

# The Patriots' Truth

## Flint Hills Party News

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*For the time being we will NOT be 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](http://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!!*

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### TIME FOR A FOOD STAMP DIET

by Lewis Morris

on May 31, 2017

President Donald Trump's 2018 budget suggests some serious changes to welfare in America. Let's start with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), a.k.a. food stamps. His proposal to [trim the number of people on food stamps](#) includes requiring able-bodied adults to work or train for work in exchange for benefits. He also wants the states to start taking a larger fiscal role in welfare. Those are common sense suggestions, which naturally have Democrats in an uproar.

The president's budget proposals have been labeled a "horror" that will gut America's safety net. That's not what's going to happen, but statist reflexively oppose any program that makes people more self-reliant. After all, how can the government control the masses without them being dependent on it for their every need?

Take the first part of Trump's plan: worker activation. This means that people who apply for food stamps will have to work a regular job, prove they are physically incapable of work, or take part in community service or job training.

This is not an unreasonable stipulation. When Congress enacted welfare reform back in 1996, establishing a work requirement was one of the single biggest reasons the welfare rolls were dramatically reduced. It wasn't until Barack Obama and the Democrat-controlled Congress loosened restrictions for applying for food stamps that welfare numbers started to rise again.

In 2013 and 2014, Kansas and Maine were able to reduce the number of able-bodied adults on food stamps with basic work requirements. In 2016, Georgia did likewise.

Trump's call for getting the states more involved should also be a no-brainer. The federal government accounts for 75% of the \$1.1 trillion in spending on means-tested aid. Almost all the money that the states chip in goes to Medicaid.

Trump's budget proposal stipulates that the states start picking up 25% of the tab for food stamps as well. Democrats deceitfully claim that this accounts for a 25% cut in food stamps. That's not the case. All that is taking place here is making sure states have "skin in the game," as the saying goes.

The states will take whatever money the federal government gives them. In fact, they have a vested interest in having more people on food stamps because that means they get more money from the government.

In some twisted way, many state officials believe more money for food stamps actually helps the economy. Well, there are more people on food stamps than ever before in the history of the program. Is the American economy better for it?

The goal should be to reduce the number of people on food stamps. Obama, by loosening restrictions and making it seem patriotic to be on the government dole, drove the numbers above [46 million people](#). That's nearly one in every six Americans on food stamps. That travesty is what he had the audacity to call Hope 'n' Change™.

It's important to have a safety net for people who are not as fortunate. When the food stamp program was first introduced in 1964, it was believed that it and other welfare programs could provide temporary assistance. But Lyndon Johnson's so-called [War on Poverty](#) and Obama's actions during his presidency ensured not a safety net, but a spider web people could not escape. Ever since the "[Great Society](#)," Democrats have offered a never-ending handout in exchange for votes. So far, their

50-year-old plan has worked perfectly.

Unfortunately for statisticians, to paraphrase the late Margaret Thatcher, they'll eventually run out of other people's money. The end is already near. The disability insurance fund, for which claims have risen three-fold since requirements were relaxed in the 1980s, would have gone dry last year had Congress not raided another fund to keep it solvent. This is but one pot that is nearly empty. If governments at the federal and state level don't tighten restrictions for receiving food stamps and other aid, then the day will soon come when there won't be any help for anybody.

I was glad to find this explanation of why financial assistance of any name must be restricted. American citizens are NOT able to LIMITLESSLY/ENDLESSLY fund support for those able, but not willing, to support themselves. Those who are truly unable to support themselves in any way will be helped. However, those able to do whatever little bit to help themselves will have to do so. This is not only needed to save money, but it has been shown that those who help themselves to whatever limited ability they have are healthier, happier people. Of course, there are always those who want/expect to be completely supported by others, regardless of their own abilities. I am sorry the Liberals (Democrats) seek to make so many so dependent. It completely baffles me as to how/where they expect the money to come from when all become dependent.

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*From Western Journalism*

## O'Reilly Calls Griffin A Symptom Of The Media-Fueled, Trump-Hating Culture

"It all has to do with revenge..." By Jack Davis<sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub> on June 2, 2017 at 9:08am

As comedian Kathy Griffin pays the price amid public revulsion over an image of her holding a prop made to look like President Donald Trump's severed head, former Fox News host Bill O'Reilly said the real issue is not what Griffin did, but rather the liberal climate that would make her think the photo would receive approval.

"I know Kathy Griffin a little. Her mom is a fan of mine, and I signed a few things for her," O'Reilly wrote in an op-ed for [The Hill](#). "I sincerely hope Ms. Griffin's career does not sustain more damage. I take her apology to be sincere. The comedian was just pandering to the folks with whom she hangs."

O'Reilly devotes little time to Griffin herself, other than noting she "apparently lives in a bubble populated by ideological fanatics, some of whom really do wish violence on the president."

His chief concern is to sound the alarm at a culture in which someone like Griffin would believe the image would be popular.

"In entertainment circles, it is now commonplace to demean Donald Trump in almost barbaric ways," O'Reilly wrote, noting that such an approach has done wonders for Stephen Colbert's ratings.

O'Reilly warned that "all Americans should understand that the demonization of Donald Trump by the left-wing national media has desensitized folks like Ms. Griffin to the point where right and wrong is not even considered anymore."

O'Reilly said the anti-Trump frenzy is both deadly and unprecedented.

"The anti-Trump media is now the mob holding torches while marching up to Frankenstein's castle; it is Steven Spielberg's vicious shark attacking at will," he wrote. "In my 42-year journalism career, I have never seen anything like it. Compared to Trump, Richard Nixon was treated like Beyoncé."

The anti-Trump effort has its roots in the greatest sin Trump ever committed — beating Hillary Clinton, O'Reilly wrote.

"It all has to do with revenge. The progressive left feels betrayed by the American people who rejected Hillary Clinton and voted Trump into office. So they are going to destroy Trump's presidency and delegitimize him as a human being in full view of the people who like him. He's evil, and if you support him — you're evil, too. Thus, the anti-Trump media believes it is justified in bringing harm to the president. It's for the greater good, you know," he wrote.

O'Reilly — who was ousted from Fox News in the wake of allegations of sexual harassment that he denies despite making large settlements to his accusers — has said in the past that he also was a victim of a liberal media-led attack.

"The brutal truth is that we have become a hateful nation with the media leading the way. There is big money to be made in the destruction industry and few restraints in place," he said.

The current climate makes Trump much like a swimmer in shark-infested waters, O'Reilly wrote.

"Donald Trump may not fully understand the destructive forces arrayed against him but, if he wants to succeed as president, he should listen up. There is blood in the water and truth doesn't matter. The anti-Trump media not only wants Trump's head, but the scalps of those who dare to even give him a fair shake. In many newsrooms, anyone

supporting Trump risks unemployment," he wrote.

"So, like a modern day Salome, Kathy Griffin has served up an image that is stark and offensive but also may be prophetic. The president better take heed or risk the symbolic fate of John the Baptist. There are no boundaries anymore," he wrote.

I know many of you are not wanting to hear any of what Bill O'Reilly has to say – however, in this instance, his topic has NOTHING to do with why he left FOX News. Mr. O'Reilly is so right!! The Liberals/Democratic Party have become so hateful, so out of reason, so absolutely ridiculous, that they are unexplainable. It is beyond me how a group of "Americans" can work so hard to destroy our wonderful Country. Are they really so blind to reality that they **actually** believe what they are doing will be good for America and themselves. Stop and think about it – what about their actions will produce "good for American and Americans". Thru all of the destroying actions of the Obama Presidency did the Republicans strive to destroy the Country?? Actually, in my opinion, for what it is worth, we now have 3, yes, three, parties in Congress/America. They are Democrats, Republicans, and RINO's (Republicans In Name Only). It is up to us – citizens, voters, those who love our Country, those who want our County to be GREAT again. We MUST support President Trump – we believed in him, we elected him, we must support him!!!

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### **What We Did - Seems Impossible...**

During the 3-1/2 years of World War II that started with the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor in December of 1941 and ended with the surrender of Germany and Japan in 1945,

"We the People of the U.S.A. " produced the following:

22 aircraft carriers	98,000 bombers
8 battleships	24,000 transport aircraft
48 cruisers	58,000 training aircraft
349 destroyers	93,000 tanks
420 destroyer escorts	257,000 artillery pieces
203 submarines	105,000 mortars
34 million tons of merchant ships	3,000,000 machine guns and
100,000 fighter aircraft	2,500,000 military trucks

We put 16.1 million men in uniform in the various armed services, invaded Africa, invaded Sicily and Italy, won the battle for the Atlantic, planned and executed D-Day, marched across the Pacific and Europe, developed the atomic bomb and, ultimately, conquered Japan and Germany.

**It's worth noting that during the almost exact amount of time, the Obama Administration couldn't even build a web site that worked!**

**Of course it is also worth noting that Obama came into office with the idea of reducing the USA as a leader of the world into a follower of Muslims. He never had any intentions of Keeping/making the USA a world power.**

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### **Have you ever wondered why Whites are racists, and no other race is...**

Michael Richards, better known as Kramer from TV's 'Seinfeld' does make a good point.

This was his defense speech in court after making racial comments in his comedy act. In it he raised a few interesting points...

Someone finally said it. But how many are actually paying attention to this?

There are African Americans, Mexican Americans, Asian Americans, Arab Americans, etc.

And then there are just Americans...

You pass me on the street and sneer in my direction. You call me 'White boy', 'Cracker', 'Honkey', 'Whitey', 'Caveman'... And that's OK...

But when I call you Nigger, Kike, Towel head, Sand-nigger, Camel Jockey, Beaner, Gook, or Chink .. **You call me a racist.**

You say that whites commit a lot of violence against you... So why are the ghettos the most dangerous places to live in?

You have the **United Negro College Fund**. You have **Martin Luther King Day**. You have **Black History Month**. You have **Cesar Chavez Day**. You have **Yom Hashoah**. You have **Ma'uled Al-Nabi**. You have the **NAACP**. You have **BET**...

Imagine if we had **WET (White Entertainment Television)**...we'd be racists.

If we had a **White Pride Day**, you would call us racists.

If we had **White History Month**, we'd be racists.

If we had any organization for whites only to 'advance' **OUR** lives, we'd be racists.

We have a **Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**, a **Black Chamber of Commerce**, and then we just have the plain **Chamber of Commerce**. Wonder who pays for all of that???

A white woman could not be in the Miss Black American pageant, but a woman of **any color** can be in the Miss America pageant.

If we had a college fund that only gave white students scholarships... You know **we'd be racists**.

There are over 60 openly proclaimed Black Colleges in the US .. Yet if there were 'White colleges', that would be a **racist college**.

In the **Million Men March**, you believed that **you were marching for your race and rights**. **If we marched for our race and rights, you would call us racists**.

You are **proud to be black, brown, yellow and orange**, and you're not afraid to announce it. **But when we announce our white pride, you call us racists**.

You **rob us, carjack us, and shoot at us**. But, when a **white police officer shoots a black gang member or beats up a black drug dealer running from the law and posing a threat to society, you call the officer a racist**.

**I am proud... But you call me a racist**.

**Why is it that only whites can be racists???**

**There is nothing improper about this e-mail... But let's see which of you are proud enough to send it on**. I sadly don't think many will.

**That's why we have LOST most of OUR RIGHTS**. In this country, **we won't stand up for ourselves!**

**BE PROUD TO BE WHITE! It's not a crime YET... But getting very close!**

It is estimated that **ONLY 5%** of those reaching this point in this e-mail, will pass it on. I'm in the **5%** group.

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Hillary phoned the President's office shortly after midnight: "I need to talk to the President. It's an emergency!"

After some cajoling, Ivanka, the President's Assistant, agreed to wake him up.

"So, what is it that's so important it can't wait until morning?" grumbled Trump.

"A Supreme Court Judge just died, and I want to take his place," begged Hillary.

"Well, it's OK with me if it's OK with the mortuary," replied President Trump.

*I mean no ill will toward Hillary's health, but this would be OK with me. What I am really praying for is Hillary in an orange jump suit and handcuffs on her way to prison for a very long time.*

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Start with a cage containing four monkeys. Inside the cage hang a banana on a string, and then place a set of stairs under the banana.

Before long a monkey will go to the stairs and climb toward the banana.

Then spray ALL the monkeys with cold water. After a while, another monkey makes an attempt. As soon as he touches the stairs, spray ALL the monkeys with cold water.

Pretty soon, when another monkey tries to climb the stairs, the other monkeys will

try to prevent it.

Now, put away the cold water. Remove one monkey from the cage and replace it with a new monkey. The new monkey sees the banana and attempts to climb the stairs. To his shock, ALL the other monkeys beat the crap out of him. After another attempt and attack, he knows that if he tries to climb the stairs he will be assaulted.

Next, remove another of the original four monkeys, replacing it with a new monkey. The newcomer goes to the stairs and is attacked. The previous newcomer takes part in the punishment - with enthusiasm - because he is now part of the "team."

Then, replace a third original monkey with a new monkey, followed by the fourth. Every time the newest monkey takes to the stairs, he is attacked.

Now, the monkeys that are beating him up have no idea why they were not permitted to climb the stairs.

Neither do they know why they are participating in the beating of the newest monkey. Having replaced all of the original monkeys, none of the remaining monkeys will have ever been sprayed with cold water

Nevertheless, not one of the monkeys will try to climb the stairway for the Banana.

Why? Because in their minds, that is the way it has always been!

This is how today's House and Senate operates and is why, from time to time, ALL of the monkeys need to be replaced at the same time.

DISCLAIMER: This is meant as no disrespect to monkeys

As sad as it makes me, I'm sorry to say it seems to be true!! Are we ready to start over?? Most of those in Congress are just sitting there doing NOTHING!!! NOTHING but Taking the taxpayers money and living High. Time to say "Good-By"!! Make them wake up or send them home!!

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Conservative Tribune

## **Mattis Pausing Obama's "Trans Soldiers" Order**

BY JOHN FALKENBERG<sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEP</sub> ON JUNE 6, 2017 AT 12:26PM

An Obama-era mandate to allow transgender volunteers to serve in the military beginning this summer has been delayed indefinitely as senior military personnel from multiple branches of the armed forces continue to hold serious reservations, according to news reports.

On May 8, a memo from Deputy Defense Secretary Robert Work ordered heads of the armed services to gauge the military's "readiness to begin accepting transgender applicants on July 1, 2017," according to USA Today.

However, that memo had some language in it that seems to open the door for criticism of the policy, which may very well have precipitated this rollback by Secretary of Defense James Mattis.

"The personnel policies of this Department are designed to enhance the warfighting readiness and lethality of the force that protects our country," Work wrote in the memo according to USA Today.

"We do not intend to reconsider prior decisions unless they cause readiness problems that could lessen our ability to fight, survive and win on the battlefield."

Everything after the word "unless" is what we want to pay attention to here. It opens the door for high-ranking officers to make arguments against the policy change in the name of bettering the military's capability to perform effectively.

The assessments Work ordered were due back by May 31, and here we are in June with what Military Times is calling an "indefinite delay."

According to Military Times, the move is on hold "as senior leaders within each of the services voice lingering concerns about the Obama-era policy intended to end discrimination but dismissed by critics as social experimentation."

Those critics have it exactly right.

Folks, we have to accept the fact that the United States military — and any other military for that matter — is created for one purpose, and that is to neutralize enemies that are deemed a threat.

It's not a social experiment. It's not even a particularly free place for those serving. Giving up freedoms most Americans take for granted is one of the many ways that our fighting men and women sacrifice for us.

It's just not a place to forward a progressive agenda.

H/T GOP The Daily Dose



Please share this story on Facebook and Twitter and let us know what you think about what happened here.

How long will this remain rolled back? *Your guess is as good as mine. Anything that interferes with the ability to succeed in our Armed Forces is something to not have in any way shape or form.*

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CONSERVATIVE TRIBUNE

## Breaking: Trump Administration Has Finally Done It... First Leaker Has Been Caught

BY MARTIN LIOLL<sup>SEP</sup> ON JUNE 6, 2017 AT 5:03AM

A young woman named Reality Winner may be about to become a huge loser in federal court.

Who is “Reality Winner”? Well, aside from someone who should sue her parents for poor naming skills, she’s a former federal contractor who stands accused of leaking confidential information to the media. She’s also the first individual to be charged in the Trump administration’s hunt individuals [who have leaked](#) sensitive information to the press.

According to a [news release](#) from the Department of Justice, “Winner admitted intentionally identifying and printing the classified intelligence reporting at issue despite not having a ‘need to know,’ and with knowledge that the intelligence reporting was classified.

“Winner further admitted removing the classified intelligence reporting from her office space, retaining it, and mailing it from Augusta, Georgia, to the news outlet, which she knew was not authorized to receive or possess the documents.”

According to [NBC News](#), Winner — a 25-year-old employee of contractor Pluribus International Corporation — [had leaked](#) a document involving possible Russian efforts to hack electronic voting systems in the United States.

“On or about May 9, Winner printed and improperly removed classified intelligence reporting, which contained classified national defense information from an intelligence community agency, and unlawfully retained it,” the Justice Department release read. “Approximately a few days later, Winner unlawfully transmitted by mail the intelligence reporting to an online news outlet.”

And, according to [TheBlaze](#), she was all undone by a crease in the paper. When the news outlet that she mailed the document to, [The Intercept](#), shared it with the NSA while seeking the agency’s comment for a story, investigators noticed that the paper had been folded, leading them to believe it had been printed and removed from the secure location.

Since Winner was one of only six people to have viewed the document since it was published internally and was determined to have printed it out, FBI agents zeroed in on her. She was arrested on Saturday and is charged with a single count of “gathering, transmitting or losing defense information.”

According to [The Daily Caller](#), Winner’s Facebook page reveals a supporter of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders who once called the president a “piece of s\*\*\*” and describes herself as a member of “[the resistance](#).” On a Twitter account linked to Winner, she also [tweeted](#) to Kanye West that he “should make a shirt that says, ‘being white is terrorism.’”

Winner’s attorney told NBC News that his client is “looking forward to putting this behind her.” Unfortunately, this isn’t a traffic ticket or a drunk-and-disorderly misdemeanor on New Year’s Eve.

If the charges are true, Winner is the first government leaker to have been definitively identified in the Trump administration, and that could mean she’s going to be spending a not-insignificant amount of time behind bars. On the plus side, at least her fellow inmates will get a good chuckle out of the name “Reality Winner.”

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

What are your thoughts on this arrest?

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**Subject:** Fwd: Andy Rooney once said . . .

[An interesting TV personality from the past that said](#) things that are still current today. I loved Andy Rooney!;

Andy Rooney was one in a million. At the end of '60 Minutes' he usually had his own 10 minute segment that, unbelievably, was never censored by CBS. He's probably the only one who could have gotten away with this. May he rest in peace.

“I don't think being a minority makes you a victim of anything except numbers. The only things I can think of that are truly discriminatory are things like the United Negro College Fund, Jet Magazine, Black Entertainment Television, and Miss Black America.

Try to have things like the United Caucasian College Fund, Cloud Magazine, White Entertainment Television, or Miss White America; and see what happens... Jesse Jackson will be knocking down your door.

Guns do not make you a killer. I think killing makes you a killer. You can kill someone with a baseball bat or a car, but no one is trying to ban you from driving to the ball game.

I believe they are called the Boy Scouts for a reason, which is why there are no girls allowed. Girls belong in the Girl Scouts! ARE YOU LISTENING MARTHA BURKE ?

If you feel homosexuality is wrong, it is not a phobia, it is an opinion.

I have the right 'NOT' to be tolerant of others because they are different, weird, or tick me off.

When 70% of the people who get arrested are black, in cities where 70% of the population is black, that is not racial profiling; it is the Law of Probability.

If you are selling me a milkshake, a pack of cigarettes, a newspaper or a hotel room, you must do it in English! As a matter of fact, if you want to be an American citizen, you should have to speak English!

My father and grandfather didn't die in vain so you can leave the countries you were born in to come over and disrespect ours.

The police should have every right to shoot you if you threaten them after they tell you to stop. If you can't understand the word 'freeze' or 'stop' in English, see the above lines.

Just because you were not born in this country, you are qualified for any special loan programs, government sponsored bank loans or tax breaks, etc., so you can open a hotel, coffee shop, trinket store, or any other business.

We did not go to the aid of certain foreign countries and risk our lives in wars to defend their freedoms, so that decades later they could come over here and tell us our constitution is a living document; and open to their interpretations.

I don't hate the rich; I don't pity the poor. I know pro wrestling is fake, but so are movies and television. That doesn't stop you from watching them.

Bill Gates has every right to keep every penny he made and continue to make more. If it ticks you off, go and invent the next operating system that's better, and put your name on the building.

It doesn't take a whole village to raise a child right, but it does take a parent to stand up to the kid; and smack their little behinds when necessary, and say 'NO!'

Tattoos and piercing are fine if you want them, but please don't pretend they are a political statement. And, please, stay home until that new lip ring heals. I don't want to look at your ugly infected mouth as you serve me French fries!

I am sick of 'Political Correctness.' I know a lot of black people, and not a single one of them was born in Africa; so how can they be 'African-Americans'? Besides, Africa is a continent.

I don't go around saying I am a European-American because my great, great, great, great, great, great grandfather was from Europe. I am proud to be from America and nowhere else, and if you don't like my point of view, tough...”

**I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL!**

*This reveals so much of my personal feelings – Do individuals really expect a Country to change to be what they want?? The Muslims are out to change the world into a Muslim world. We, the rest of the world are willing to fight to the bitter end to NOT let that happen. To others coming to the USA: Why did you come IF you want it like it was in your own Country? Of course, your own Country won't GIVE you welfare, food stamps, childcare, etc. Please, GOD, help us to keep America, America for Americans!!*

Kris Kobach's campaign website: <https://www.kobach2018.com/> (The home page picture and colors keep triggering the thought: *Superman*.)

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<https://sentinelksmo.org/kobach-announces-bid-governor-time-drain-swamp-topeka/>

## **Kobach Announces Bid for Governor: “Time to Drain the Swamp” in Topeka**

June 8, 2017

*With Brownback relegated to the sidelines, the Star has found a new target in Kris Kobach and has upped the smear-o-meter in the process.*

On Thursday in Lenexa, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach announced that he is running for governor of the State of Kansas. Said Kobach on announcing, it’s time to “drain the swamp” in Topeka.

For [the Kansas City Star](#) editors the announcement could not have come at a better time. Just two days ago, the state legislature overrode Gov. Sam Brownback’s veto and erased Brownback’s ambitious tax-cutting program. With no the tax cuts to denounce on a daily basis, they needed a new Republican target, none more high profile than Kris Kobach.

In the first article about Kobach’s candidacy, reporter Shane Keyser showed he knows how to please his superiors. Kobach has championed “some of the *strictest* voting laws in the nation.” He is “the architect of *controversial* election and immigration laws.” He “advised President *Donald Trump* (a bad thing at 18th & Grand).

Kobach has made claims of widespread voter fraud “that election experts say are *overblown*.” The ACLU says his new law “makes it *harder for rightful voters* to participate in elections.” An ACLU guy called Kobach the “king of *voter suppression*.”

Kobach has associated “with groups considered *extremist* by the Southern Poverty Law Center. Kobach has repeatedly rejected accusations of *racial bias*.” He helped craft an Arizona law “that critics say encouraged *racial profiling*.” On the Sentinel smear-o-meter, this article rates a 9.8 out of ten. The Star failed only to ask Kobach when was the last time he beat his wife.

Oh yeah, and by the way, Kobach “holds degrees from Harvard and Yale, worked in the U.S. Department of Justice under former Attorney General John Ashcroft in the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11 attack” – Oxford, too, by the way, typical white nationalist credentials.

This initial article on Kobach’s candidacy is so perversely partisan, in fact, that it may one day be used as a case study in journalism school. To quote the ACLU is bad enough. To quote the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) crosses the line from journalism into pure race baiting propaganda.

Two years ago, the Star and the Wichita Eagle [headlined an article](#), “Kris Kobach rejects criticism for speaking at a ‘white nationalist’ conference.” The source for the accusation, of course, was the SPLC. At the time, Kobach accurately described the SPLC as “unethical smear artists.”

The reader does not have to take Kobach’s word for that. “Today,” [observed Ken Silverstein](#) in the left-of-center *Harper’s* magazine, “the SPLC spends most of its time — and money — on a relentless fund-raising campaign, peddling memberships in the church of tolerance with all the zeal of a circuit rider passing the collection plate.”

“Morris and I,” Silverstein quotes Millard Fuller, the partner of SPLC founder Morris Dees as saying, “shared the overriding purpose of making a pile of money. We were not particular about how we did it; we just wanted to be independently rich.”

It is time to drain the swamp at 18th & Grand. The Star can start by apologizing to Kris Kobach.

*The last time I was in Kris’s office and visited with him he was in favor of a National Constitution Convention, ConCon, of which I fear the outcome hugely. I would like to visit with him on this concern again. I am sure the FHTP will check this out and let you know our findings. We supported Kris all the way in his previous elections.*

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FYI,

What has been in the back of Amtrak’s mind (see article below) for a long time is getting Kansas taxpayers to help fund its dreams. Perhaps Amtrak thinks that given the legislature’s demonstrated inability to cut anything from the budget and the eagerness it showed to raise taxes, now is the time to put the hit on Kansas taxpayers to fork over large amounts of \$\$\$ to extend service from OKC to Wichita/Newton.

I do hope that any such attempt is met with an overabundance of skepticism and piercing questions about capital costs (such as how many more cars and engines will be needed to maintain the service and has Positive Train Control been implemented on the lines to be used?), costs to bring the tracks up to passenger standards, costs to maintain the tracks at passenger standards, day-to-day operating costs, and special costs that could be assessed above and beyond in given situations.



All Amtrak trains require a government per passenger subsidy (yes, even the Northeast Corridor if Amtrak kept books as other businesses do). The data is out there about how much subsidy is needed per passenger for each existing Amtrak route. What is the estimated per-passenger subsidy for the route to Wichita/Newton that Kansas will be expected to provide? Might want to read: <http://ti.org/antiplanner/?p=13099#more-13099> **Amtrak Is More Expensive Than You Think** and <http://ti.org/antiplanner/?p=12949#more-12949> **The Sunset Limited: Extend or Cancel?**

Another line of skeptical consideration has to be given to passenger count projections. For some reason, they always seem to come in high in the sales pitches for transportation projects across the country against the eventual reality. See: <http://ti.org/antiplanner/?p=10045> **Transit Ridership Overestimates** How many trains a day? When will they be arriving/leaving Wichita/Newton? For this arrival/departure schedule, what is the demographics of the target ridership? The *Southwest Chief* is the only Amtrak train through Newton. The eastbound *Chief* is in Newton at 0259; the west bound at 0245 - not the most wonderful times to be making a connection. What is the projection for riders from the south coming north to make a connection with the *Chief*? What is the projection for passengers arriving on the *Chief* transferring to the *Heartland Flyer* for a destination in Oklahoma or Texas? Can the *Chief's* schedule be revised to make *Heartland Flyer/Chief* connections more appealing? A recurring comment on trainorders.com is that long distance train travel appears to be the domain for retirees on a vacation who are not concerned about not being on time. (On one trip on an eastbound CZ we were riding on a vacation, there was a very agitated businessman who was going to miss a flight connection in Denver because the train was late and we were traveling through an area in the Rockies where there was no cell-phone coverage - I assumed that he had just become a "never-gainer".)

Amtrak reports that the current on-time performance of the *Heartland Flyer* for the last 12 months has been 81%, actually pretty good compared to the performance on some routes. (For the *California Zephyr* for the past 12 months - 44%) For the past 12 months, the on-time performance for the *Chief* is 63%. Not said is how much actual delay is being experienced when not on time. What is being done to improve this performance? And will the service being contemplated also provide for "bus bridges" when the *Heartland Flyer* cannot proceed as a result of an act of nature or accident?

If Amtrak wants to extend the *Heartland Flyer* to Newton, be my guest, but don't pave the way with Kansas tax dollars - there will be no R.O.I. for taxpayers - only to those who pat themselves on the back and get good press about what a wonderful deal they have brought to the state.

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P.S. Let me put in a plug for the CZ between Denver and California. In both directions you traverse the Sierras (Donner Pass) and the Rockies (Glenwood Springs to Denver) during the day - magnificent scenery, but if you book a roomette or bedroom, take along a roll of duct tape - very useful to control airflow out of registers that cannot be shut off because of a broken mechanism, to hold curtains shut on passageway windows, to quiet rattling sheet metal, to cover light holes from an adjacent space, etc.

**TOPEKA (WIBW)---** Amtrak is looking to forge a new path into **Wichita**.

Amtrak leaders, along with representatives from Kansas, Texas and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation took a scenic trip through the heartland, between OKC, Wichita, Newton and Topeka.

They're looking into establishing new Amtrak service north of Oklahoma City into Wichita.

Amtrak says the funding would come from a partnership between them and the Kansas Department of Transportation.

"Wichita is one of the largest cities in the United States without Amtrak service, so we would love to find a way to get Amtrak service their. It's been in the back of our mind for a longtime and clearly it would come through here," Government Affairs & Corporate Communications for Amtrak, Ray Lang said.

Lang says the company will begin talks in the coming months with BNSF and the three states involved.

Seems to me most everyone can find a place to spend more TAX money from Kansans. Who is financing the taxpayers??? It has been many years since Kansas Employees have had a raise and even before it happens -- more taxes for them and all other Kansas taxpayers to pay. Let your Legislators how you feel about "more taxes". Come on, Legislators, you can't cut expenses, but you can expect Kansas Citizens to cough up more?

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The following was received from John D'Alola -- read and give thought to ALL of it!! If you do not have a way to receive the online address' contact me and I will send them to you...

Friends,

This is the first good news out of Topeka in several weeks: <http://www.wibw.com/content/news/Kobach-targets-Toepek>

[Senator-on-first-day-of-governors-race-427313573.html](http://www.kansas.com/story/news/politics/elections/2016/05/14/senator-on-first-day-of-governors-race-427313573.html) , Kris Kobach announcing that he is running for governor.

And the reaction of Senator Hensley indicates the crap/lies/calumnies that Kris is going to have to deal with. Search "Kris Kobach for governor" - the MSM and the prog websites immediately jumped on the "stop Kobach" honey-bucket wagon.

That our Republican majorities in the legislature raised taxes and refused to cut spending is grating on many people, not just me, wondering why such "Republicans" should be given one bit of support in the future.

Pasted in below is page one of the KS GOP platform - raising taxes/not cutting spending demonstrated that they did not believe in several of the points. If you don't buy into the platform, don't proclaim yourself a Republican - and this goes beyond the big tent "idea".

Three *The Sentinel* articles that are germane:

<https://sentinelksmo.org/signs-education-overspending-abound/>

<https://sentinelksmo.org/kansas-legislature-buckles-approves-largest-tax-increase-in-state-history/>

<https://sentinelksmo.org/kc-star-tax-experiment-offers-lessons-nation/> This article contains the lists of who voted for/against the tax increase. You might want to post the lists on the 'fridge and use them to triage requests for donations and support.

EcoDevo efforts at the state and local levels are spending that is ripe for cutting - there is no reason to hand out tax dollars to businesses, no reason to demand high taxes to be able to bribe businesses to locate here or there, or to take this or that action. One of the programs that popped up on this screen is the High Performance Incentive Program described at:

<http://www.kansascommerce.com/HPIP> Why do we have a bureaucracy devoted to handing out incentives for businesses to pay good wages. Does not the competitive pressure of the market force such action on the part of a businessman if he wants to stay in business? For all the state incentive programs your tax dollars are supporting, see:

<http://www.kansascommerce.com/index.aspx?nid=93>

Yes, I am \_\_\_\_\_.

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## PLATFORM OF THE KANSAS REPUBLICAN PARTY

Adopted May 14, 2016, by the State Committee

### PREAMBLE

The Kansas Republican Party affirms the Kansas Constitution in stating that "We the people of Kansas [are] grateful to Almighty God for our civil and religious privileges." Since man is created in God's image, each person's dignity, freedom, ability, and responsibility must be honored.

### THE KANSAS REPUBLICAN PARTY BELIEVES THAT

**OUR COUNTRY** is exceptional.

**OUR CONSTITUTION** should be honored, valued and upheld.

**OUR LEADERS** should serve people, not special interests.

**OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES** should be strong, and free from government intrusion.

**OUR GOVERNMENT** should be smaller, smarter, and more efficient.

**OUR HEALTHCARE DECISIONS** should be made by us and our doctors.

**OUR PAYCHECKS** should not be wasted on poorly-run government programs.

**OUR MILITARY** must be strong and prepared to defend our shores and borders.

**OUR CULTURE** should respect and protect life.

**OUR CHILDREN** should never be left in failing schools.

**OUR VETERANS** should have the best care and best opportunities in the world.

**OUR SOCIAL PROGRAMS** should help lift people out of poverty.

**OUR INSTITUTION OF TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE** is the foundation of society.

**OUR AMERICA** should be energy independent.

We believe the merit of future legislation and policy should be judged against the philosophy of the Republican Party.

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Chinese company to establish facilities to do research and design of vaccines for swine and cattle and develop educational materials for Chinese companies and Veterinarians. What type of vaccines – good or bad???

Jinyu plans to employ 4-6 scientists. The company has researched the Manhattan location for nearly two years and was drawn to its connection with the region known as the KC Animal Health Corridor.

China is still Communist – I don't trust them.

All KSU can see is \$\$\$s – I see a doublecross. Even when feeding their own people I don't trust the Chinese Government. Combine them with the future National Bio and Agro-defense Facility and we are facing huge possibility for disaster and double cross.

"The addition of Jinyu Bio-Technology to the KC Animal Health Corridor is truly a partnership of innovation and expertise," said Kansas Commerce Secretary Antonio Soave. "We, as a state, must continue to engage excellent biotech companies like Jinyu, as Kansas continues to become one of the leading locations for bioscience in the nation."

A huge danger to KS residents as well as all of America. How is this different to inviting Islamists into the USA and then being surprised and unhappy when they start killing??

**I thought KSU was a learning/teaching facility – now they are becoming an Office Park – building office buildings for non campus/teaching companies. We will soon lose our teaching facility as they will be crowded out by "business".**

*"Partnerships in animal health in particular help university and industry researchers inhabit the cutting edge," he said. "Protecting animal health requires adapting to changing global circumstances, and we want to ensure that our researchers and students are prepared to contribute and to help industry address urgent needs."*

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The most memorable moment from the trip in Israel of President Trump and the First Lady was probably that moment at the entrance to the home of President Rivlin:

"Nechama Rivlin, President Rivlin's wife, welcomed the First Lady Melania Trump at the door. As they were about to walk inside, Nechama whispered to Melania that she will do her best to catch up with the walking pace, but she might be a bit slower because of her medical condition which requires her to use an oxygen tank. Melania took her hand, looked at her and said: "We'll walk at any pace you choose". And so they walked, slowly, gracefully and proudly, hand in hand.

That, is the moment I choose to cherish. That silent gesture has neither any political significance nor any colorful tone to it, but it is everything.

It is the hope we yearn for when we speak of peace; It is the kindness we wish to protect when we speak of defeating terror; It is the dignity we want to teach when we speak of stopping hate; It is the friendship we pray for when we speak of our unbreakable bond; In other words, this gesture encompasses everything that is good, kind and human."

- *George Deek, from The Jewish Standard*

