

The Patriots' Truth

Flint Hills Party News

For the time being we are NOT holding the Saturday meetings. We may have Special Meetings when we have Special Guests, which will be publically announced in the paper, email, word of mouth. Check for updates at flinthillsteaparty.com We are now posting news items, events and the newsletters both recent and archived issues at our newly updated website. Weekly meetings are held at McAlister's, 5:30/6-10pm, 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 (Sylda), 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!! YOU are IMPORTANT! 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. Stay in touch!!



Legislative Update No 13, June 18, 2017

Happy Father's Day to all the dads. My most important role is as a father and grandfather, and I am really enjoying time now with my grandchildren. Today I also remember my father who spent long hours as a rural mail carrier in Brewster, Kansas, after coming home from duty in the Pacific during WWII. He made sure that I always had plenty of work to get done. We owe his generation a great deal and I strive to live my life honorably for him and them.

The session is finally coming to an end. The results are as I expected. The mega-tax bill passed and became law by overriding the Governor's veto. The K-12 Education bill passed with increased spending. The final budget bill passed last Saturday evening. The liberal Republicans joined forces with the Democrats to defeat any bills or amendments to soften the bills.

The tax bill, or as I have renamed it, the "Missouri Jobs Act," is now law. Eight counties bordering Missouri provide 35% of all retail sales tax, and 40% of all the state's income tax revenue. This fact cannot be omitted during consideration of tax policy. We are competing with Missouri along our border counties, where most of our population resides; now we are vulnerable to losing businesses and jobs.

The plan is retro-active to raise taxes beginning January 2017. And in 2018 all the rates go up again. The bill repeals the exemption for business non-wage business income (commonly called the LLC exemption), also beginning in January 2017. I have commented earlier that this exemption was responsible for business and job growth and a total repeal will have a deleterious effect on our economy in the future. The problem with the exemption was that single individuals took advantage of the situation who did not have employees. But, this could have been corrected easily without harming the benefits derived from the plan. The Department of Revenue estimates the new taxes will bring revenue of \$3,016,100,000 by year 2022. I voted against the tax bill and against the override. The following table illustrates the tax brackets moving forward.

Married Filing Jointly Tax Brackets:

	Current Law	New Tax Law	New Tax Law
Taxable Income		<u>2017</u>	<u>2018 and after</u>
\$0 – 30,000	2.7%	2.9%	3.1%
\$30,001 - \$60,000	4.6%	4.9%	5.25%
\$60,000 and above	4.6%	5.2%	5.7%

So where do we now stand with our neighboring states on married filing jointly rates and state sales tax rates? This is how I would rank the states when those two taxes are taken into consideration.

1. *Colorado looks the best with a flat rate of 4.63% for income taxes and the lowest of the five states for a state sales tax rate of 2.9%.*
2. *Second is Oklahoma with a top income tax rate of 5% and a state sales tax rate of 4.5%.*
3. *Third is Missouri who is lowering their top income tax rate to 5.5% and is at 4.225% for their state sales tax rate.*
4. *Nebraska comes in fourth with their highest brackets of 5.01% for \$36,730+ income, 6.84% for \$59,180+ income, and a state sales tax rate of 5.5%. Give them big credit, though, for charging no sales tax on food.*
5. *Kansas now ranks last place with our border states starting in 2018, with \$30,001+ at 5.25%, \$60,000+ at 5.7%, and our sales tax rate the highest of all five states, a whopping 6.5%!*

The education funding bill passed easily in both chambers, and has been signed into law by the Governor. As written, the law increases funding to school districts for the next two years with a cost of living (CPI index) increase each year after that. Basically, this bill returns the funding to the old formula developed in 1992. Although the formula had weaknesses that allow manipulation and it also lacks adequate oversight and accountability, it became law. I carried 10 amendments to strengthen the accountability and to place some limits on spending; all the amendments were defeated. I am against the bill.

My disappointment with the bill is that it did not adequately address the major point of the Kansas Supreme Court's opinion. The Court correctly criticized the current plan for not doing more for the 25% of our students who are failing in the system. The Department of Education reported 517,336 students enrolled last year. Twenty five percent represent 129,334 children whom the system is failing. Most of the students failing are minority and this situation has been going on for decades. For me this is a moral issue. I proposed a stronger tax credit program where anyone can give to the scholarship program so that the parents can remove their children from a school and receive scholarship money to send their child to the school of their choice. Instead of expanding the program, they weakened the program making it more difficult for families to have a choice. I also proposed early in the session an "Education Spending Account" plan to allow any family to move their child to another school, private, public, or home school and receive 70% of the funds allocated to the public school they left. The Education Spending Account monies would have been administered by the State Treasurer with many controls. The K-12 Education Budget committee refused to work that bill. Another bill Dr. Steve Abrams and I developed was a new funding mechanism that took almost 2 years to develop. I did not expect full acceptance of the bill, but some consideration would have been appreciated.

The budget bill was the last item on the agenda for this session. The final budget could not be fully developed until the tax plan was finished and the K-12 education budget was developed as well. The House passed their version of the budget on Thursday, June 8. The Senate passed their version on the same day. Individuals from both chambers conferenced to find common ground that both chambers could accept. They worked until midnight both Thursday and Friday nights. We debated the conference report Saturday evening and it passed at 7pm that night. The liberal Republicans and Democrats are given the complete ownership of the new increases in spending and taxation.

This is not the official end of the session. Time will be given for all the paperwork to be finished and for the Governor to complete his work as well. Generally, we will wait for about 20 days and then return for what is called Sine Die. The official date for Sine Die was announced as June 26, 2017. That marks the official end of the session. It also marks the day when candidates can accept donations towards their next election cycle. For Representatives, that cycle officially begins again in

2018. For me the work of chairing the Rules and Regulations Committee will continue periodically.

It has been my honor to represent you and keep you informed with my newsletters. At my website, www.ronhighland.com, you can find a syllabus that explains in detail how to get the legislative information you need. At my website there are also copies of the weekly information on bills that passed and other detailed information in the form of "Ad Astra Reviews" published by the Speaker's office. My contact information is: Rm 561 W, State Capitol, Topeka, Kansas 66612; ron.highland@house.ks.gov. Thank you for the privilege to serve you.

With kind regards,

Ron

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



And a "GOOD GUY" will only do this when he MUST stop a "BAD Guy" from doing really bad things. How do we turn the "BAD Guy" into a good guy?? How so we find a bad guy and stop him or make him a good guy?? How do we know the difference ahead of time?? Help me!

From Politoons:

You really have to ask why Conservatives own guns???

Because Liberals Block Freeways, Burn Cities, Throw Molotov Cocktails, Loot, Turn Over Cop Cars.

And as long as they are the ones doing it – They think this behavior is Socially Acceptable!!!

But IF the Good Guys tried this misbehavior they should/would be jailed immediately!! Why is there a difference?? Let's take away the difference!

An Outstanding Post-Attack Defense of the Second Amendment

Thomas Gallatin · Jun. 15, 2017

Inevitably and almost immediately after crazed leftist James T. Hodgkinson shot and wounded five, including Republican Rep. Steve Scalise, as they practiced for a baseball game, gun control came up. A reporter asked Rep. Mo Brooks (R-AL), who had just survived the harrowing attack, "Congressman, does this change your views on the gun situation in America?" Yep, leftists are once again exploiting an atrocity to trot out the tired, flawed "guns are the problem" anti-Second Amendment narrative. But Brooks didn't take the bait. In fact, he tactfully and expertly exposed the flaw in the argument against the right to bear arms. Brooks responded:

"Not with respect to the Second Amendment. The Second Amendment right to bear arms is to ensure that we always have a republic. And as with any constitutional provision in the Bill of Rights, there are adverse aspects to each of those rights that we enjoy as people. And what we just saw here is one of the bad side effects of someone not exercising those rights properly. But we're not going to get rid of freedom of speech because some people say some really ugly things that hurt other people's feelings. We're not going to get

rid of Fourth Amendment search and seizure rights because it allows some criminals to go free who should be behind bars. These rights are there to protect Americans, and while each of them has a negative aspect to them, they are fundamental to our being the greatest nation in world history. So no, I'm not changing my position on any of the rights we enjoy as Americans. With respect to this particular shooter, I'd really like to know more about him — whether he was an ex-felon, by way of example, who should not have had possession of a firearm — I'd like to know other things about his background before I pass judgment."

If anything, this latest attack proves to illustrate just how important and essential the Second Amendment is to protecting American Liberty. Imagine if the Capitol Police detail had not been there, the carnage and death toll would have been significant, due to the fact that all the congressmen were unarmed. How many Americans have their own police detail following them around offering protection? The obvious answer also points to the foundational purpose of the Second Amendment. See [here](#) where Mark Alexander has written extensively on the Second Amendment.

But statisticians like Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe seem to care little for protecting Americans' rights and liberties. Rather he takes this latest horror as an opportunity to find fault and blame American Liberty for the crime rather than the crazed individual. Less than an hour after the attack McAuliffe said, "This is not what today is about but there are too many guns on the street. It's not just about politicians, we worry about all of our citizens." Gov. McAuliffe is in need of a history lesson. As Benjamin Franklin stated, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety." And it was James Madison who wrote, "The ultimate authority... resides in the people alone... The advantage of being armed, which the Americans possess over the people of almost every other nation... forms a barrier against the enterprises of ambition." Thankfully, Rep. Brooks understands and embraces these truths.

Once again I will say it like it is -- "If guns are outlawed, only outlaws will have guns." This is NOT just a well-used quote, but it is the TRUTH!! Frankly, I'm in favor of arming and educating the citizens of the USA as Switzerland has. I am not sure if I have it all correct, but something like this: When a citizen comes of age (age 18/21) they are issued a firearm, and TRAINED in how to use it. They take it home and have a source of protection for themselves, their family, and whoever else needs it. I have been told Switzerland has the lowest crime rate in the world. Is the rest of the world just slow on understanding this concept or what?? Talk to me, let's have a discussion!!! It would be very difficult to weed out those who should NOT have guns. I don't know how we would separate the good from the bad, but the idea fascinates me.

**Want to stop the Anti-Trump Riots?
Play the National Anthem --
They'll all sit down.**

**Burning the American Flag is a form of Free Speech?
Burn a rainbow flag and see if that, too, is considered a form of Free Speech!!**

NEWS VIDEOS

[Krauthammer: Desperation Leading Democrats Down 'A Rabbit Hole'](#) — "... pure rubbish."

By [Jack Davis](#)^[L]_[SEP] on June 24, 2017 at 1:48pm

Democrats' desperation is showing, commentator Charles [Krauthammer](#) said Friday, noting that Democrats are straying farther and farther from common sense with each new round of allegations against President Donald Trump.

Democrats are now claiming that Trump committed witness intimidation by raising the subject of "tapes" in a tweet aimed at former FBI Director James Comey.

"The idea that this is intimidation of a witness is pure rubbish. If you say to somebody, 'You've got a great family, hate to see anything happen to your kids, watch what you say,' that's intimidation of a witness," Krauthammer said.

What Trump did, Krauthammer said, was very different.

“If you say, ‘There may be a way to actually — to figure out exactly what was said, there could be a mechanism, thus you ought to watch what you say.’ That’s not intimidation at all,” he said.

“We’re now at sort of the tertiary level of accusation,” Krauthammer said as he recounted the Democrats’ lack of success in getting any of their claims against Trump to be born out by the facts.

“You can’t get anywhere on collusion. We have yet in almost a year to have any evidence of collusion. So they’re on to obstruction. Obstruction is really kind of shaky. There isn’t really that much there. So now you want to go to intimidation of a witness,” he said. Krauthammer said the need for something to use against Trump is making the Democrats leave good sense behind.

“They’re getting a bit desperate. This is going to happen. This will go on for months and years perhaps, but it’s getting more and more absurd,” he said.

However, if Democrats want to send the time between now and the mid-term elections making claims that never stick, it is their problem, Krauthammer said.

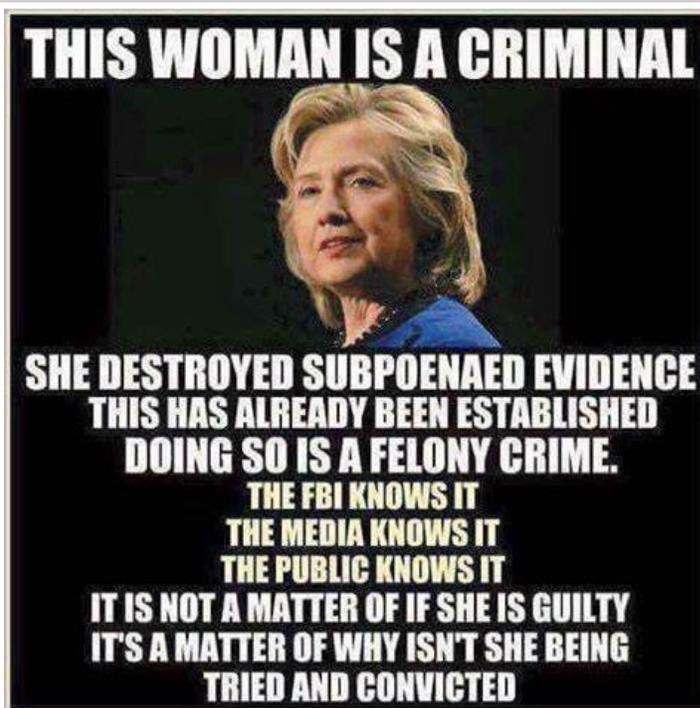
“It’s tail chasing, and if the Democrats want to spend the next year, year-and-a-half in a [rabbit hole](#), be our guest,” he said.

Writing on [Young Conservatives](#), Mary Kate Knorr seconded Krauthammer’s comments.

“Democrats’ obsession with incriminating and impeaching Trump is a diversion that distracts from the fact they have no momentum, no agenda, and no realistic or scalable goals for the foreseeable future,” she wrote.

“Their clinging to the ‘resistance’ — even if only in their actions and not necessarily in their messaging — is a showcase of their total lack of direction or vision for a future Democratic party of the United States of America,” she added.

What do you think?



Can anyone tell me why Hillary is NOT being tried/convicted/jailed? It scares me a bit. If “they” allow Hillary to get away with what she has done – break the laws she has broken – cause the deaths of Americans she has murdered – what will they allow the next “big name” to do???

<https://pjmedia.com/> ROGER L. SIMON

Baseball Shooter a Big Wake-Up Call for the Left

BY ROGER L SIMON JUNE 14, 2017

It couldn't be more obvious that highly disturbed individuals such as the deranged gunman using baseball-playing Republican congressmen for [target practice](#) on Wednesday can come from all political, ethnic, racial and religious categories; nevertheless, it's high time for some introspection from the left. This should be a wake-up call for them. Indeed, for the sake of our country, it had better be.

This man came from the extreme end of Trump Derangement Syndrome, but he didn't emerge entirely by himself. He came from a Petri dish that we are all submerged in, nurturing hate as never before in most of our lifetimes.

We need look no further than yesterday's grilling of Jeff Sessions by the Senate Intelligence Committee. This

investigation is putatively about Russian interference in our election, but we learned nothing about that. Not a thing. In fact, it was barely mentioned. The entire event was used as a means to "get Trump" and/or his associates. Senators like Heinrich ooze hate, obviously playing to a likeminded crowd. It is indeed a "witch hunt" and any reader of The Crucible knows where that leads.

Meanwhile, just this past weekend, here in Los Angeles, we had our annual gay pride celebration. But it didn't seem to be about pride at all, only about unremitting attacks on our president (and by implication anyone Republican), as if everyone in the streets would have been delighted to see a replay of [Kathy Griffin's](#) nauseating decapitation or the denouement of the current Shakespeare in the Park production where a Trump/Caesar is [beheaded](#) nightly. (Ironically, Trump was on record for gay marriage long before Clinton or Obama, but facts mean nothing to the pussy-hatted.)

[Los Angeles Gay Pride Parade Renamed 'Resist March'](#)

And then there were the wild accusations of anti-Semitism when nearly half of Trump's family is Jewish and — as it turned out — of the few such incidents that have occurred since his inauguration *none* were committed by his supporters. In fact, they all came from the left. This was, of course, barely reported. It didn't fit the narrative of hate.

And this is to omit the most horrifying examples of all -- the absolutely despicable behavior toward conservatives on our campuses. It's like the return of the Brown Shirts.

Sense a pattern?

I used to be on the left and remember well the incantations of "by any means necessary" or the "ends justify the means." No, they don't. The means become the ends.

Robespierre is alive and well in 2017 USA.

This pathetic character in Alexandria is, now *was*, the left's ungoverned id. By any means necessary — that's for sure. They will undoubtedly try to shove him under the rug as quickly as possible, just one more aberrant individual to be forgotten, just one obscure Bernie volunteer gone bad. Sanders did his best to separate himself within minutes of the revelation. Yes, it's undoubtedly true that this was just one rotten apple, but it's also true that only five years ago Bernie was [recommending Venezuela](#) — now ground zero for starvation, kidnapping and murder — as a path for us to emulate.

[The person who wrote the first comment expresses my opinion as well as can be expressed. The first comment to this article follows:](#)

[I will regretfully disagree with you, Roger -- nothing has "gone wrong," in the sense that the American Left has taken a wrong turn.](#)

[The Left is merely doing what it has always done when it does not get its way. It is doing it more vilely and blatantly now because it is stronger than it was in times past, and because, being stronger than it was in times past, it is all the more enraged that Trump snatched from the Left's grasp the presidential prize that the Left regards as rightly its own.](#)

**13,506 MARINES APPLIED FOR WHITE HOUSE DETAIL LAST WEEK.
NONE APPLIED OVER THE LAST 8 YEARS – *THEY HAD TO BE ASSIGNED!!!***



No surprise!!! This is the type of sense the Liberals, Democrats, make. What sense?? You tell me!! Seriously, tell me of the last time the Democrats actually made sense!!

Charlie Daniels on his Soap Box — Posted on 06.26.2017 — Hard Sell

The past eight years have seen the advent of a national health care program that was designed to fail and foster a federal single payer plan, a high up Internal Revenue Service official pleading the Fifth Amendment when accused of using the power of the agency to persecute organizations of a differing political persuasion, an Attorney General whose hair-brained Mexican cartel gun-running scheme got people killed on both sides of the border and couldn't be investigated because his boss sealed the records, and another who met privately with an ex-president whose wife was under federal investigation by an entity of the Department she administered.

We saw a President caught on a microphone he didn't know was open, sending a personal message to Vladimir Putin, but was never accused of collusion by the adoring media.

We saw the national debt doubled to proportions that soon, without drastic action, will devour the lion's share of American GDP just to service the interest on the loans.

We saw the bloodiest manifestation of radical Islam yet as ISIS filled the vacuum left in Iraq by the premature withdrawal of American troops.

We saw America further divided along racial, ethnic and financial lines, a festering disrespect for law, the wholesale release of thousands of drug offenders from prisons, a massive effort to inundate America with refugees from war torn nations where the infrastructure for any hope of adequate vetting had been destroyed.

We've seen an attempt by elitist academia to reduce the influence of men and blame the nation's problems on a supposed white male driven colonialist environment that shuns racial equality, creates glass ceilings and places barriers in the path of all non-whites.

We've seen violent protests, riots, window smashing, car burning and we are now on the verge of whole states declaring bankruptcy.

We don't even know how many illegal immigrants are in our country, much less who they are, where they come from, what diseases they could be carrying, and if their intentions in coming to America include blowing part of it up.

Our schools are turning out functional illiterates and much of the university population is majoring in subjects with little or no practical application and will be forced to take a job far below their academic abilities.

Our military has been put on the back burner at a most dangerous time in our history while China and Russia expand their military capabilities and the pudgy little maniac in North Korea is developing nuclear toys to play with.

The Republicans are up to their usual old tricks of looking a gift horse in the mouth and pulling defeat from the jaws of victory.

And the Democrats have placed all their political capital in one basket, and if and when the Russian collusion thing falls apart — and it's already getting frayed around the edges — what do they have left?

Obstruction of justice? Good luck with making that one stick.

Folks, what I'm saying is that our nation is in a mess, and neither the present Democratic or Republican parties are going to do anything meaningful about it.

They're too busy grabbing self-aggrandizing sound bites and investigating each other.

It's time to truly drain the swamp and the only way to get rid of the crooks, the RINOs, the radicals, the power brokers and also-rans is term limits.

Send them ALL home every six to eight years, it will break up the power cliques and decimate the old boy networks, put faces fresh off the street with the opinions of real time practical experience in power, rather than that of those who view the nation from their ivory towers and make the trip to their constituency for vote-gathering purposes only.

This decision should not be left to Congress because it's their worst nightmare, but should be put before the American people in referendum form.

I am firmly convinced, there is no other way.

What do you think?

Pray for our troops and the peace of Jerusalem.

God Bless America!

~ *Charlie Daniels*

CONSERVATIVE TRIBUNE

POLITICS

California Could Be Forced to Follow Anti-Lib Law | BY MARTIN LIOLL^[1]_[SEP] ON JULY 1, 2017 AT 5:42AM

The fact that California's liberals would have to deal with Donald Trump as president sent snowflakes from San Diego to Sacramento into conniptions. There was even [talk of secession](#), which seems to have quieted down once the geniuses behind it looked at just how much debt their state was in.

Now, one law supported by President Trump and just passed by the House of Representatives could mean that California will be forced to do away with one of their most cherished recent institutions — sanctuary cities.

According to [Fox News](#), the **"No Sanctuary for Criminals Act"** would restrict federal grants to sanctuary cities that refuse to cooperate with federal immigration authorities when it comes to deporting criminal illegal aliens.

"The word 'sanctuary' calls to mind someplace safe, but too often for families and victims affected by illegal immigrant crime, sanctuary cities are anything but safe," Department of Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly said in a news conference before the vote.

"It is beyond my comprehension why federal state and local officials... would actively discourage or outright prevent law enforcement agencies from upholding the laws of the United States."

A [similar move](#) by the Justice Department was blocked by a California judge back in [April](#). If the bill passes the Senate and is signed by the president — and that seems likely, given that it passed the lower chamber by a 228-195 vote — it would put cash-strapped California in a dire position.

In a [statement](#), the White House applauded the passage of the **"No Sanctuary for Criminals Act"** as well as **"Kate's Law"**, a similar bill named for San Francisco murder victim [Kate Steinle](#) that would impose additional penalties on illegal aliens who re-enter the country.

"Sanctuary cities are releasing violent criminals, including members of the bloodthirsty [MS-13 gang](#), back onto our streets every single day," Trump's statement said.

"Innocent Americans are suffering unthinkable violence as a result of these cities' reckless actions... The implementation of these policies will make our communities safer. Opposing these bills, and allowing dangerous criminals back into our communities, our schools, and the neighborhoods where our children play, puts all of us at risk."

Unfortunately for liberals, overreaching federal judges are going to have less wiggle room to stop this one, which is bad news for the sanctuary city crowd. Good.

We don't need any more Kate Steinles dying because of the liberal agenda on illegal immigration.

H/T [Breitbart](#)

Please like and share on Facebook and Twitter with your thoughts on this bill.

What are your thoughts on sanctuary cities?

You are NOT here and I am, so you'll have to listen to my thoughts – I'll be glad to print your thoughts/suggestions, with or without, your signature. If any city, county, state, or area of any label desires to assist lawbreakers in the USA, they need to be arrested and punished according to the law. There are too many laws being broken and it being over looked. Why have laws if they are NOT going to be enforced?

I received the following letter on email:

Dear Mr. President:

During my shift in the Emergency Room last night, I had the pleasure of evaluating a patient whose smile revealed an expensive shiny gold tooth, whose body was adorned with a wide assortment of elaborate and costly tattoos, who wore a very expensive brand of tennis shoes and who chatted on a new cellular telephone equipped with a popular R&B ring tone.

While glancing over her patient chart, I happened to notice that her *payer* status was listed as "Medicaid"! During my examination of her, the patient informed me that she smokes more than one costly pack of cigarettes every day and somehow still has money to buy pretzels and beer.

And you and our Congress expect me to pay for this woman's health care? I contend that our nation's "health care crisis" is not the result of a shortage of quality hospitals, doctors or nurses. Rather, it is the result of a "crisis of culture", a culture in which it is perfectly acceptable to spend money on luxuries and vices while refusing to take care of one's self or, heaven forbid, purchase health insurance. It is a culture based on the irresponsible credo that "I can do whatever I want to because someone else will always take care of me."

Once you fix this "culture crisis" that rewards irresponsibility and dependency, you'll be amazed at how quickly our nation's health care difficulties will disappear.

Respectfully,
STARNER JONES, MD

I am aware that this is not news to any of you. What I want YOU TO DO is answer this question for me: How do we do this without letting people die when WE don't take care of them?? I'm not real smart, so YOU tell ME. In my opinion, the National Medical Insurance should be "Free Choice". Open insurance to all and each Company can form their own policies – each policy can be different as it meets the needs of each person/family to be insured. But then there is the old problem of what do we do with those who chose NOT to be insured when they need medical treatment? They can't be just turned away and, of course, individuals CANNOT afford to pay for their own. What do we do?? If YOU have a solution let me know.

From "Politoons" on Mon, July 3, 2017

“FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION, PEOPLE ARE ANGRY WITH A POLITICIAN BECAUSE HE IS KEEPING HIS CAMPAIGN PROMISES.”

Go figure – who ever heard of a politician keeping his campaign promise??!! Has to be something wrong with a Politician that KEEPS his promise – who actually does what he says he will!!

ACTIVITIES WHERE REQUIRING A PHOTO I.D. IS APPARENTLY NOT RACIST:	ACTIVITIES WHERE REQUIRING A PHOTO I.D. IS TOTALLY RACIST:
<p>BUY ALCOHOL BUY CIGARETTES OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT APPLY FOR FOOD STAMPS APPLY FOR WELFARE APPLY FOR MEDICAID APPLY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY APPLY FOR A JOB APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT RENT A HOUSE BUY A HOUSE APPLY FOR A MORTGAGE DRIVE A CAR RENT A CAR BUY A CAR BOARD AN AIRPLANE GET MARRIED PURCHASE A GUN ADOPT A PET RENT A HOTEL ROOM APPLY FOR A HUNTING LICENSE APPLY FOR A FISHING LICENSE BUY A CELL PHONE GAMBLE AT A CASINO GET A PRESCRIPTION DONATE BLOOD BUY AN "M" RATED VIDEO GAME USE A CREDIT CARD HOLD A PROTEST...</p>	<p>VOTING</p>

Like way too much else in our precious Country, this makes no sense at all. VOTING should be one of the most protected happenings in the USA. Instead it has become one of the least protected. In Kansas we have a leader, Kris Kobach, to guide us in keeping voting the precious legal thing it should be in the whole USA. Our President, Donald Trump, has recognized Kris Kobach for the person he is – one who values and works to protect the Right to Vote in the USA. We have very little illegal voting in Kansas because of Mr. Kobach, but many other states will NOT recognize the problem to allow Mr. Kobach to check their voter registration rolls, to delete the dead whose names are often used by illegal persons. It should be their automatic duty to have their voter rolls checked. Voter registration should be verified in an ongoing regular basis. I am NOT going to go into detail on how to do this, but pray tell, what are we paying County employees to do if not to protect our County from illegal happenings???

I received this from our good friend, John D'Aloia:

<https://sentinelksmo.org/lowest-scorers-kansas-legislature-kpi-freedom-index-republicans/>

Each year the [Kansas Policy Institute publishes](#) a “freedom index” that scores individual legislators on their commitment to limited constitutional government. It is not all surprising that the 38 Kansas legislators who score highest on the freedom index are all Republicans. Since at least the presidency of Calvin Coolidge, the Republican Party has positioned itself as the party of low taxes, limited government, and individual liberty.

What is surprising – appalling, really – is that Republicans would dominate the bottom of the freedom index as well. The 12 lowest scores in the Kansas House and 14 lowest in the Kansas Senate are all Republicans. In effect, the Kansas legislature has been subverted by what the Kansas left used to call “stealth candidates.”

In his bellwether 1993 sermon, the Rev. Bob Meneilly of the Village Presbyterian Church in Johnson County warned his parishioners about the “zealous religionists” in their midst who, he said, were “conniving in every political way” to advance their conservative agenda.

What troubled Meneilly in particular was that these candidates allegedly concealed their views in order “to hook those who might not hear them otherwise.” Lamented Meneilly, “The Republican party in Johnson County has been captured by the New Right and stealth candidates.”

The Kansas City establishment, such as it is, loved this sermon. It was reprinted in full in the Johnson County Sun and excerpted on the op-ed page of the New York Times. The Kansas City Star lauded the honorable minister as a “drum major for justice.” Just about every local do-gooder organization with an award to give bestowed it on Meneilly, culminating with the prestigious Harry S. Truman Good Neighbor award. With his new clout, Meneilly helped found a local group called the Mainstream Coalition.

From the beginning, however, there never has been anything “mainstream” about the coalition. It has been a ruse from day one. So, too, is the term “moderate” when applied to the Republicans on the bottom of the KPI list. To

declare oneself a “Republican” and then vote to the left of every Democrat in the legislature is an act of either total political ignorance or pure political deception, the latter much more likely. [These 26 “Republicans”](#) are the “stealth candidates” the late Reverend Bob warned us about.

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What's With

Did tax cuts Sunflower woes, or was to spending, GOP?

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Deeply addictive love hikes and spending — along with the-wind-Republicans pounced on

“failure” of Kansas’ historic 2012 tax cuts to propagate their “spending is good, tax cuts are bad” narrative.

Five years ago, Republican Gov. Sam Brownback spearheaded the state’s tax reform, which cut the top income tax rate to 4.9% from 6.45% and eliminated income taxes on so-called “pass-through” businesses, including LLCs, partnerships, farms, sole proprietorships, and S corporations.

The promise was that the overhaul would attract businesses and encourage job growth. And in some ways, the reform delivered.

As Americans for Prosperity’s Kansas state director Jeff Glendening [recently wrote](#), “The year the tax cuts went into effect, Kansas received over 15,000 new small business filings — a state record. That record was broken again in 2013... The target sector of the tax cuts — pass-through entities such as LLCs — have been responsible for 54,424 new jobs since 2013, or 98 percent of private sector job growth overall.”

Why, then, are some calling the cuts a failure? And, more importantly, why did the Republican-controlled legislature recently cave to this narrative and undo much of the tax overhaul by voting — and overriding Brownback’s veto — to *hike* taxes by \$1.2 billion over the next two years?

It seems that despite new jobs, the state is facing an estimated \$900 million budget shortfall. And many are laying the blame squarely on the tax cuts... because, of course, spending is *never* to blame.

But what’s really casting a shadow on the Sunflower State?

The answer is twofold.

First, as remedial economics teaches, cutting revenue works best when you also cut spending — particularly if the revenue drop is sudden and any projected revenue increases from future economic growth will (understandably) take time. It’s a pretty basic principle but apparently beyond the grasp of many politicians. While revenues dropped after the tax reform, spending *grew*.

[According to the Kansas Policy Institute](#), spending is expected to increase \$181 million this year, \$275 million next year, and \$42 million the following. This continues an upward trajectory of growth that’s been rising fairly consistently (adjusted for inflation) since at least 1995.

Joel Griffith of the American Legislative Exchange Council and Kansas State Senator Ty Masterson [note](#), “General fund spending has increased by more than 4 percent adjusted for inflation since 2012. General fund spending 1995 through 2017 rose approximately 55 percent, adjusted for inflation and a whopping 89 percent in current dollars. If General fund spending growth had been held to the rate of inflation throughout this period, fiscal year 2017 spending would be \$1.12 billion less... [F]or every 1 percent in population growth, spending increased by nearly 5 percent.”

Second, as the Tax Foundation’s Joe Henchman [explains](#), while tax reforms in other states have eliminated special carve-outs, Kansas’ overhaul *added* new carve-outs for select businesses. Testifying before the Kansas House Committee on Taxation, Henchman and Scott Drenkard [cautioned](#), “It’s important to note here that while decreasing taxes is generally associated with



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greater economic growth, the pass-through carve out is primarily incentivizing tax avoidance, not job creation.”

Indeed, while in 2012 it was estimated that 191,000 entities would capitalize on the carve-out, as of 2015 the number had risen to nearly 400,000, amounting to nearly \$300 million *per year* in lost revenue without much benefit for the state’s economy.

Henchman and Drenkard conclude, “Tax reform is about broadening tax bases and lowering tax rates. This state has lowered tax rates in some spaces, but the pass-through exemption significantly narrows the tax base, and this has made for a less stable, productive, and competitive code.”

Those who drink the tax-and-spend Kool-Aid are falling over themselves to point to Kansas as “proof” that tax cuts don’t work. But the Left doesn’t exactly have a stellar track record of convincing anyone that high-tax states are economic utopias (think [Illinois](#), New Jersey, California, and Connecticut). Soaring taxes [haven’t solved](#) these states’ [budget woes](#).

The truth is, tax cuts didn’t cause Kansas’ fiscal problems. Chronic spending hikes combined with poorly planned and executed tax reform led to the budget crunch. Instead of forcing taxpayers to bail out state government years or even decades into the future, Kansas lawmakers should double down on restraining spending and structuring a fair tax system that empowers *all* Kansans — not just the favored few — to create economic growth and right the ship on the state’s budget.

My State Rep told me she talked to State agencies and they TOLD her they JUST COULDN’T cut their spending. However when I and other of her Constituents told her WE just COULDN’T afford more taxes she manages to IGNORE US. Sounds to me like it is time to elect a NEW Representative since the one we have is NOT REPRESENTING US!!

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