their pickup trucks and drove out to vote.

And they changed everything.

Barack Hussein Obama boasted that he had changed America. A billion regulations, a million immigrants, a hundred thousand lies and it was no longer your America. It was his.

He was JFK and FDR rolled into one. He told us that his version of history was right and inevitable.

And they voted and left him in the dust. They walked past him and they didn't listen. He had come to campaign to where they still cling to their guns and their bibles. He came to plead for his legacy.

And America said, "No."

Fifty millions Americans repudiated him. They repudiated the Obamas and the Clintons. They ignored the celebrities. They paid no attention to the media. They voted because they believed in the impossible. And their dedication made the impossible happen.

Americans were told that walls couldn't be built and factories couldn't be opened. That treaties couldn't be unsigned and wars couldn't be won. It was impossible to ban Muslim terrorists from coming to America or to deport the illegal aliens turning towns and cities into gangland territories.

It was all impossible. And fifty million Americans did the impossible. They turned the world upside down.

It's midnight in America. CNN is weeping. MSNBC is wailing. ABC calls it a tantrum. NBC damns it. It wasn't supposed to happen. The same machine that crushed the American people for two straight terms, the mass of government, corporations and non-profits that ran the country, was set to win.

Instead the people stood in front of the machine. They blocked it with their bodies. They went to vote even though the polls told them it was useless. They mailed in their absentee ballots even while Hillary Clinton was planning her fireworks victory celebration. They looked at the empty factories and barren farms. They drove through the early cold. They waited in line. They came home to their children to tell them that they had done their best for their future. They bet on America. And they won.

They won improbably. And they won amazingly. They were tired of ObamaCare. They were tired of unemployment. They were tired of being lied to. They were tired of watching their sons come back in coffins to protect some Muslim country. They were tired of being called racists and homophobes. They were tired of seeing their America disappear.

And they stood up and fought back. This was their last hope. Their last chance to be heard.

Watch this video. See ten ways John Oliver destroyed Donald Trump. Here's three ways Samantha Bee broke the internet by taunting Trump supporters. These three minutes of Stephen Colbert talking about how stupid Trump is owns the internet.

Watch Madonna curse out Trump supporters. Watch Katy Perry. Watch Miley Cyrus. Watch Robert Downey Jr. Watch Beyoncé campaign with Hillary. Watch. Click.

Watch fifty million Americans Take Back their country.

The media had the election wrong all along. This wasn't about personalities. It was about the impersonal. It was about fifty million people whose names no one except a server will ever know fighting back. It was about the homeless woman guarding Trump's star. It was about the lost Democrats searching for someone to represent them in Ohio and Pennsylvania. It was about

the union men who nodded along when the organizers told them how to vote, but who refused to sell out their futures. No one will ever interview all those men and women. We will never see all their faces. But they are us and we are them. They came to the aid of a nation in peril. They did what real Americans have always done. They did the impossible. America is a nation of impossibilities. We exist because our forefathers did not take no for an answer. Not from kings or tyrants. Not from the elites who told them that it couldn't be done. The day when we stop being able to pull off the impossible is the day that America will cease to exist. Today is not that day. Today fifty million Americans did the impossible. Midnight has passed. A new day has come. And everything is about to change.

Those who have more closely followed the case of [US v Cox & Kettler](#) will kindly forgive a short review of the story here, for the benefit of those who are only now catching up...

Back in the 2013 Session of the Kansas Legislature, SB 102, the KS Second Amendment Protection Act, was crafted, sponsored, heard in committees, and finally passed in both the House and the Senate, before being signed into law by the Governor near the very end of that Session.

Some time after that, a fellow near Chanute in the SE part of Kansas figured he could augment the modest income from his "Tough Guys" military surplus store in town by taking the Governor at his word. Using his skills in the machine shop by his house, he manufactured some custom-made firearm suppressors — also known somewhat inaccurately as "silencers" — to sell to other Kansas residents.

Shane Cox had consulted with both a local attorney and local law enforcement to ensure that his idea was fully within the scope of the new law, all of whom assured him he was *positively* well within bounds to proceed.

Each of the fairly small number of the suppressors he ultimately made and sold came with its own paper copy of SB 102, in the spirit of good citizenship to fully inform those purchasers of *their* legal status and responsibilities within the Kansas statute.

One of those customers was Jeremy Kettler, an Honorably Discharged disabled US Army veteran himself. Kettler was well-enough impressed with his purchase to record a video and post to Facebook, demonstrating the safe installation and use of the new suppressor, along with his positive review of its quality and the fine, friendly service he found at "Tough Guys" store in Chanute.

Other purchasers of those suppressors included members of the local law enforcement community itself, word-of-mouth being what it is.

At some point their activity drew the unfavorable attention of the BATFE, who sent an undercover agent in to have conversations with Cox at his store. That was followed by search warrants, raids on the store, its records, his home, and his workshop. BATFE agents even accomplished the near total disassembly of his *daughter's car, which was parked at her Dad's place for safekeeping while she was deployed overseas as a US Marine.*

Confiscation of the business sales records led the Feds to all the other purchasers, all of whose rightful property was seized in turn. Significantly, only *one* of those customers was charged with the crime of possession of illegal firearms or accessories, the one who had posted his positive review on Facebook, Jeremy Kettler.

Readers should also note that neither Shane Cox nor Jeremy Kettler had any prior criminal record or history.

With that review, let us now deal with current events, with regard to which I have **MASSIVELY** mixed emotions...

- **Kansas Legislators Entrap 2 With State Law | KrisAnne Hall Show -- 15 Nov 2016**

- <https://youtu.be/DkvpvQaDimw> •  online streaming audio 37:56 long

As always, I **love** listening to [KrisAnne Hall](#)'s utterly fearless voice in defense of the Strict Construction of the U.S. Constitution.

At the very same time, I am deeply **saddened** at the legal entrapment that has thrown the fates of Shane Cox & Jeremy Kettler to the winds of the federal judicial system [ref: [US v Cox & Kettler](#)] for no greater crime than the pursuit of their God-given rights in strictest possible compliance with the laws of the State of Kansas.

Yet also and moreover, I am enormously **angry** that our duly elected & sworn Kansas officials — in the persons of Attorney General Derek Schmidt **and** Governor Sam Brownback -- have CHOSEN to allow this travesty to go forward, when the plainly worded and overwhelmingly bi-partisan law passed in 2013 gave them every reason, every right, and **EVERY SOLEMN DUTY AS OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS** to intervene to protect two perfectly honorable Kansas citizens.

Worse still, A.G. Schmidt **DELIBERATELY** and with **MALICE TO THE LAW AFORETHOUGHT**, took positive steps to PREVENT (i.e., Schmidt refused to allow... he assertively **blocked**) our Secretary of State [Kris Kobach](#) -- a principal co-author of [SB 102, the KS 2nd Amendment Protection Act of 2013](#) -- from stepping into the case on behalf of the State, to defend that law **and** the two men held hostage to its existence.

The thoroughly OUTSTANDING audio file at the link (*above, at the top*) is almost 38-minutes long. As per

KrisAnne Hall's usual standard of excellence, it is absolutely worth every single minute of your time to listen as she explains what has happened here in Kansas on 14 November in the case of ***US vs Cox & Kettler***: the perfidy of Schmidt, Brownback, *and* the KS legislators who stood by, as well as the grave implications and far-reaching consequences to ***everyone's*** God-given Liberty in all 50 states...

As the saying goes, this story ain't over, folks. It is *****CRITICALLY***** important that we all study up on the particulars, pay attention as the case goes forward, and take positive actions in every way available to us to make our voices heard in opposition to this direct theft of our Liberty, not only by federal courts, but by the passive complicity of our own elected officials.

The above post can also be found on our Facebook Page, [Flint Hills T.E.A. Party](#)

First and foremost I am angered and horrified that the Federal Government was allowed to just waltz in and take over in a Kansas Court Room. Why were the Feds allowed to not only do that, but do as they please against Kansas citizens, totally IGNORING a KANSAS Law? Kris Kobach, Kansas Sec. of State, wrote a letter to Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt AND Governor Sam Brownback explaining where and how they could stop or, at least, slow down the Feds. while Sec Kobach was meeting with President-Elect Trump. However, these elected Kansas Officials chose to prevent Sec. Kobach from doing his duty and close their eyes, fold their hands and ignore the whole proceedings. They give Kansas citizens a secure feeling, don't they? Shane Cox and Jeremy Kittler were breaking NO LAW in Kansas and yet they now are on record of breaking federal law.

Over the years we have watched these two ELECTED KS officials stand by & NOT do much GOOD for Kansas. Now it is our turn to return the favor – we can “help” them as they have helped us.

Good Friday and Columbus Day Scratched in Indiana Town

By Michael Ware

November 23, 2016

There should be no surprise that the march of de-Christianizing America continues. For years we have faced the push for Christians and the symbols of their faith to go undetected. We are told that we are to keep our faith to ourselves and ***inside us***.

The stigmatizing of the Christian faith in public office has been long and brutal. People are told that they can believe what they want as long as they keep it out of public view. Now, we are told that there is no more room for two holidays because they leave some people out.

Todd Starnes ***reports***

Whenever you hear a liberal talking about cultural diversity and sensitivity it normally means something insensitive is about to happen to Christians.

The latest case in point: Bloomington, Indiana – the home of Indiana University and a nesting place for a gaggle of intolerant liberals.

Mayor John Hamilton recently announced that are renaming two paid holidays for city workers – in an effort to respect “differing cultures.”

Columbus Day will henceforth be known as “Fall Holiday” and Good Friday will be known as “Spring Holiday.”

The change is one that is done in the name of diversity and inclusion. In reality, it is done to push out the Christian identity of our country.

Starnes points out the truth of the situation

And to be honest – I've grown weary of boorish bureaucrats trying to whitewash our faith from the public marketplace all in the name of tolerance and diversity.

They never touch the Muslim holidays, do they? When was the last time you saw a liberal lawmaker launch a crusade to rename Ramadan?

You'd have a better chance of spotting Peter Cottontail hopping down the bunny trail.

And it is evident why Christianity is the target. It is the truth that they hate and not religion.

AMERICANS HAVE REJECTED SOCIALISM AT LEAST TWICE, ONCE ON NOVEMBER 8TH AND ONCE IN 1623

By Pamela Adams on November 25, 2016

When the *Mayflower* passengers started their pilgrimage in July of 1620, they were traveling on nothing less than blind faith. The 50 Separatists, or “Saints”, wanted to separate from the Church of England. To help cover expenses, they took aboard an equal amount of non-Separatists, or “Strangers”. These Strangers were investors as well as tradesmen and servants.

The king granted them permission to settle in Virginia. Bad weather, or perhaps God’s hand, forced their ship off course. They reached land north of British territory which voided their patent. This caused some strangers to suggest breaking from the crown. To avoid mutiny, William Bradford, the leader of the pilgrimage, composed an agreement ensuring the group worked together. All males of age were required to **sign the *Mayflower Compact*** before exiting the ship.

Later, Bradford requested the opportunity to self-govern, which the king allowed. As a result, the Pilgrims are considered the first true Americans outside of the Native Americans.

The ship landed on Saturday, November 11, 1620. After signing the Compact, the group remained on board to observe the Sabbath the following day. Elder Brewster conducted their day of worship and thanksgiving to God for a safe voyage. Bradford recorded their impressions in his book *Of Plymouth Plantation*:

“Being thus arrived in a good harbor, and brought safe to land, they fell upon their knees and blessed the God of Heaven who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean, and delivered them from all the perils and miseries thereof, again to set their feet on the firm and stable earth, their proper element.”

The 102 passengers slept and lived on the *Mayflower* over the next several months as they constructed their settlement.

Their first winter was brutal with about half of the Pilgrims dying. Bradford’s young wife fell off the ship and drowned. Others perished from illness, disease, and the cold.

In the spring of 1621, the Pilgrims moved into their new homes and the *Mayflower* returned to England. The colonists soon met and became friends with Samoset and Squanto. These **Native Americans helped the new Americans** learn to fertilize the land, plant crops and fish. Bradford cherished Squanto’s friendship as noted in his book. He believed Squanto was a *“special instrument sent of God for their good beyond their expectation.”*

The New World proved to be challenging to the Pilgrims. Bradford wrote about a horrible drought in July of 1623. The crops withered under the extreme dryness. The Pilgrims needed to refocus.

Bradford recorded that they *“set apart a solemn day of humiliation, to seek the Lord by humble and fervent prayer, in this great distress. And He was pleased to give them a gracious and speedy answer, both to their own and the Indians’ admiration that lived amongst them.”*

He continued, stating the rain came, *“which did so apparently revive and quicken the decayed corn and other fruits, as was wonderful to see, and made the Indians astonished to behold. And afterwards the Lord sent them such seasonable showers, with interchange of fair warm weather as, through His blessing, caused a fruitful and liberal harvest, to their no small comfort and rejoicing. For which mercy, in time convenient, they also set apart a day of thanksgiving.”*

Bradford made it clear that he and the Pilgrims thanked God for a bountiful harvest. In addition, they were able to witness to the Indians about God. The pilgrims definitely invited the Indians as their guests to the 3-day Thanksgiving celebration. However, there is no mistake God was the guest of honor.

The Pilgrims came to America for the freedom to worship God. They truly appreciated the help and generosity of the Indians. However their thankfulness for those helpers went to God. To do otherwise would go against their whole purpose of coming to America.

Our Founding Fathers inherited this spirit of Thanksgiving. As a new country, the Second Continental Congress composed the *National Thanksgiving Day Proclamation* on November 1, 1777. It declared Thursday, December 8, 1777, as a day of “Solemn Thanksgiving and Praise”.

FORASMUCH as it is the indispensable Duty of all Men to adore the superintending Providence of Almighty God; to acknowledge with Gratitude their Obligation to him for benefits received, and to implore such farther Blessings as they stand in Need of; And it having pleased him in his abundant Mercy not only to continue to us the innumerable Bounties of his common Providence, but also to smile upon us in the Prosecution of a just and necessary War, for the Defence and Establishment of our unalienable Rights and Liberties; particularly in that he hath been pleased in so great a Measure to prosper the Means used for the Support of our Troops and to crown our Arms with most signal success:

It is therefore recommended to the legislative or executive powers of these United States, to set apart Thursday, the eighteenth Day of December next, for Solemn Thanksgiving and Praise; That with one Heart and one Voice the good People may express the grateful Feelings of their Hearts, and consecrate themselves to the Service of their Divine Benefactor; and that

together with their sincere Acknowledgments and Offerings, they may join the penitent Confession of their manifold Sins, whereby they had forfeited every Favour, and their humble and earnest Supplication that it may please God, through the Merits of Jesus Christ, mercifully to forgive and blot them out of Remembrance; That it may please him graciously to afford his Blessing on the Governments of these States respectively, and prosper the public Council of the whole; to inspire our Commanders both by Land and Sea, and all under them, with that Wisdom and Fortitude which may render them fit Instruments, under the Providence of Almighty God, to secure for these United States the greatest of all human blessings, Independence and Peace; That it may please him to prosper the Trade and Manufactures of the People and the Labour of the Husbandman, that our Land may yet yield its Increase; To take Schools and Seminaries of Education, so necessary for cultivating the Principles of true Liberty, Virtue and Piety, under his nurturing Hand, and to prosper the Means of Religion for the promotion and enlargement of that Kingdom which consisteth in Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Ghost.

And it is further recommended, that servile Labour, and such Recreation as, though at other Times innocent, may be unbecoming the Purpose of this Appointment, be omitted on so solemn an Occasion.

This document is more overwhelming evidence our Founding Fathers were men of great faith. A strong Christian heritage undoubtedly formed the foundation of our beloved United States of America. It was that way from the very beginning.

As shown, the pilgrims turned to God in times of trial. Likewise, they praised Him in their prosperity.

May we never stop being thankful to God for this wonderful country and all her freedoms. We must always fight to keep the precious liberty God has bestowed upon her and us.

But that's just my 2 cents

Just thought it might be good to be reminded --

Hope your Thanksgiving was good!!

Today I received the following from Grassfire Nation. I agree that our battle to regain our nation has just begun, but I'm not sure they are much better than the ones they are criticizing.

Friday morning:

Sylva,

I'm getting sick watching FOX News.

I almost can't take the seemingly endless parade of RINOs and ESTABLISHMENT "talking heads" pontificating about what President-elect Trump must do next.

The main opponents of Trump, like Karl Rove and Rich Lowry (National Review), are telling us what needs to happen next. Both of these men are among the cadre of "experts" who totally missed what just happened with the massive CITIZEN REVOLT our Grassfire team predicted more than a year ago.

Look, I don't need any credit. But it pains me when the Establishment pundits who opposed everything that was happening at the grassroots level now want to frame the debate!

The fact is, Rove and Lowry and the rest of the Establishment RINOs have NO IDEA what is happening in our country right now. They still think Trump is wrong when he confronts the media or tells the "Hamilton" actors they were out of line.

And they certainly can't identify the THREE BIGGEST THREATS that are now facing this historic CITIZEN REVOLT... because they're one of the threats!

Three Biggest Threats Facing Liberty Right Now

Right now, we have a HISTORIC opportunity to literally save the Republic from certain destruction. The Trump election is, in my opinion, God's mercy on our land because there's now an opportunity for the pillars of law and liberty to be re-established in our land. But it's ONLY AN OPPORTUNITY.

That's why we must take action now, and we must understand the three major threats seeking to destroy this opportunity.

The first threat comes from the ESTABLISHMENT RINOs. Don't believe a word they say. They hate Trump and what he stands for. But they are "playing nice" in order to worm their way in and help steer the agenda. We must reject the voice of those who sided with the Establishment and rejected the CITIZEN REVOLT that is reshaping our country! **How do we reject them when they are in Congress for at least 2 more years?**

Second, it's time to REJECT AND REPLACE THE ESTABLISHMENT MEDIA -- and that includes much of what you hear on allegedly "conservative" news sources. Like Glenn Beck, who has vociferously opposed Trump and continues to do so. Don't forget, he called electing Hillary a "moral and ethical choice." We simply must reject the Establishment media and replace it with news sources connected to the CITIZEN REVOLT movement. **There must be a way for citizens to communicate and understand where we are and what the next step must be.**

The third major threat to our liberties may surprise you...

It's Barack Obama.

That's right. The Democrat Party is in tumult and Citizen Barack Obama is ready to fill the void. Here's what he told liberal activists shortly after the election:

"Next year Michelle and I are going to be right there with you... involved in the amazing stuff that we've been doing all these years before.... And I've got all kinds of thoughts and ideas.... The point is, I'm still fired up and I'm still ready to go." **We, the citizens that WON this election, must be as "fired up" as our Chief Destroyer, Barack Obama is. No matter what he wants to do we must make our own decisions and ignore Barack Obama.**

We fully expect Barack Obama to LEAD THE FIGHT to defeat the CITIZEN REVOLT and make his radical transformation of America permanent. And the former president's actions will fuel the most mean-spirited, hate-filled attack campaign against Trump and the CITIZEN REVOLT in our nation's history. **No matter how wonderful he sounds – never forget Barack Obama IS A MUSLIM!! A Muslim out to destroy the United State of American as it is known and make the USA a muslim country!!!**

Which finally brings me to why I'm writing to you today...

+ + Help Me Fight These Triple Threats To Our Liberties

I believe Grassfire is uniquely positioned -- perhaps unlike any other organization -- to contend on behalf of liberty and turn back the three threats of GOP RINOs, the Establishment media and Citizen Obama. We stand apart from the RINO Establishment. We have the infrastructure in place to help provide a viable alternative to the failed Establishment media. And we have our eyes on Barack Obama, knowing that he will not go away quietly.

But here's my challenge, right now.

Many of our team members took a deep breath after the election. As a result, our support has dropped significantly since Trump's historic victory. But I see the storm clouds of this "triple threat" building, and I must expand our efforts immediately.

Specifically, we need \$20,000 in support between now and the end of this month. I know that leaves us precious little time (just one week!). But I'm confident that Grassfire friends like you will rise up and help us meet this goal.

[Sylva, can I count on your support? Please go here to help Grassfire fight back against these triple threats to liberty and meet our urgent funding goal:](#)

<http://www.grassrootsaction.com/r.asp?U=739211&CID=201722&RID=47848459>

If you can help with a contribution of ANY AMOUNT (even \$10 or \$20), I want you to have our Stars & Stripes ReSticker PAK. These three state-of-art, U.S. flag bumper stickers are available ONLY through Grassfire. I can't think of a better time to display America's colors than right now!

Most importantly, you'll be helping Grassfire expose the RINO agenda, replace the Establishment media with a robust and patriotic news source, and expose Obama's radical "community organizing" tactics designed to disrupt our nation.

Can I count on your help?

If you believe in the work of Grassfire, please stand with us TODAY, as we gear up for the fight of our lives to help implement a "rebirth of freedom" in our land.

Again, the Trump election is an opportunity, but nothing more. If we don't fight back against these triple threats to our liberties, we will miss this opportunity and our nation will fall.

Thanks in advance,

Steve Elliott

P.S. I just heard the ACLU raised \$7 million in just a few days to fight Trump and the CITIZEN REVOLT. We need just a fraction of that to keep the million-strong Grassfire team on the leading edge of this historic movement. Specifically, I must raise \$20,000 in support by the end of this month. [Please go here to help and request your three complimentary gifts.](#)

P.P.S. I'll follow up in a few days with shocking details of Obama's plans to openly oppose Trump and spearhead the radical Left's agenda. For now, please help us meet this goal.

I received this from John D'Aloia. Thank you, John!! We are behind you and Ms. Evans, all the way!!

http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2016/11/mr_trump_get_rid_of_the_department_of_education.html Nov. 25, 2016

Mr. Trump: Get rid of the Department of Education!

By [M. Catharine Evans](#)

Many of us hoped President-Elect Donald Trump's first step in dismantling the Department of Education would be the elimination of the secretary cabinet position. However, with Wednesday's announcement [naming](#) education [activist](#) Betsy DeVos as his pick to head the department, it looks as if the costly government agency is not going anywhere, at least for a while.

For decades, the GOP has firmly stated that it supports local control. Throughout his campaign, President-Elect Trump agreed, [stating](#) that "education has to be local." In 2015, when asked if he would "cut departments," Trump said, "I'm not cutting services, but I am cutting spending. But I may cut the Department of Education."

Thirty years ago, Ronald Reagan called for the termination of the Department of Education. But instead of disappearing, the Jimmy Carter creation has become a federal leviathan with no signs of abating in growth.

Reagan's secretary of education, Terrell H. Bell, thwarted Reagan's and the Christian right's plan to do away with the cabinet-level bureau. Bell, an educator by profession, was [instrumental](#) in publishing a report on the national status of our schools. Bell had the National Commission on Excellence in Education, which he created in 1981, prepare a [document](#) in 1983 called "A Nation at Risk: The Imperative for Educational Reform."

The commission's major imperatives were much the same as we have in the education reform movement now: the appeal for non-traditional teachers, more federal funding, and heavier emphasis on science and technology studies as opposed to "general track courses."

Although the report duly outlined the problems of lackluster educational outcomes, it had a detrimental effect on allowing the states to determine their own educational policies. Thus, the DoE's job description continued to grow. What once had been an office that simply collected national statistics on schoolchildren's academic performance now is a bureaucratic boondoggle.

"A Nation at Risk" actually [called](#) for more government intervention into traditional states' rights, setting in motion a movement in education which could not be stopped. The report favorably cited a 1982 Gallup poll of the "Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools" that held that education is "extremely important" to one's future success, and that public education should be the top priority for additional federal funds.

As a result, in less than 30 years, we went from a fiscally and socially conservative president who campaigned on getting the federal government out of education to a socialist president who allotted \$102 billion of stimulus funds for education reforms and who presided over an increase in the DoE's [budget](#) from \$32 billion in 2009 to \$71 billion in 2011. By 2014, the figure had [risen](#) to \$141 billion.

The fact that there is no provision in the Constitution giving the federal government control over our schools has not stopped Republican and Democratic leaders in D.C. from growing the department to its current size.

At the start of his administration, President George W. Bush pushed through the largest federal encroachment in education in the nation's history with his No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Fifteen years later, the federal government dictates what will be taught, when, and by whom to most of the 15,000 public school districts and 47 million public school children.

Under Obama, the Department of Education inserted its power into the states by tying funding to achievement through Race to the Top competitive grants, granting waivers to No Child Left Behind failures, and offering funding for testing materials to states who adopt Common Core standards.

The federal takeover of education has produced dismal results. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) combined reading and math scores for the high school class of 2011 [were](#) the lowest on record. Of blacks and Hispanics who graduate from high school, many are functionally illiterate. Only 11% of blacks and 15% of Hispanics in the class of 2011 were proficient in math, with 13% of blacks and only 4% of Hispanics proficient in reading.

Taxpayers are sick and tired of funding this kind of failure. But dismantling an organization as entrenched as the Department of Education won't be easy. With so many strings attached between it and the local school systems, separating them will be a challenge even for a maverick like Trump. If confirmed, perhaps DeVos can start cutting the department's reach and power until she no longer has a job.

*This so important – the USA has wasted to many of our youth with nonteaching programs. Too many of our High School Graduates are unable to hold many jobs because of lack of teaching useful knowledge or even able to handle college classes. Even college graduates are not able to fill the shoes they should have the skills to fill. Our Country's youth are too valuable and intelligent to waste!! **Is money more important than teaching???***

DONALD TRUMP IS JUST WARMING UP IN BATTLE WITH THE MEDIA

CONSERVATIVE VIDEOS NOVEMBER 26, 2016

As reported and seen first on Fox Business: Former White House Press Secretary for George W. Bush, Ari Fleischer on Donald Trump's battle with the media.

We have too much press and very little of it useful anymore. **It is not news but an opinion.** Donald Trump is going to break all the rules with the press and we are going to see tremendous strife between the two.

Media is in decline because of the quality of their coverage. The trust in the press is at a record low. What the press said instead is ignore all the evidence we have and continue to do it harder.

Watch this discussion between Fox Business Charles Payne and Ari Fleischer.

I watched that video – wish I could reproduce it here. What it boils down to is: Trump understands/knows that he can NOT TRUST THE ORDINARY PRESS TO REPORT THE TRUTH. All thru the campaign they printed what they thought would benefit Hillary/Democrat party completely ignoring the truth. Our President elect, Donald Trump, realized this and wisely decided to go around them and report the TRUTH himself. We, personally, still subscribe to the Manhattan Mercury because it keeps us informed on what trickery the Demos are up to. (Besides we get the advertisements.)

PONDER THESE FACTS PLEASE

THERE ARE 3,141 COUNTIES IN THE UNITED STATES.
TRUMP WON 3,084 OF THEM.
CLINTON WON 57.

THERE ARE 62 COUNTIES IN NEW YORK STATE.
TRUMP WON 46 OF THEM.
CLINTON WON 16.

CLINTON WON THE POPULAR VOTE BY APPROX. 1.5 MILLION VOTES.

IN THE 5 COUNTIES THAT ENCOMPASS NYC, (BRONX, BROOKLYN, MANHATTAN, RICHMOND & QUEENS) CLINTON RECEIVED WELL OVER 2 MILLION MORE VOTES THAN TRUMP. (CLINTON ONLY WON 4 OF THESE COUNTIES, TRUMP WON RICHMOND)

THEREFORE THESE 5 COUNTIES ALONE, MORE THAN ACCOUNTED FOR CLINTON WINNING THE POPULAR VOTE OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

THESE 5 COUNTIES COMPRISE 319 SQUARE MILES.
THE UNITED STATES IS COMPRISED OF 3,797,000 SQUARE MILES.

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I have not been able to verify this, however, Do NOT even THINK we should do away with the electoral vote!!! Without the electoral vote we – Conservatives and Trump -- would have lost this election, just because the densely populated, poorly educated area of our Country **can/was** bought. Our Fore Fathers, once again, knew exactly what they were doing. Too bad we don't have more citizens of our Fore Fathers caliber now. Let us pray that Donald Trump is one of the few. I just had another thought – I wonder how many of the voters in the 16 counties Hillary won were dead, moved, just not voting? Why can't those votes be detected and eliminated? So many things can be accomplished by computer – if cheating can be accomplished, why can't eliminating the cheating be accomplished? That could be the goal before the next election. How do we begin to accomplish that?? I have NOT been able to verify these facts, but they are probably basically true. “Let us Pray”— is the secret to our success. GOD be with the USA!!!

Hi Sylva-

As Americans across the country are still recovering from their Thanksgiving feasts, our Lame Duck Congress is preparing to fill its never-ending appetite for overspending. This Lame Duck Congress, full of lawmakers who will soon be retiring or leaving their posts after losing reelection, lacks the accountability to the people that's inherent in a normal session of Congress. It's not the time to commit to a giant, long-term spending bill, but that's exactly what many lawmakers will try to do. Instead, lawmakers should focus on passing a clean spending bill that extends to early 2017, when we will have a Congress that is fully accountable and capable of fulfilling the will of the people. We need to [pressure our lawmakers](#) to not use this Lame Duck session as an opportunity for more overspending and corporate welfare giveaways at the expense of the taxpayer.

— Americans for Prosperity

They are correct—we MUST keep in touch with our Senators and Representatives. If we don't keep them

informed as to what we want them to do we have no one to blame but ourselves when they don't do as we want. If we keep them informed on what WE Want THEM to do and THEY DON'T DO IT; it is then our DUTY to get them out of office. READ this again and pledge to yourself to do this. As soon as they are sworn into office in January WE must let them know what WE expect of THEM, then hold them to it!!! They can't be blamed IF WE don't do our part!!! If they still don't listen, then vote them OUT of office!! Pray, GOD will help, if you ask!!

Yes, America, Donald Trump WILL Live Up to His Promises!

By Constitution.com

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Donald J. Trump won. He stood alone, while others attacked, and he beat them all one by one at their own game. He did it without the support of K-Street lobbyists, the media, the political machine, and key Republican leaders. Throughout it all, he remained tall, strong, confident, as he fought back boldly.

Despite his rough exterior and his mischievous past, Americans rewarded him by choosing him as the 45th president of the United States of America. Not by a thin margin, as some predicted, but by an electoral landslide.

Will he succeed? Will he be committed enough to lead America in the right direction and correct the damage Barack Obama has caused? He has proven to Americans during his campaign that he could. The big question: Will he?

For nearly a year, Donald Trump played his political opponents to his advantage. Those watching him perform on the world stage were stunned, amused, even horrified by what he said and did. Did he do it for its shock effect (national and international attention), or did he do it to expose the corruption of the system?

Few will question the significance of what he had achieved during his record-breaking run for presidency. He did the impossible. He outsmarted the smart, and he exposed the big three – America's left-wing political-educational-media establishment – for what they were: hypocrites, liars, traitors and corrupters – and he turned the American public against them.

Americans saw in action during the campaign an extraordinary man who purposefully labeled his opponents to incriminate them. Crooked Hillary, low-energy Jeb, lying Ted, little Marco, and more. He emerged from political obscurity to the number one spot because he connected with the people by telling them what they believed. By so doing, he convinced them by his brazen actions and generous promises that he had the business acumen and the strength to be the next president of the United States.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton got it wrong when she said, "What you see is what you get." The buffoon, the boaster, the light-weight, that she claimed Donald Trump was, didn't turn out to be exactly the man she had thought. Obviously blinded by his actions, she never realized that the man whom she identified as a loser was a showman, a clever, self-made billionaire businessman who knew tricks on winning that no one else has ever used so successfully to win. She should have figured it out after the primaries, when he defeated each one of his opponents swiftly with skill. Any self-made billionaire who was willing to sink an estimated \$50 to \$100 million of his own money into his campaign had to know what he was doing. This was not the decision of a loser on a supersonic ego trip to the moon, but the decision of a man with BIG dreams and the iron determination to realize them.

It is difficult to identify singularly what caused Hillary's defeat. She had a long history in government and all the right credentials and connections for the job. But what she lacked, in the eyes of the voting public, was a noteworthy track record of political achievement and, most importantly, trustworthiness.

Was it a singular thing that caused Hillary's defeat? I don't think so – the citizens of the USA have spoken and GOD is with them. Keep up the good work!! Thanks GOD for his help!! I pray GOD's help will continue!!

TRUMP URGED TO REVOKE OBAMA'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS EARMARKING 553 MILLION ACRES AS NATIONAL MONUMENTS

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The song "This Land is Your Land, This Land is My Land..." under the Obama administration. During Obama's 'reign' he designated at least 553 million acres of land and water as national monuments. Now, land activists are asking Donald Trump to 'un-designate' much of that same land so that the United States can expand its energy exploration.

The Washington Times reports – Western lands activists are urging Donald Trump to test the limits of executive power by revoking millions of acres that President Obama set aside as national monuments, setting up a landmark legal battle over one of the nation's most frequently used environmental protections.

Such a step would be historic. No president has undesignated a national monument created by his predecessor, and it's unclear whether he has the authority to do so.

But Obama administration critics say now is the time to try to establish a precedent. They say Mr. Obama has wildly abused presidential power in using the 1906 Antiquities Act to cordon off huge swaths of land and sea — mostly along the West and East coasts — to prevent energy exploration. In total, he has earmarked at least 553 million acres of land and water as national

monuments, far more than any other president.

National monument markings prohibit oil and gas drilling and coal mining, meaning Mr. Obama has used his monument authority to effectively shut down huge areas of potential energy exploration and has drawn praise from environmental activists in the process.

There are several ways of looking at this. One is – we need to stop foreign Countries/Governments from doing anything with OUR natural resources!! Or even being in our Country as a Government at all. If they would NOT allow us to do the same in their Country what they are doing in ours, then tell them “STOP!!” All of our Country CANNOT be Memorials, Parks, etc. We need to have land for homes, business, raise food, roads, etc. There will not be “more land” in the future; don’t give away or restrict development of more than we can afford to. In the future we are going to need to use these lands for what we need ourselves. One Country can only handle so many people, give away so much, taking care of ourselves must come first. Planning for our Countries needs must come ahead of the rest of the world. Preserving our land and seas are a must.

OBAMA’S THANKSGIVING ADDRESS: “WE HAVE EACH OTHERS BACKS” NOV. 24, 2016

Obama has a way of painting a picture doesn’t he? Of course, none of the rest of us see what he’s seeing. But, if you listened to his Thanksgiving address yesterday, after the corny jokes, you would’ve heard some grand tales. He regaled us with stories of “the longest streak EVER in terms of job creation,” “low unemployment, and the stock market nearly tripling.”

Then, he shouts: “That’s worth gobbling about.”

He continued, “Proud families across the country are finally complete now that marriage equality is the law of the land. Thanksgiving is also a reminder of the source of our national strength. That out of many we are one, that we’re bound not by any one race, religion, but rather by an adherence to a common creed that all of us are created equal. And, while accepting our differences and building a diverse society has never been easy, it’s never been more important. We are people that look out for one another and get each others’ backs.”

Since when has Obama had anyone’s back but his own and some other Muslim’s?? If those things have actually happened, they happened AFTER the election, not before!! May GOD grant us a peaceful departure of Obama from our Government. He should have been shown the way out 4 years ago--GOD help us be rid of him.

**Trump’s not even in office yet
and stocks are up, Fidel Castro is gone, Kane cancelled his tour and
California is talking about leaving the union!!**

So Far, so Good!!!

Obama’s Last Licks: We Ought Not Be Surprised at Anything

By Erik Rush

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Now that America’s dalliance with her celebrated first black president is nearing an end, there are those who are breathing a collective sigh of relief that we will no longer be subjected to his treasonous and dangerous antics. This may be premature, however, but I’ll get to the particulars of that claim shortly.

One of the things demonstrated in the outcome of the recent general election was the relative tolerance most Americans had with regard to the fundamentally corrupt and criminal administration of Barack Hussein Obama due to the racist conditioning to which Americans have been exposed. Over the last eight years, pundits and other observers have noted the tendency for the public to dissociate Obama from his policies, and the dynamic of this phenomenon remained a mystery to many.

It may seem dubious that so many would have given Obama a pass on the many brazen instances of illegality and subterfuge attendant to nearly every act and policy he executed, but the aggregate of analysis more than suggests that this is precisely what occurred.

During his presidency, lawmakers and politically engaged voters alike have been loath to challenge or criticize Obama when he addressed issues or policies directly, as they associated this with the concept that opposing him was opposing his ethnicity. This of course was reinforced by Obama supporters, the press, and the left in general. When Obama policies brought ruin to our economy, domestic tranquility, national security, or international standing and a political firestorm ensued, people openly condemned said

policies, while Obama calculatedly aided in the dissociation through his silence.

As it stands now, it is likely that a majority of Americans, even those well-informed among Trump voters, profoundly relieved that [Hillary Clinton](#) will not be our next president, are willing to have Obama go quietly with his legacy preserved for all time.

Despite this, Obama may not choose to do so.

The election of [Donald Trump](#) has indeed thrown the left into a tailspin. Considering the known *modus operandi* of this president and administration, particularly their proclivity for doubling-down on disagreeable policies when confronted or threatened, we would do well to assume that measures may be taken to secure what dubious gains they've made and to plant a few political roadside bombs for the Trump administration.

While Obama might choose to run the clock out on his disastrous presidency and do relatively little, there's still nothing I would put past this group with regard to getting in some "last licks."

For example, it's likely that assassinations of police officers over the last week or so have been no more than maladjusted reprobates who took the election of Donald Trump to be an endorsement or mandate relating to the alleged institutional racism in America with which Trump has been associated. Since police have been characterized as the jackbooted enforcers of such policies, it stands to reason that such individuals might decide to take it out on law enforcement.

Or these killings might have been directly though subtly orchestrated by the bathhouse refugee currently occupying the White House, or one of his surrogates.

Over the top? No more so than any of my postulations to date concerning this administration — and definitely not a stretch considering the orchestration that actually did take place between the White House and [Black Lives Matter](#) and other radical groups, or Eric Holder's Department of Justice orchestrating protests against [George Zimmerman](#) using taxpayer money, or DOJ surrogates organizing protesters in Ferguson, Missouri, or rioters in Baltimore, or that department's covert attempt to subvert the [Second Amendment](#) through the [Fast and Furious](#) gun-running operation.

On a scale larger than murdering a few police officers, Obama's real "last licks" could prove just as sinister. Bear in mind that he will remain president until past mid-January. During that time, he retains the power to bring about events that could be truly cataclysmic, and to shore up the machinery of treachery and terrorism he worked so hard to establish over the last eight years.

The flood of Muslim "refugees" from areas in the world that Obama himself destabilized has included thousands of individuals who were essentially granted access to the U.S. via Obama decree. Realistically, he has the capability of clandestinely importing even more of these people between now and January.

It would be quite in keeping with the character of this administration to surreptitiously foment widespread racial violence, for example, between now and Inauguration Day, as an ostensible reaction to the election of a man who has been characterized as a racist. This has already been accomplished by the administration on smaller scales over the last few years through contrived responses to police shootings of black individuals that were framed as race-motivated police brutality.

Considering how Trump has been represented by the left as regards immigration, far-left Latino groups such as *La Raza* and other "return to Mexico" claimants might be enrolled to touch off violence in border states. This could conceivably spread to major cities, with blacks, Latinos and college students already enrolled in the anti-Trump [Astroturf](#) backlash causing mayhem on an unprecedented scale.

While the election of Donald Trump was obviously not an endorsement of the odious values ascribed to him by the left, it most certainly was a repudiation of everything Obama, particularly if one factors in the racial components attendant to his rise to power. Donald Trump gave Americans the opportunity to unequivocally repudiate Obama without articulating their repudiation.

This has very evidently been extremely hard for the left to endure, so we ought not be surprised at anything they come up with between now and the day Obama leaves office.

I thought I would glance thru Barack Obama's Executive orders and mention some. I was amazed to find there are **249 Obama Executive Orders!!! GEEZE!!!** If I can understand any of what I found it will be amazing. After reading Sec. 1-4, 2 pages of stuff I could not make up from down of. The following seems to say it all:

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Sec. 6. Revocation. Executive Order 13233 of November 1, 2001, is revoked.

Then there was Obama's signature – got that??? Great, because I didn't.

When I looked up Executive Order 13233 of November 1, 2001, is revoked.

That is the one Obama's first Executive Order (the one he signed later in the day after he was sworn in).

I looked up several more — many of them are revoking previous orders. I couldn't make heads or tails of any of them. Guess that shows my intelligence.

How Government Unions Became So Powerful

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This weekend we celebrate Labor Day in a country divided between two kinds of workers. The first is the private-sector worker, the vulnerable one who rides the business cycle without shock absorbers. The second worker, who works for the government, lives a cushioned existence in which terminations take years, pension amounts are often guaranteed, and recessions are only thunder in the distance. Yet worse than this division is the knowledge that the private-sector worker will pay for public-sector comfort with ever higher taxes.

How did we get here? Over the course of the past century, officials and politicians of both parties have sought to shut unions out of government or, when that failed, constrain their power within government. Early 20th-century strikes by police and other public employees were effective but proved politically damaging. Over time, the unions opted for a more quiet form of coercion — what might be called compensation coercion. Their success in this area brought them to the privileged ground they hold today.

The origins of our current predicament began back in 1912. Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and William Howard Taft placed gag orders on postal employees to prevent them from communicating with Congress on any matter, including wages. The gag offended many members of Congress, who then supported a bill sponsored by the progressive Robert La Follette that aimed to curtail presidential authority by making it harder to fire public employees.

The Lloyd-LaFollette Act of 1912 gave federal workers the formal right to organize. What that might portend did enter the minds of the bill supporters. But many thought wholesale unionization too remote for possibility. Others saw Lloyd-LaFollette as a relatively tame statute, a lesser evil that might stall the progressive movement. Unions took Lloyd-LaFollette as the base for a movement.

Many people assumed that public unionism was emasculated for good by the city of Boston's refusal to rehire striking police officers after the Boston Police Strike of 1919. The circumstances of the strike were such that it was nearly impossible not to side with the patrolmen. Police wages were not keeping up with inflation. Their working conditions were appalling. When the police went on strike, the city and state delayed before calling in outside help and the city descended into riots and chaos.

Calvin Coolidge, then Massachusetts governor, saw the strike as inexcusable and rejected the idea that any blame be assigned to authorities. Any failure to adequately respond, he said, "cannot justify the wrong of leaving the city unguarded," which furnished the opportunity for riots. He then made it clear the policemen would not get their jobs back. "There is no right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, any time," he said.

On the question of militant action, Franklin Roosevelt proved similarly stalwart. In a 1937 letter on collective bargaining to Luther Steward, president of the National Federation of Federal Employees, Roosevelt warned that "government employees should realize that the process of collective bargaining, as usually understood, cannot be transplanted into the public service. Roosevelt added that "I want to emphasize my conviction that militant tactics have no place in the functions of any organization of government employees." Roosevelt did permit aggressive union action in the private sector by signing the Wagner Act of 1935.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Executive Order 10988, which permitted collective bargaining by federal employees. Widely seen as a gift to George Meany, the AFL-CIO head who helped Kennedy win the White House, the executive order was also a gift to government unions, both because it widened federal membership and because it signaled national approval of unions for state and local employees.

Public workers took a blow to their dignity in 1981 when President Ronald Reagan, following Coolidge's lead, fired 11,000 striking air-traffic controllers of the Federal Aviation Administration. Forgotten is that the Reagan, Bush, Clinton and Bush years were the period when the tenure rules, pay schedules and compensation packages of today were signed.

Another factor leading to the rise of the public unions is the decade-over-decade increase in the size of government. Not only through the New Deal, but also through the 1950s and onward the number of workers in the public sector grew. By 1962 they represented an eighth of the national work force. If we did not have so many government employees today, the cost of sustaining them would not be so high.

Another contributing factor was union sentimentalism. Union law governing private business, from the Wagner Act on, did permit strikes and more dramatic forms of bargaining than often allowed public workers. Some states, out of a sense of fairness, gave public workers similar rights.

One was Wisconsin, where heirs to LaFollette passed laws strengthening public unions in the early 1960s. But in many states, lawmakers and citizens alike, sympathetic to public workers, sought to compensate them for this difference with job security and good pensions. States like New York even wrote into their constitutions guarantees that the pension amounts promised employees at hiring would be paid out decades later, no matter what happened to the state budget in the interim. To cover those pensions set decades ago, lawmakers must increase taxes today.

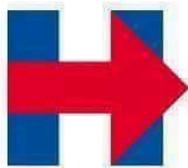
Fifty years ago in Wisconsin, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees charged a critic of collective bargaining with wanting to make the public worker "a second-class citizen." Tolerance for such arguments has permitted construction of a new system in which it is the private-sector employee who finds himself second class.

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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WINNING AND WHINING?

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