

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. Your concerns are important – they are why we exist. In this publication: my thoughts are in green other colors are just for getting attention. 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.

The University of California Announces that it Will Ignore Laws it Doesn't Like

BY LIBERTY ALLIANCE ON DECEMBER 2, 2016

We all have certain things that we believe should be changed. We have laws we believe to be unjust.

I think that abortion should be seen as murder and any doctor caught administering one should be tried for murder. But, this does not give me the right to attack an abortion doctor.

I cannot take the law into my own hands.

On the left, things are seen much differently. On the left, they think that they are above the law. The left is above the law because they know more than we do. At least that is the attitude that they exhibit when they refuse to obey the law.

One has only to look at the left-leaning places that think that they are above immigration laws. There are cities, states, and universities that will not participate in federal investigations of illegals. They refuse to take part in and arrest those who have broken our immigration laws.

That's right, universities.

The University of California has just all but declared itself a sanctuary school.

The Washington Times reports

Constitution - Defending the union from threats foreign and domestic - 12-4-16

The University of California system announced Wednesday that campus police will not undertake joint efforts with any law enforcement agencies to investigate students suspected of breaking federal immigration laws.

Police officers at the UC's 10 campuses will not contact, detain, question or arrest any individual solely on the basis of immigration status, except as required by law, the school system said in a statement.

Now, I do not think that there is anything wrong with standing for what one believes. In fact, I think that standing for one's beliefs are good. We need more people with spines in our society. We need more peaceful disobedience in our country.

But, we also need to understand that if I can stand for what I believe, then others should have the same right. Just because I do not believe in the stand that someone takes does not mean that I can switch how I feel about the right to stand.

The same people who would hinder the lawful detainment and deportation of criminals would force towns and communities to take Syrian refugees.

So, I say that California can keep their Mexicans who are here illegally if they agree to take everyone else's share of Syrian refugees.

*I want to say how proud and happy we, Kansas citizens, are for Congressman Mike Pompeo in his appointment by President-elect Donald Trump to be his CIA Director. We are sorry to lose him as our Congressman, but proud of his promotion. May GOD Bless him in his new position. Kansans must now seek to select the **right** person to replace Congressman Pompeo.*

Did Trump Make a Mistake Nominating Dr. Ben Carson

to HUD Cabinet Post?

By Lynn Jolly on 12-5-16

During the presidential primaries, Dr. Ben Carson was one of Donald Trump's opponents and often seemed at odds with Trump on some of his issues.

Carson rankled many feathers and was called by racist names by the mainstream media. Democrats could not understand why a black man would be running as a Republican conservative when most blacks were Democrats. Some in the media referred to Carson as an Uncle Tom which has strong racial undertones that they would not find acceptable if used by a conservative to refer to one of their own.

Carson came from a troubled and difficult background. His father, Robert, was a minister and worker in a Cadillac factory in Detroit. At the time his parents married, his father was 28 and his mother, Sonya, was only 13. She later found out that Robert had a second family and he later abandoned Sonya when Ben Carson was only 8-years-old. His mother worked two to three jobs to make ends meet and raise her two sons, Ben and Curtis. The boys grew up poor and often relied on food stamps and whatever government assistance they could get. During this time, Carson grew up in public housing in Detroit.

Carson eventually made it to medical school and finished his residency at John's Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He went on to become one of the world's foremost neurosurgeons. He is a great example of the rags to riches story as he grew up poor and still made something of himself through hard work and lots of education.

In 1987, Carson led a team of doctors that separated twin boys who were joined at the back of the head. While the surgery was hailed as a success, several years later, the mother questioned having the surgery performed since neither of the boys ever talked or were able to care for themselves and ended up as institutionalized wards of the state.

President-elect Donald Trump has now nominated Dr. Ben Carson to be his **Secretary of Housing and Urban Development**. At first, I thought this might be a mistake and figured that Carson would make a better Surgeon General of the United States. However, learning of Carson's background and his growing up poor in public housing in a place like Detroit, makes sense of Trump's choice.

It's no surprise that liberal politicians and media are also asking if Trump made a mistake in his selection of Carson for the HUD leadership position. The **New York Times** quickly jumped on the bandwagon, questioning the wisdom of Trump's decision, writing:

"Big-city mayors and housing experts are nervous about the idea of a billionaire real estate developer in the White House. Now President-elect **Donald J. Trump** has picked **Ben Carson**, a retired neurosurgeon with no housing experience, as his nominee for secretary of **Housing and Urban Development** — and high anxiety has set in."

"As The Times's Mid-Atlantic bureau chief, I have spent a lot of time in **Baltimore, Cleveland and Philadelphia**, which are all run by Democrats. In those cities, and many others across the country, housing concerns are deeply intertwined with other poverty-related issues, including racial tensions with the police."

The Washington Post pointed out that Carson has not always sided with Barack Obama's views or those of some black organizations on public housing, writing:

"A review of some of Carson's political commentary on housing policy reveals his views to be at odds with some of the anti-segregation policies championed by minority groups, including the NAACP. On at least one occasion, he criticized efforts by the Obama administration to use its regulatory powers to improve racial integration in housing."

What they seem to overlook is Carson's background of growing up poor and living in public housing in probably one of the worst areas of the nation. He has firsthand experience that no politician could have, no matter what their expertise is. Others may have studied and tried to help run HUD-related programs, but until you've lived it, you really have no idea.

To answer the question of whether president-elect Donald Trump made a mistake in appointing Dr. Ben Carson to be his Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, I don't think he did. I believe with his background and unwillingness to just go with the flow, that Dr. Carson will make a good Secretary of HUD and will work to help those in need, like those in public housing, instead of keeping them trapped in it like Obama and others have done. **My opinion, or yours don't really matter at this point in time. Let's pray Donald is making the right ones. One of my opinions is – GOD is with us and will help Donald as he goes forward. Now we MUST have faith in GOD and in Donald. Let us Pray!!**

CONSTITUTION - DEFENDING THE UNION FROM THREATS FOREIGN & DOMESTIC

California Speaker Vows to Defy America's Immigration Laws

By Tad Cronn on 12/7/16

California Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon took the occasion of the swearing in of newly elected officials on Monday to **defy the incoming Trump Administration** and vow not to allow the enforcement of immigration laws.

Rendon flat out rejected calls for national unity, echoing the general feeling of California liberals that the proper response to losing an election is to burn the house down.

According to his prepared remarks given to the press, Rendon said, "Californians should be wary of the national calls for unity and healing. Unity must be separated from complicity. And we must be defiant whenever justice, fairness, and righteousness require.

"Californians do not need healing. We need to fight."

He then compared Donald Trump to World War II, saying Trump poses an "existential threat."

One supposes he is referring to the threat posed by Nazism to freedom, rather than the threat posed to Nazism by the Allied forces. The latter actually would be a more apt description of the "threat" Trump may pose to California liberalism, which has held the state in its corrupt fascist grip for years.

But like a habitual pot smoker who swears that marijuana has not negatively affected his cognitive abilities, California voters just keep returning to the party that has turned a formerly wealthy, innovative state into The People's Republic, East Pacific Branch.

So when the Trump asteroid hit, the impact wave was especially pronounced in California, with weeping liberals running blindly into the streets, soiled diapers flapping in the breeze.

Rendon ticked off the usual litany of charges used by liberals to disparage Trump, including "white nationalism" and "anti-Semitism," a particularly interesting charge from the party that is considering making anti-Jewish, radical Muslim socialist Keith Ellison its next leader.

Not to be outdone, **Governor Moonbeam**, Jerry Brown, on Monday warned that the United States dare not walk away from the climate change agenda.

"The science is clear and the consequences are dire," Moonbeam said. "So, based on those two facts, I think Washington will come around. To the extent they don't, we are going to be pushing as hard as we can from California."

Rendon vowed that the Democrats would look out for the state's interests, at least as liberals see them.

"It is increasingly apparent that those interests will not be a concern for the next president — for the bullies, bigots, and billionaires he has chosen for his cabinet — or for the majority in Congress that is already salivating at the prospect of ending Medicare," he said.

With The Donald considering turning off the federal money spigot to states and cities that don't enforce federal laws, there could be some serious consequences for Californians if their so-called leaders decide to try to start a civil war and split from the Union.

Clearly, having had their agenda shot down nationally, the Progressives have not learned their lesson and plan to regroup in their Batcave in Sacramento.

You have to wonder just how far Rendon and the rest of the liberals are willing to follow the siren call of their own stupidity.

I have known for as long as I can remember that the following is true, however, I must admit I had NOT given it much thought lately. If it important enough to engrave into our buildings perhaps it is important enough for us to give it thought. Don't just read it and go on – READ IT AND LET'S ALL OF US LIVE IT!!

DID YOU KNOW??

As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court you can see the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view.... It is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments.

Did you know??

As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court Judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!!

Did You Know?

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.

Did You Know?

James Madison, the fourth president, known as "The Father of Our Constitution" made the following statement: "We have staked the whole of all our political Institutions upon the capacity of mankind for Self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to

The Ten Commandments of God.”

Did You Know?

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

Did You Know?

Fifty – two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established Orthodox churches in the colonies..

Did You Know?

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of Interpreting the law would begin making law an oligarchy the rule of few over many.

How then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 220 years in this Country is now suddenly wrong and Unconstitutional? I should hope NOT!!!

Lets put it around the world and let the world see and remember what this great country was FOUNDED on: The Holy Bible and belief in GOD!!!

Over the years the laws of our Great USA has wondered far from the BIBLE. Times have changed, the world has changed. It is our DUTY to contact our Congressmen & tell them how we feel. Actually contact them and TELL them how we feel. We can each write a letter or get many signatures on one letter. We must somehow let our President-elect know how we feel.

The Patriot Post

Voice of Essential Liberty

Barack and Michelle Obama have long treated taxpayers as their personal sugar daddies when it comes to vacations and travel. Judicial Watch has long tracked these expenses, as we have, and the group estimates, “To date, Obama’s and his family’s travel expenses total at least \$85,029,819.”

We’d emphasize the “at least” part. There are direct costs, which the administration may or may not entirely disclose (this is the Most Transparent Admistration in History™, after all), and there are *indirect* costs that aren’t reported. As the Washington Examiner explains, “The [disclosed] expenses cover items such as security, flights and hotel rooms for staff and U.S. Secret Service. They do not include the price of prepositioning ships and aircraft in the area or much of the communications costs.” Indeed, largely because of the latter factors, we’ve estimated the Obamas' heritage tour to Africa alone cost between \$80 and \$100 million. That’s living rich and famous, Obama style.

They routinely head for extravagant vacations in Hawaii (at \$5 million a pop) or the glitzy Martha’s Vineyard. And they generally live higher on the hog than even billionaire Donald Trump — and the Obamas do it, like all socialists, on the backs of the people.

THANK GOD this is coming to a close. Although I assume we will finance one more Christmas Holiday trip.

National Security — Beyond the Mattis Memes

**ALLIES RESPECT GEN. MATTIS FOR HIS FEARLESS COURAGE,
AND ADVERSARIES FEAR HIM FOR THE SAME REASON.**

(Restoring National Security—Must be accomplished NOW!!) Nothing is more important!!

In 1790, George Washington outlined in his first annual message to the nation his maxim of peace through superior firepower: "To be prepared for war, is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

The "peace through strength" principle was cyclically borne out over the 200 years between Washington and [Ronald Reagan](#). As President Reagan said famously, "'Deterrence' means simply this: making sure any adversary who thinks about attacking the United States, or our allies, or our vital interests, concludes that the risks to him outweigh any potential gains. Once he understands that, he won't attack. We maintain the peace through our strength; weakness only invites aggression."

But our restored strength after the Jimmy Carter fiasco was squandered by [Bill Clinton](#), who ignored the growing Islamist threat and repeatedly failed to [neutralize Osama bin Laden](#)

Again, cyclically, after the catastrophic [9/11](#) attack on our nation, President George W. Bush endeavored to rebuild our military might in order to prosecute [Operation Enduring Freedom](#) and [Operation Iraqi Freedom](#), and to win a hard-fought military victory in Iraq.

But no sooner had Bush left office than [Barack Obama](#) and his secretary of state, [Hillary Clinton](#), maliciously began to undermine our standing in the world — so much so that our nation's security is, once again, at great risk.

In 1815, John Adams wrote, "National defense is one of the cardinal duties of a statesman."

From a constitutional perspective, and in light of global threats we face today — including catastrophic nuclear threats that our Founders could not have envisioned — I would argue that national defense is THE cardinal duty of a statesman.

Enter President-elect [Donald Trump](#), who announced last week that he would nominate [Gen. James "Mad Dog" Mattis](#) as secretary of defense.

Putting the Pentagon under the charge of a man nicknamed "[Mad Dog](#)" puts the worldwide enemies of Liberty on notice.

Consider how different our military response to Iran's [hijacking of our Navy vessel](#) and its seamen would have been if a Marine named "Mad Dog" was at the helm of DoD. Those Iranians would have been toast. Of course, if "Mad Dog" was at the helm, Iranian regulars would never have ventured into firing range of one of our vessels.

Our allies respect James Mattis for [his fearless courage and character](#), and [our adversaries fear him](#) for the same reason.

Gen. Mattis served until March 2013 as the 11th commander of U.S. CentCom, when Barack Obama forced him into early retirement. After 41 years in Marine leadership, Gen. Mattis was not willing to play along with Obama's [political retreat from Iraq](#), which was directly responsible for the rise of the [Islamic State](#) and the [humanitarian crisis](#) that followed.

After his retirement ceremony, Mattis planned a cross-country drive back to his home state of Washington, but, according to his colleague, MajGen. Michael Ennis, "The route he chose was dictated by the Gold Star Mothers he had to visit along the way ... zig-zagging to get to as many as he could to personally talk to them. He personally wrote hand-written notes to every parent whose son or daughter was killed under his command."

The revered 63-year-old officer became an Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the Hoover Institution and was later named the Davies Distinguished Visiting Fellow.

Reflecting on Obama's retreat from prosecuting [ISIL](#), in 2014 [Gen. Mattis testified](#), "You just don't take anything off the table up front, which it appears the administration has tried to do. Specifically, if this threat to our nation is determined to be as significant as I believe it is, we may not wish to reassure our enemies in advance that they will not see American 'boots on the ground.' If a brigade of our paratroopers or a battalion landing team of our Marines would strengthen our allies at a key juncture and create havoc [and] humiliation for our adversaries, then we should do what is necessary with our forces that exist for that very purpose. We have the most skilled, fierce and certainly the most ethical ground forces in the world and I don't think we should reassure the enemy in advance that they will never face him."

Mattis summarized Obama's foreign policy as "strategic atrophy."

He was much too kind... The incoming administration faces what all incoming Republican administrations have faced in the last century after Democrats depart: Foreign policy FUBAR!

I have never met Jim Mattis, but several of our National Advisory Board military members have served beside him in senior military billets. They describe Mattis as a modern-day George Patton, but without all the warm fuzzies!

They concur with the Marine Corps Times' assessment that Mattis is the "most revered Marine in a generation," deserving of a place alongside legendary Leathernecks such as LtGen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller and LtGen. John A. Lejeune.

James Mattis is known as a student of history. In this respect, he's similar to his World War II Army predecessor, Gen. George "Old Blood and Guts" Patton, who was also a prolific reader — particularly of his enemy's writings. Mattis has a personal library that exceeds 7,000 volumes and is known as the "Warrior Monk" both for his intellect and for being a lifelong bachelor.

He has a long history of publishing required reading lists for his Marines, subjecting them to his personal standards of intellectual rigor and aptitude. He believes as he has often preached, "The most important six inches on the battlefield is between your ears."

(You can read Gen. Mattis' views on developing warrior intelligence, ponder some of his more memorable quotes and listen to a few of his lectures on [The Patriot Post's Mattis page](#).)

His decades-long career is rich with anecdotes, but in this season I'll reflect on one in particular that exemplifies his care for those under his command.

As told by retired Gen. Charles Krulak, who was the Marine Corps Commandant at the time, on Christmas Day 1998 then-BGen. [Mattis stood duty](#) for a young Marine officer so he could spend the day with his family.

It is *not* unusual for senior Marine officers to relieve junior officers from Christmas duty posts, but when told by one General officer about another, it is worth retelling.

Every year, Gen. Krulak and his wife baked countless cookies in the days ahead of Christmas, put them in little packages and, beginning at 0400 on Christmas Day, he would deliver cookies to all the Marine duty posts around Washington.

Making his final delivery of the day, Gen. Krulak asked the Marine Lance Corporal on duty who the officer of the day was. The answer: "Sir, it's Brigadier General Mattis."

Normally, of course, the officer of the day would've been a junior officer, not a general officer.

According to Krulak, he replied to the Corporal, "No, I know who Gen. Mattis is. I mean, who's the officer of the day?"

The young Marine gave the same response: "Sir, General Mattis."

"I looked around the duty hut. In the back there were two cots: One for the officer of the day and one for the enlisted Marine. I said, 'OK, who was the officer who slept on that cot last night?'"

"The Corporal said again, 'Sir, General Mattis.'"

No sooner had the question been answered a third time than BGen. Mattis entered the room.

Krulak recalls, "So I said to him, 'Jim, what are you standing the duty for?'"

And he said, 'Sir, I looked at the duty roster for today and there was a young major who had it, who is married with a family. I'm a bachelor and I thought, "Why should the major miss out on the fun of having Christmas with his family?" And so I took the duty for him.'"

Krulak concluded, "It says volumes about Jim Mattis and his leadership style. He did it very unobtrusively. He just took the duty."

Indeed it does, and the same could be said for most Marine officers.

Because of his recent release from uniformed service, Gen. Mattis will require House and Senate waivers for the seven-year moratorium on military officers taking a civilian appointment at the Pentagon. GOP leaders have proposed a stopgap spending bill including a [bypass for the Mattis waiver](#). Even if that fails, it's unlikely the waiver will be an issue given the high esteem in which he is held with most on Capitol Hill.

However, expect to hear objections from a few braying congressional cupcakes who think some of his "Mattisisms" are insensitive.

Is this a #1 issue? The citizens of the USA have a right to feel "safe"/"secure". I believe this man can do it!!

I got this from a friend that got it from an old navy veteran that he is associated with and I thought I would pass it on. I don't know whether these are his original thoughts or if he's passing them on, Brutal and politically incorrect, but so true...

"Unless you are willing to be as unreasonable and as brutal, as your enemy, do not engage him in a conflict -- because he will win."

Quote from a WWII veteran overhearing someone say that "You can't bomb an ideology."...

"The hell you can't, because we did it. These Muslims are no different than the [Imperial] Japanese. The Japs had their suicide bombers too. And we stopped them. What it takes is the resolve and will to use a level of brutality and violence that your generations can't stomach.

And until you can, this shit won't stop. It took us on the beaches with bullets, clearing out caves with flame throwers, and men like LeMay burning down their cities, killing people by the tens of thousands. And then it took 2 atom bombs on top of it. Plus we had to bomb the shit out of German cities to get them to quit fighting.

But, if that was what it took to win, we were willing to do it. Until you are willing to do the same...well, I hope you enjoy this shit, because it ain't going to stop!"

Back then, we had leadership, resolve, resources and determination.

Today we're afraid to hurt people's feelings....and worry about which bathroom to piss in!!!

This makes me want to cry when I realize how true it is, however, it is reality. May GOD be with us.

*I received a letter from "Freedom Works" saying, "When the Republicans take over Congress". The Republicans have had control of Congress for the last 2 years. **When are they going to start voting like a Republican Congress?!! Do we have Republicans or do they simply have an "R" after their name?***

I would guess that most of us did not know about this.

12/5/2016

Obama Crushed After Trump Orders White House To Stop His Sickest Tradition

Obama was seen storming away from the West Wing after staffers from Donald Trump's transition team began preparing the Executive offices for the new administration. On Trump's orders, one of Obama's most secretive rituals is being reversed and all signs of it removed from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

For the past 7 years, to appease any Muslims working at or visiting the White House, silence has been ordered

during the five times of Islamic prayer each day. In addition, prayer rugs and crescent moon symbols are available in several areas of the executive mansion to make Muslims more comfortable.

The administration has defended the practice by asserting that it also observes several other religious moments of silence and prayer out of respect, including a full **15 seconds for Christianity** on Sunday morning while a chaplain blesses a staff breakfast. None of the prayer is mandatory or led by a government official, which has allowed the administration to subvert 1st Amendment issues, but the obvious favoritism towards Islam, which is observed for **25 minutes per day seven days a week**, tells a story this president has denied for eight years.

President-Elect Trump, who acknowledges that this country was founded by Christians and was built on Christian morals, is having all pagan symbols removed from the property unless they offer some historical significance. Only the cross in the White House chapel will remain for worship. Jim Mergenerlery, head of the team that will transform the White House from the Obama's home to the Trump's second home, told MSNBC:

“Mr. Trump doesn't see the need to provide prayer rugs and false idols in a house built by Christians. Washington DC offers a diverse cultural center for worship of any kind. You won't find any special considerations for Judaism or crucifixes to appease Catholics, either. There is a simple chapel with a single cross on one wall that is suitable for prayer by anyone. Our government doesn't need to be forcing prayer rituals down people's throats just so we don't 'offend' people looking to blow us up.”

Patriots around the US can rest assured that the era of apologizing for our faith has ended.

This is great!! How great --- as a Christian I was – “Wait a minute!!” I was NOT aware this had happened, but what should I expect – if I was elected President in a Muslim country I would do all I could to convert it to Christianity. But Christians must learn to share also. Every religion is important. The problem with Muslims is not that they are Muslims, but that they believe you are either Muslim or you are dead. I, as a Christian, can allow others to be what they are, just let me be a Christian. Am I wrong in my thinking? May GOD Bless us all.

LET THIS SINK IN-----The same state department that found it impossible to rescue 4 Americans in Benghazi now tells us they will rescue 200,000 muslims and give them our benefits and housing free of charge. Your government no longer has YOUR best interest in mind. **Liberals have no problem with this!! They use the New Math which adds 2+2 and get 17 ¾. If 200,000 can be taken in – 4 could have been saved.**

LIBERTY ALLIANCE

OBAMA SAYS HIS BIGGEST REGRET WAS NOT BEING ABLE TO TAKE YOUR GUNS AWAY AND LEAVE YOU DEFENSELESS

Barack Hussein admits that his single greatest failure as president was his inability to pass gun control laws.

Translation: “My greatest failure as president was not being able to subvert the Constitution even further, take away all Americans' firearms, and leave them unable to defend themselves. That is my biggest regret.”

Disappear, Hussein. Go away! You have certainly been a failure at taking all of our rights away, though God knows you tried. The keeping and bearing of arms is not a privilege, it is a God-given right. It says so right there in that Constitution you have been ripping to shreds for eight years.

The best thing you can do now for America is NOTHING! Schlep on over to uber-liberal Hawaii. Mo' betta' fo' you, brah! Enjoy your multi-million dollar beach house, and remember, you will always appear as nothing more than an embarrassing skid mark on the pages of American history.

From the Washington Examiner

President Obama said his biggest policy disappointment as president was not passing gun control laws, according to an interview CNN aired Wednesday evening.

Do I sound bitter?

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“If you ask me where has been the one area where I feel that I've been most frustrated and most stymied, it is the fact that the United States of America is the one advanced nation on Earth in which we do not have sufficient common sense gun safety laws,” Obama told Fareed Zakaria in the TV special, “The Legacy of Barack Obama.”

Despite national anger following mass shootings throughout his two terms, Obama was unable to convince Congress to pass legislation that would change those policies, including enhancing background checks and not selling

firearms at gun shows and other venues.

Obama was adamant in the days following the 2012 mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newton, Conn., that he had done all he could to keep the U.S. afloat in the midst of other challenges, including the auto and bank bailout, and did not have the support to push a controversial gun bill now. Obama's frustration prompted him to take executive action in January 2016.

"The gun lobby may be holding Congress hostage right now, but they cannot hold America hostage," Obama said when announcing his decision.

That executive order expanded background checks while narrowing loopholes that allowed firearms to be sold at gun shows.

Well, I guess that pretty much says it all. I, along with many others, have always thought Barack H. Obama had set his goal of Presidency to destroy the United States of America. TEA Partiers, Conservatives, whatever name you want to give us were even more determined to NOT allow that to happen. It is plain to see which side GOD has been on. We have won this battle, but the war is not over. At this point in time, we have Donald Trump to turn the war over to. Let us pray he is the right Commander-in-Chief for the job. It is an everlasting, never ending job. We must teach the CONSTITUTION to our children. I believe when our children realize what our Constitution actually stood for they will want to bring our Country in line with the Constitution. Go to "YES for Liberty" to enter the scholarship. There is NO entry fee!! GOD, PLEASE, stay with us!

The Union Boss and the Republican

A union boss walks into a bar next door to the factory & is about to order a drink, when he sees a guy close by wearing a Trump for President button, a Trump hat and two beers in front of him. He does not have to be an Einstein, to know that this guy, is a Republican.

So, he shouts over to the bartender so loudly that everyone can hear, "Drinks for everyone in here, bartender, but not for the Republican."

Soon after the drinks have been handed out, the Republican gives him a big smile, waves at him then says, "Thank you!" in an equally loud voice. This infuriates the union boss.

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The union boss asks the bartender, "What the hell is the matter, with that Republican? I have ordered three rounds of drinks for everyone in the bar but him, and all the silly ass does, is smile & thanks me. Is he nuts?"

"Nope," replies the bartender. "He owns the place!"

Three Cheers for the Republican!!!

1944: 18 year olds storm the beach of Normandy into almost **certain** death!!

2016: 18 year olds need a safe place because words hurt their **feelings!!**

Times have Changed – today our 18 year olds have no comprehension of real life.

FREEDON WORKS

by Jason Pye

Last week, President-elect Trump tapped Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt to head the Environmental Protection Agency. In the past, Pruitt has sued the EPA, so it's understandable that a quick analysis of the situation has left many people wary of this cabinet pick. Nonetheless, a closer investigation reveals that Pruitt is one of Trump's best cabinet picks yet.

The EPA has not been the only target to come within Pruitt's iron sights. He has taken on the federal government, the Obama administration, and the IRS as well. In fact, his career has been defined by his willingness to confront a federal government which exceeds its bounds and casts American workers and consumers into a bottomless pit of regulations.

Of all the agencies that need to be reined in, the EPA is one of the more urgent cases. Founded in 1970, the EPA is relatively young but has already become one of the most burdensome agencies. In recent days, the EPA has lost cases in court and even

turned the Animas River orange in a completely preventable incident where acid mine waste contaminated the water.

The regulations the EPA places on American businesses means that companies are made to comply with esoteric, ever-changing law. To stay afloat, companies need to spend money on lawyers who can help them navigate through the thicket of regulations. Combine this with a corporate tax and it becomes clear that America is not the most compelling place to have a flourishing business.

Confronted with this fact, American businesses have a choice. They can stay and hemorrhage money in order to stay abreast the regulations; productivity will decrease as workers will be laid off so lawyers can be afforded. Or they can take the more rational approach and relocate their operations to other countries with little to no regulations of this sort. This latter approach will likely entail a net global increase of carbon emissions, something which would not please many defenders of the EPA in its present state.

President-elect Trump's victory was in no small part due to his consistent campaign promise to bring an era of prosperity to the American energy industry. Time and time again, the EPA has proven a roadblock to this mission.

Environmental issues have constantly been used as justification for more taxes and more regulations. Getting even one semi-qualified individual to advocate for something because it is "good for the environment" is often used as an excuse to write a blank check. And many well-qualified professionals told us that Hillary Clinton would win the Presidency. Let's not forget that experts are subject to human error too.

Scott Pruitt has established himself as a bold and principled conservative, unable to rest easy while the separation of powers is violated and legislative authority is taken away from the hands of Congress. He has a unique understanding of the unconstitutional regulatory branch and he would surely be pleased to see an environmental policy that works not only for the environment of the natural world, but also the environment of the American worker and consumer.

Voters sent a loud message to Washington: Americans want change. The status quo is not working and America can do better. Regulatory overreach has become the status quo and has proven to have negative effects on Americans of every state and every class. A country that respects the rule of law needs a law that is clear, realistic, and stable.

With Pruitt at the helm, the EPA will be streamlined, legislative authority will be restored to Congress, and America will once more become welcoming to entrepreneurs.

Other picks may have continued down the path the EPA has been pursuing, creating a veritable jungle of regulations and thus disincentivizing innovation. Pruitt is not afraid to point out a mess when he sees one.

There is pollution in Washington. Pruitt saw this long ago. As head of the EPA, he can clear up the hot air and make America an easier place to breathe. Only when this political pollution is dealt with, can we have a clear line of sight and develop a sensible environmental policy that works for all Americans. Environmentalists, take heart! Only one swamp needs to be drained.

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[I disagree with only one swamp needing to be drained – I think every area needs checking – maybe draining!](#)

FreedomWorks Urges President-Elect Trump to Appoint Rep. Tim Huelskamp to Serve as Agriculture Secretary

BY JASON PYE

FreedomWorks today urged President-elect Donald Trump to appoint Rep. Tim Huelskamp (R-Kans.) to serve as secretary of the Department of Agriculture in his administration. Rep. Huelskamp, who will leave Congress in January, grew up on his family's farm and earned his doctorate in Political Science, with a focus on agriculture policy, from American University.

"There is no one better suited to serve as the next secretary of Agriculture than Rep. Huelskamp. He understands the needs of America's farmers, but he also realizes the failures of prevailing agriculture policy that prevails in Congress," said FreedomWorks CEO Adam Brandon. "Farm bills passed by Congress promote a culture of cronyism and corporate welfare that must end. Rep. Huelskamp stood up to these big government policies, and the Washington political elite sought a pound of flesh."

Conservative blogs, including [Conservative Review](#) and [The Resurgent](#), have rallied behind Rep. Huelskamp as the best choice for the cabinet position. Rep. Huelskamp has [a 97 percent lifetime score on FreedomWorks' Congressional Scorecard](#), which recognizes Members of the House and Senate who consistently vote to support economic freedom and individual liberty.

"Picking Rep. Huelskamp to serve in this role would be yet another sign that President-elect Trump will 'drain the swamp' and promote a common sense agriculture policy," Brandon added.

FreedomWorks aims to educate, build, and mobilize the largest network of activists advocating the principles of smaller government, lower taxes, free markets, personal liberty and the rule of law.

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“Good Morning”, said a woman as she walked up to the man sitting on the ground.

The man slowly looked up.

This was a woman clearly accustomed to the finer things of life. Her coat was new. She looked like she had never missed a meal in her life.

His first thought was that she wanted to make fun of him, like so many others had done before....

“Leave me alone,; he growled.....

To his amazement, the woman continued standing.

She was smiling – her even white teeth displayed in dazzling rows. “Are you hungry?” she asked.

“No,” he answered sarcastically. “I’ve just come from dining with the President. Now go away.”

The woman’s smile became even broader. Suddenly the man felt a gentle hand under his arm. “What are you doing, lady?” the man asked angrily. “I said to leave me alone.

Just then a policeman came up. “Is there any problem, ma’am??” he asked.

“No problem here, officer,” the woman answered. “I’m just trying to get this man to his feet. Will you help me?”

The officer scratched his head. “That’s old Jack. He’s been a fixture around here for a couple of years. What do you want with him?”

“See that cafeteria over there?” she asked. “I’m going to get him something to eat and get him out of the cold for a while.”

“Are you crazy, lady?” the homeless man resisted. “I don’t want to go in there!” Then he felt strong hands grab his other arm and lift him up. “Let me go, officer, I didn’t do anything.”

“This is a good deal for you, Jack” the officer answered. “Don’t blow it.”

Finally, and with some difficulty, the woman and the police officer got Jack into the cafeteria and sat him at a table in a remote corner. It was the middle of the morning, so most of the breakfast crowd had already left and the lunch bunch had not yet arrived.

The manager strode across the cafeteria and stood by his table. “What’s going on here, officer?” he asked. “What is all this, is this man in trouble?”

“This lady brought this man in here to be fed,” the policeman answered.

“Not in here!” the manager replied angrily. “Having a person like that here is bad for business.”

Old Jack smiled a toothless grin. “See, lady. I told you so. Now if you’ll let me go. I didn’t want to come in here in the first place.”

The woman turned to the cafeteria manager and smiled. “Sir, are you familiar with Eddy and Associates, the banking firm down the street?”

“Of course I am,” the manager answered impatiently. “They hold their weekly meetings in one of my banquet rooms.”

“And do you make a goodly amount of money providing food at these weekly meetings?”

“What business is that of yours?”

“I, sir, am Penelope Eddy, president and CEO of the company.”

“OH.”

The woman smiled again. “I thought that might make a difference.” She glanced at the cop who was busy stifling a giggle. “Would you like to join us in a cup of coffee and a meal, officer?”

“No thanks, ma’am,” the officer replied. “I’m on duty.”

“Then, perhaps, a cup of coffee to go?”

“Yes, ma’am. That would be very nice.”

The cafeteria manager turned on his heel, “I’ll get your coffee for you right away, officer.”

The officer watched him walk away. “You certainly put him in his place,” he said.

“That was not my intent. Believe it or not, I have a reason for all this.”

She sat down at the table across from her amazed dinner guest. She stared at him intently. “Jack, do you remember me?”

Old Jack searched her face with his old, rheumy eyes. “I think so – I mean you do look familiar.”

“I’m a little older perhaps,” she said. “Maybe I’ve even filled out more than in my younger days when you worked here, and I came through that very door, cold and hungry.”

“Ma’am?” the officer said questioningly. He couldn’t believe that such a magnificently turned out woman could

ever have been hungry.

"I was just out of college," the woman began. "I had come to the city looking for a job, but I couldn't find anything. Finally I was down to my last few cents and had been kicked out of my apartment. I walked the streets for days. It was February and I was cold and nearly starving. I saw this place and walked in on the off chance that I could get something to eat."

Jack lit up with a smile. "Now I remember," he said..."I was behind the serving counter. You came up and asked me if you could work for something to eat. I said that it was against company policy."

"I know," the woman continued. "Then you made me the biggest roast beef sandwich that I had ever seen, gave me a cup of coffee, and told me to go over to a corner table and enjoy it. I was afraid that you would get into trouble. Then, when I looked over and saw you put the price of my food in the register, I knew then that everything would be all right."

"So you started your own business?" Old Jack asked

"I got a job that very afternoon. I worked my way up. Eventually I started my own business that, with the help of God, prospered." She opened her purse and pulled out a business card. "When you are finished here, I want you to pay a visit to a Mr. Lyons. He's the personnel director of my company. I'll go talk to him now and I'm certain he'll find something for you to do around the office." She smiled. "I think he might even find the funds to give you a little advance so that you can buy some clothes and get a place to live until you get on your feet. If you ever need anything, my door is always opened to you."

There were tears in the old man's eyes. "How can I ever thank you?" he asked.

"Don't thank me," the woman answered. "To GOD goes the glory. Thank GOD. He led me to you."

Outside the cafeteria, the officer and the woman paused at the entrance before going their separate ways.

"Thank you for all your help, officer," she said.

"On the contrary, Ms. Eddy," he answered. "Thank you. I saw a miracle today, something that I will never forget. And, and thank you for the coffee."

GOD is going to shift things around for you today and let things work in your favor.

If you believe, send it.

If you don't believe, forget it

GOD closes doors no man can open and GOD opens doors no man can close. If you need GOD to open some doors for you, send this on

Have a blessed day and remember to be a blessing.

**LIVE WELL, LOVE MUCH, LAUGH OFTEN!! AND REMEMBER ---
GOD LOVES YOU & IS WITH YOU ALWAYS
HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

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PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Support and Pray for our HEROES during the Holidays

Every week millions of Americans attend religious services at synagogues, churches, temples and other houses of worship.

Across the nation, people will listen to sermons and kneel to pray for wealth, their health, a promotion, more money, a new car, a chance to hit that lotto number.

But do not forget in Iraq and Afghanistan our troops will be praying too! Not in big beautiful churches, but huddled together outside their trucks ready to go out and meet the enemy. They are praying that they make it back alive and live to see the day when they can see their loved ones again. We hope that you keep those troops in your prayers too. Pray for their safety and ask God to watch over them as you ask for your own families.

Our brave men and women in the military will be spending their Christmas protecting our

safety and need our prayers and deserve a special 'Holiday Thank You'

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