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"THE WRONG TIME FOR WHO?"

By Adam Brandon

"Joe Biden's Poll Numbers Are Plummeting at Exactly the Wrong Time."

That was the headline of a CNN article I read recently complaining that Americans' disgust with the Biden presidency might mean that the radical Left's big spending, socialist agenda for the country could be in jeopardy – and that the rapidly approaching 2022 Midterms could end up being a disaster.

"The wrong time for who?" I chuckled to myself as I read through the article.

Whether it's sky-high crime, mishandling COVID, creating a humanitarian disaster at the southern border – or leaving American citizens, allies, and billions in military equipment behind during the horribly unplanned and mismanaged Afghanistan pullout – the American people are watching the most left-wing President in American history stumble up every staircase in his path.

It's gotten so bad that this President believes he needs to run from his *best friends in the entire world* – the national media – to avoid questions.

I know our media elites are shocked at how far and how fast the Biden administration's standing with the American people has plummeted.

But I am not surprised for this simple reason: Liberalism fails. Freedom Works.

Throughout the following pages of *Freedom Working* – the semi-annual magazine we've created for our most generous investors – you'll get a peak into all of the many critical battles the FreedomWorks family of organizations is fighting right now.

I hope you like what you see.

Looking back at this moment decades from now, I believe the time we're living in right now will be viewed as a decisive moment in American history.

The Left is going for America's jugular.

They want to seize total control of our election system.

They want to brainwash our

kids to hate each other based on race and declare all of America's past a stain on world history.

They want to destroy the Senate filibuster and grant statehood to Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico to ensure absolutely nothing can stand in their way.

They want to defund police, pack the Courts, open our borders, inflict new job-killing environmental regulations, and impose higher taxes than even communist China imposes to fund cradle-to-grave socialism.

As bad as all of these fights are, there is good news. And the good news is, we're winning.

I know it. The Left knows it. And even the media elites are starting to realize it.

With 2022 right around the corner, the political winds are blowing in our direction because the American people don't want what the Left is selling.

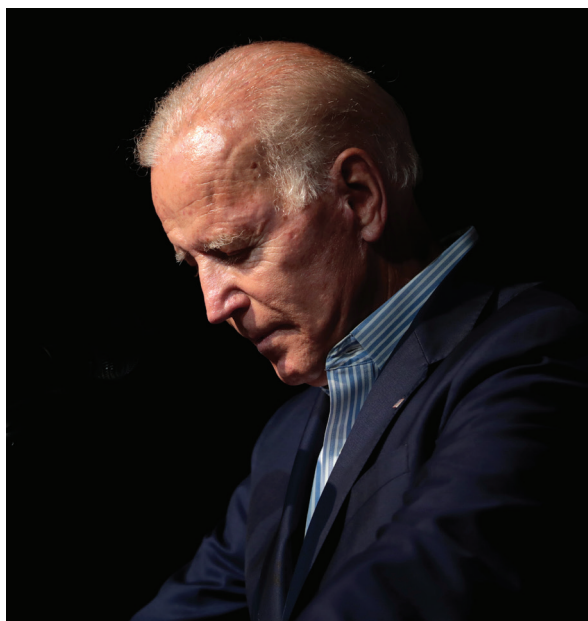
But none of it will matter if we're out-organized, out-fought, and out-spent by the Left.

That's why everything we're doing right now is so critical – and why I'm so thankful for your support.

Whether it's organizing concerned parents to fight Critical Race Theory and support school choice with our BEST Program, opening up our brand-new Washington Grassroots Center to help us train and mobilize even more activists, working to secure American elections at the state-level, or building our grassroots infrastructure in key U.S. House districts to ensure Speaker Pelosi is fired in 2022, FreedomWorks is fighting with everything we have.

And that's all thanks to the generous support of patriots like you.

I hope we can count on your continued generosity in the future.



The Left is going for America's jugular.

Adam Brandon,
President



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GRASSROOTS SPOTLIGHT: **FREEDOMWORKS' AMBASSADORS**

By Dercy Teixeira

When it comes to grassroots activism, strong leaders can make a big difference.

Activists, like all of us, are pulled in every different direction by the ups and downs of daily life and the 24-hour news cycle that has politicized literally everything.

But it is activist leaders who don't get distracted and stay focused on the issues that matter who will make the greatest impact in saving our country.

At FreedomWorks, we do all we can to ensure activists become experts on the limited government issues that affect all of us, while also developing leadership skills and networks that enhance the effectiveness of their activism.

At FreedomWorks, we call these super-activists, Ambassadors. An Ambassador is one who represents, one who promotes, and one who speaks on behalf of others. And our just-launched Ambassador program is already rapidly expanding our reach into new communities.

In September 2021, we hosted 40 Ambassadors – each of whom helps lead an activist network – at our brand new Washington Grassroots Center in Washington, D.C.

At this event, Ambassadors received an overview of FreedomWorks' programs and activities and engaged in in-depth training on the emerging threats to freedom in America.

As Ambassador Peter Linko from Pittsburgh remarked: "It has been such a privilege to work with FreedomWorks as one



Peter Linko, a FreedomWorks Ambassador, poses with Mark Meadows at a past Fly-In. Meadows is the former Chair of the House Freedom Caucus and White House Chief of Staff to President Trump

of their 6,000,000+ activists as we've hosted events here in Pittsburgh and lobbied and studied policy in D.C. Recently, I was asked to step into an ambassador role at FreedomWorks and I gladly accepted. I will be one of 50 top activists from around the country who shares the needs and concerns of the local grassroots with FreedomWorks so we can continue to empower Americans everywhere to step up for what they believe in and fight against government overreach."

Ambassadors like Peter are exactly the people we want leading our fight.

Considering that each Ambassador has a network that consists of ten, fifty, one hundred, or even one-thousand activists, one well-trained and effective

Ambassador can help dramatically broaden FreedomWorks' grassroots footprint all across America.

On our own, we will never be able to reach every like-minded person in America.

But with our Ambassadors taking the lead, amplifying our message, and organizing their networks, our capacities snowball quickly. That is the definition of a grassroots organization.

Dercy Teixeira,
Director of Grassroots



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A TEXAS-SIZED VICTORY FOR ELECTION INTEGRITY

By Cesar Ybarra

Very few people wake up in the morning with their attention focused squarely on state legislative politics.

At FreedomWorks, however, we woke up every day fired up about the Texas State Legislature's recent Special Session and their groundbreaking win for election integrity – even after Texas Democrats fled the state in an attempt to kill this bill.

For those who were not keeping track, Texas Governor Greg Abbott recently signed S.B. 1, a critical election integrity bill that makes it easier for Texans to vote, but harder to cheat.

According to the Texas Senate Research Center, "S.B. 1 seeks to address [election security] issues by strengthening poll watcher protection, bringing about transparency by utilizing technology throughout the electoral process, limiting the most

common fraudulent practices and opportunities for fraudulent practices, and providing better and more timely evidence in investigation into alleged voter fraud."

The bill includes popular measures like ending unsolicited mail-in ballot applications, protecting poll watchers, and eliminating drive-through voting.

In short, it sought to ensure that every Texan can have faith in the security of the Lone Star State's elections.

Following on the heels of states like Georgia, Florida, and Arizona that had just passed election integrity legislation, Texas Republicans were determined to get the job done on election integrity – despite national media attacks.

Since the Texas legislature did not pass this bill during

ABBOTT



their normal legislative session because of a Democrat walkout, Governor Greg Abbott called a special legislative session dedicated to – among other things – passing election integrity measures.

This was an encouraging sign for grassroots activists because it demonstrated that neither the Governor nor Texas Republicans were giving up on their promise to secure the state's election system.

Of course, the Democrat strategy to kill this bill was not through robust debate and persuasion – the basic things that we expect our politicians to do when they oppose something.

No, Democrats decided to flee the state of Texas and run away from the legislative fight.

Their strategy was to prevent the Texas House and Senate from having a quorum, which is required to conduct legislative business. Without a quorum, it is impossible to get anything done.

So, the Texas Democrats fled the state on a charter flight in order to stop any election security bill from passing.

Their destination? Washington, D.C.

And the Washington, D.C. media couldn't get enough of them.

You see, once in the "Swamp," these Democrat politicians were pushing the U.S. Senate to not only pass unconstitutional bills like H.R. 1 and H.R. 4, but also to nuke the filibuster, which is our last line of defense against President Biden's socialist agenda.

Texas Democrats also met with Vice President Kamala Harris, and sang "we shall overcome" with congressional leaders, and some even testified in a hearing before the U.S. House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

In this hearing, we saw U.S. Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) push the narrative that voter ID requirements are racist.

The good news is, while Texas Democrats were effective in running out the clock in the first special session, Governor Abbott and Texas Republicans stuck to their guns.

Ultimately, after weeks of playing politics, Texas Democrats were forced to return to Austin and quorum was established.

Texas Republicans proceeded swiftly to pass S.B. 1, which was immediately signed by Governor Abbott.

After this nonsensical legislative drama, freedom-loving Texans deserve to take a victory lap for their persistence and will to listen to their constituents and pass strong election integrity reforms.

Cesar Ybarra,
Senior Director of Legislative Affairs



IMPORTANT PROVISIONS IN S.B. 1



ENDS UNSOLICITED MAIL-IN BALLOT APPLICATIONS

PROTECTS POLL WATCHERS

ELIMINATES DRIVE-THROUGH VOTING

GRASSROOTS ACTIVISM



FREEDOMWORKS' TEXAS GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY DROVE
1,262 MESSAGES TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE
IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 1.

WILL BIDEN BRING AN END TO REAGAN'S ERA OF PROSPERITY?

By Stephen Moore and Arthur Laffer

Friday marks the 40th anniversary of Ronald Reagan's first tax cuts—arguably the most consequential and controversial economic policy paradigm shift of the past half-century. The Reagan supply-side revolution went global. An analysis by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development found that the unweighted average top marginal income-tax rate among developed countries fell by a third, from 65% to 43%, after 25 years. Nearly every nation, from China to Costa Rica, imposes lower tax rates today than in the 1970s.

Alas, the U.S. needs to relearn the lessons of the Reagan tax cuts. President Biden has proposed a sweeping tax-policy reversal that would raise many tax rates—such as the capital-gains and death-tax rates—to levels even higher than in the Jimmy Carter years.

The U.S. economy was a wreck when Reagan took office, due to the combination of tax rates that rose to as high as 70% on some types of income and an inflation rate that hit 14% in 1980. The “misery index” (inflation plus unemployment) closed in on 22%, as a new gloomy term appeared in the economic lexicon: “stagflation.”

The Keynesian Democrats were out of ideas. The dean of liberal economists, Paul Samuelson, glumly advised that the only way to break the back of inflation was to tolerate another decade of very high unemployment. Reagan dismissed the austerity model and carried the banner of supply-side optimism. Borrowing from the young Rep. Jack Kemp, economists Robert Mundell and Mr. Laffer (one of the authors of this article) and these pages, Reagan persuaded Americans that the remedy to the decade-long malaise was to reduce the drag of regulatory and tax policy to encourage more work and production.

Lower tax rates, Reagan predicted, would reduce unemployment and help stabilize prices. This revolutionary concept wasn't an easy sell even in the Republican Party. Many Republicans, including Sen. Barry Goldwater, had voted against the tax-rate cuts President John F. Kennedy advanced, and when Reagan proposed the idea, George H.W. Bush ridiculed it as “voodoo economics.” The Republican Senate leader, Howard Baker, called the policy a “riverboat gamble.”

The Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981 cut rates for every income group by at least a quarter and brought the top tax rate down from as high as 70% to 50%. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 further reduced it to 28%. The bet paid off:

- Take-home pay rose for all income groups in the 1980s, and real median family income rose by nearly \$8,000 (in today's dollars) during the Reagan years. Real median family income climbed from \$60,597 in 1981 to \$68,299 in 1989, following steep declines during the Carter presidency. Tens of millions of Americans moved up the

income scale in the 1980s; 86% of households in the poorest income quintile in 1980 had moved to a higher quintile by 1990.

- The 30-year mortgage-interest rate fell substantially—from more than 18% in 1981 to below 10% at the end of Reagan's presidency. Inflation fell from nearly 14% in 1980 to less than 4% by the late 1980s. The misery index fell in half.
- Gross domestic product grew at an annual rate of 7.3% from 1981-89. As the late Robert Bartley, editor of these pages, put it in his 1992 book, “The Seven Fat Years,” that was the equivalent of “growing a new California.”
- From 1980 to 1990 tax revenues almost doubled in nominal terms even though most rates fell by more than half. The share of taxes paid by the richest 1% rose from 19% to 26% under Reagan and has subsequently grown to 40%.
- Reagan's policies ushered in an unprecedented era of wealth creation. The Dow Jones Industrial Average before the Reagan tax cuts was at roughly 1000. Forty years later, it stands at 35000. The Federal Reserve Board calculates that the wealth of households in the U.S. has risen by nearly \$100 trillion in real terms from 1980 to 2020.

The only complaint from liberal Democrats that carried much weight during the prosperity of the Reagan era was that his policies allowed the debt to rise substantially. The national debt was 38% of GDP in 1983, but wealth was rising quickly. Compare this with Mr. Biden's call for a deficit in the middle of an economic recovery that would raise the debt-to-GDP ratio well beyond 130%, three times what it was in Reagan's worst year.

One of the most impressive repercussions of the Reagan tax cuts has been their staying power. While federal income-tax rates have meandered between 30% and 40% since Reagan left office, that's a far cry from the 50 years before he took office, when the top tax rate never dropped below 63%. No serious politician considered raising rates back to their historic highs.

Until now. Mr. Biden wants to erase 40 years of progress and return to “That '70s Show,” with runaway welfare spending and soak-the-rich economic policies. If Reagan were alive, we think we know what he'd say: “Well, there they go again.”

Stephen Moore,
Senior Economist



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SECURING OUR ELECTIONS

By Spencer Chretien

In 2021, FreedomWorks embarked upon a mission to protect our country's elections and began training activists on topics that are crucial to the success and integrity of the United States' election system.

The immediate threat was the Democrats' election takeover bill, H.R. 1/S.1.

FreedomWorks activists sprang into action, sending 458,677 messages to Congress and spending 745 hours on the phone in opposition to this disastrous legislation.

It is no wonder that FreedomWorks emerged as the national leader in the battle over election integrity, and our efforts paid off when the bill failed in the Senate.

But our work to secure American elections didn't stop there.

In addition to supporting and opposing legislation at the state and federal levels, we're also working to ensure our activists get involved at the precinct level through our Election Protection Initiative.

One key advantage that FreedomWorks has is in the training of our grassroots activists themselves to become elections officers – the people who administer the election in their communities.

As of September 2021, we have trained more than 1,000 activists on the rules and regulations of elections, how to apply to become an elections officer, and the importance of transparency in our local and federal elections.

As we work to secure our elections and restore confidence in them, we want to equip our activists with the knowledge and tools to assist and empower their fight in this movement.

We have issued a toolkit – available on our website – that outlines how our activists can get involved.

It is crucial that we educate the American people on the importance of having eyes and ears on “the inside” to ensure our elections are clean.

As we focus on our nine key states – Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Wisconsin – our mission is to have at least one activist per county to have applied to be an elections officer.

Most of the time, these positions are appointed either by a committee or by the chair of the county elections board. But we also emphasize the importance of building a relationship with those who operate the elections.

In addition to encouraging our activists to apply to be elections officers, we also encourage them to become poll workers (who assist elections officers in administering the voting) and poll watchers who observe the elections process and are able to promptly report any issues.

After the chaos of COVID-related voting changes in 2020, we deserve elections in which we have confidence. FreedomWorks activists are leading that fight.

Spencer Chretien,
Director of Programs



POLLS PROVE AMERICANS WANT ELECTION SECURITY



“This election integrity training should give the grassroots individuals hope for the future elections... I think what is most valuable is that we have a place to go should problems arise.” -Linda Howard, North Carolina

Recent polling conducted in partnership with Scott Rasmussen indicates that the American people by and large do NOT support the provisions contained within **H.R.1**:

- **79%** of American voters support states implementing voter ID laws.
- **72%** support states' rights to clean up their voter registration lists within six months of any election.
- **61%** of Americans support sending mail-in ballots only to those who request them.

PARENTS KNOW BEST

By Laura Zorc

With never-ending COVID-19 school shutdowns, senseless mask mandates, and Critical Race Theory brainwashing in public schools, there's no doubt that Americans are more frustrated than ever with the state of modern education in America and are demanding change.

To translate this outpouring of energy into real reforms – like school choice and bans on left-wing indoctrination – FreedomWorks Foundation launched the BEST Program (which stands for “Building Education for Students Together”) in December 2020 when I was asked to come on board to help run it.

Education reform has long been a central passion of mine. In fact, you may know a little about me as I led the movement to repeal Common Core in Florida.

I believe that to achieve educational freedom, we must leave educational decisions with the parents.

Over the years, we've seen government and special interest groups work tirelessly to diminish parents' role in education. The most egregious interest groups are the teachers' unions.

While these unions operate under the guise of representing teachers, in reality, they're ultra-liberal entities that spend tens of millions of dollars each year electing politicians who will keep the tax dollars flowing and ensure they maintain their iron grip on power.

Today, these unions – specifically the National Educators Association (NEA) and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) – are not only opposed to school choice, and opening schools, they've also committed themselves to promoting and supporting Critical Race Theory, which threatens to poison an entire generation of young people against their own country and each other.

It's gotten so bad, teachers' union officials rarely even pretend to care about kids' welfare.

As Cecily Myart Cruz, head of the United Teachers for Los Angeles, stated recently while dismissing the negative effects of “remote learning” on kids, “There is no such thing as learning loss. Our kids didn't lose anything . . . They know the difference between a riot and a protest. They know the words insurrection and coup.”

Parents are the only force large enough to stand up against these ultra-powerful left-wing unions and make lasting change.

BEST exists to create, unite, and equip an army of parents that cannot be ignored or silenced by:

- Continuing to mobilize our community to make their voices heard at local school board meetings;
- Establishing parent advocacy groups to fight for reform and counter-balance teachers' unions and parent-teacher associations;
- Educating our activists to engage legislators and show there is a groundswell of support for school choice, unbiased curriculum, and enhancing parental rights in education; and
- Training activists to run for, and get elected to, school board positions, support candidates who are friendly to our issues, and make themselves available for appointed positions.

This is how we'll defeat the teachers' unions and ensure kids get the very BEST in education.

Laura Zorc,
Director of Education Reform



"I REALLY appreciate ALL that BEST provides us as parents. You guys have been integral in our fight to get CRT out of schools and now fight the curriculum issue, as well as masks and vaccines."

—Robin Snyder



"Grassroots Organization
Pushes Reform By Training
Parents to Run for School
Board" 7/31/21

WASHINGTON
Examiner

74%

The number of voters
who support school choice
(up 10% from April)

Source: Edchoice

So far, in 2021, BEST activists have:

- Sent over 4,000 messages leading to key legislative victories, particularly in Texas and Florida;
- Hosted 93 events in 10 states; Reached and equipped over 3,700 activists across the country to fight for educational freedom;
- Earned media mentions in over 70 articles across the country;
- Trained over 300 activists to run for school board through our candidate academy;
- Had 150 academy graduates run or commit to filing paperwork to run in their upcoming school board elections; and
- Created partnerships with over 60 like minded local and national groups including No Left Turn in Education, For Kids and Country, Moms for Liberty, EdChoice, Seeking Educational Excellence, Parents Defending Ed, and more.

GRASSROOTS HIGHLIGHT

OPENING THE BRAND-NEW WASHINGTON GRASSROOTS CENTER

By Dercy Teixeira

For as long as FreedomWorks exists, grassroots activists will be at the heart of our activities.

And although most of our activists don't live anywhere near Washington, D.C., we need to be able to bring them to where the action is – both for training and so we can burst the "Swamp's" bubble with voices Big Government politicians would rather shut out.

FreedomWorks' routine fly-in is one of our most effective ways of educating activists and conducting grassroots pressure campaigns.

The great news is – as of September 2021 – we have a brand-new tool for fly-ins: Our Washington Grassroots Center.

This training center has been a dream of ours for many years now. With the Washington Grassroots Center, FreedomWorks will be able to dramatically cut the cost of our activism – and put even more pressure on Washington, D.C. politicians.

The Washington Grassroots Center truly has something for everyone. The auditorium allows fly-in speakers to address more than one hundred activists in the same place, without the inconvenience of a hotel.

The conference rooms allow for smaller and more intensive meetings and networking between activist friends old and new.

We can serve meals right in our kitchen. And we can even link the fifth floor with our sixth-floor studio where we film our weekly Sunday morning show, *Save The Nation*. Truly, the Washington Grassroots Center is a grassroots highlight.

I can tell you that seeing it come to fruition recently with our top-level activists was inspiring and renewed my commitment to our mission.

During the depths of the pandemic, when Washington, D.C. rents were plummeting, FreedomWorks' executive staff took advantage of a great deal on the vacant fifth floor of our office building, located just blocks from the Capitol, the White House, and numerous federal agencies.

After the floor was modernized and renovated, we held our first-ever activist fly-in right in our new space.

This event also coincided with the launch of our Ambassador program.

Ambassadors are local community leaders and the heart of our national grassroots network. They're the lieutenants of

our grassroots army. Coming from all corners of the country, our Ambassadors have one goal in common – to be the best grassroots leaders they can be.

Of course, this is only the beginning. We have five more fly-ins over the next two months and hundreds more activists that will come through the Washington Grassroots Center. Each fly-in will have a specific focus – topics include election integrity, educational freedom, free enterprise, and the 2022 midterms. We vet and interview each attendee to ensure that they'll benefit from our training and are likely to make an impact when they return to their communities.

FreedomWorks' fly-ins are one of our most effective tools for activist mobilization. And now with the Washington Grassroots Center fully operational, at a moment's notice we'll be able to bring activists to the Capitol, equip them with the knowledge they need to effectively lobby their members of Congress, and deploy them to the Hill to make the voice of Grassroots America heard.

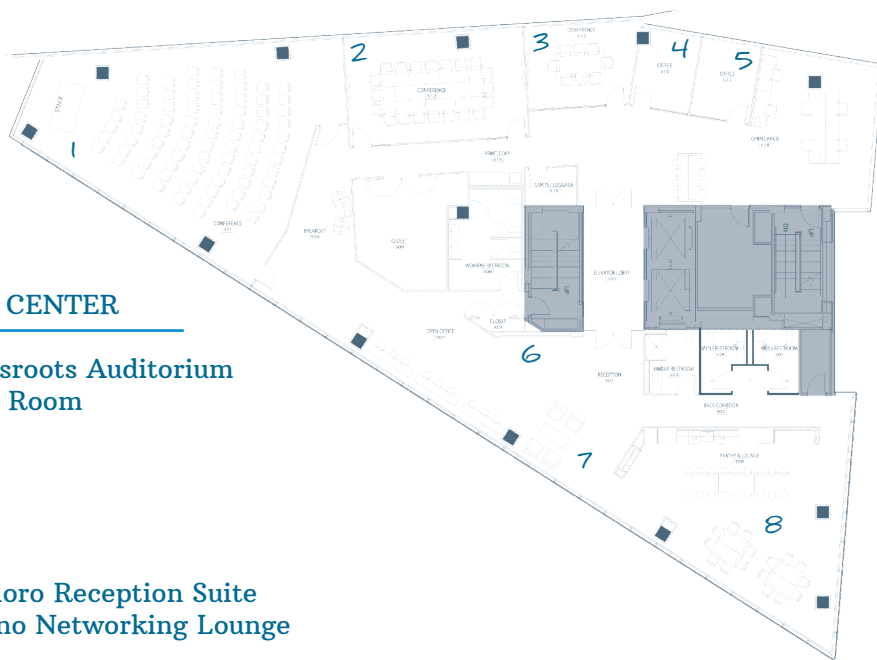
Dercy Teixeira,
Director of Grassroots





WASHINGTON GRASSROOTS CENTER

1. Al Moore and Family Grassroots Auditorium
2. Mrs. San W. Orr Jr. Board Room
3. Conference Room 1
4. Conference Room 2
5. Office 1
6. Office 2
7. Feature Wall
8. Joan Carter & John Aglialoro Reception Suite
9. Peter F. and Cathy D. Spano Networking Lounge



UPCOMING TRAININGS

September 27-29 and October 7-9: Election Protection Fly-Ins

Our Election Protection Initiative trains activists to get involved in the process of election administration in their states. We will train 70 leading activists at each event (140 total) on election protection issues.

October 22-24: Center for Economic Freedom Fly-In

Our Center for Economic Freedom equips activists to fight for limited government, lower taxes, and sound economic principles. As Democrats in Washington attempt to ram through a massive spending bill that will permanently create a cradle-to-grave dependency upon government, this fly-in has never been more timely for 50 activists.

November 12-14: BEST Fly-In

Our BEST Program equips parent-activists with the tools they need to run for school board and get involved in education reform, breaking the monopoly of public school indoctrination. We will train 70 potential school board candidates.

November 19-21: Road Map to 2022 Fly-In

Soon, we will be less than one year away from the 2022 Elections. As we ramp up our political activity, preparing to fire Nancy Pelosi as Speaker for the second time, we will train 70 activists to be leaders in the effort to flip Congress.



WITHOUT A STRONG COURT, WHO WATCHES THE WATCHMEN?

By Beverly McKittrick

The addition of Justices Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, and Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court has been a spectacular win for the rule of law.

So it's no surprise Democrats are now looking to upend the makeup of the Supreme Court to fit their unconstitutional political agenda – just as they've been threatening for months now.

On April 9, 2021, President Biden created, by Executive Order, the Presidential Commission on the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Commission was created to assuage – at least temporarily – the radical Left's demands for Supreme Court “reform” – in particular adding seats to the Court (AKA “court packing”).

The Commission is composed almost exclusively of law professors (33 of 36 members) and is co-chaired by President Barack Obama's White House counsel. In other words, the mission and the makeup of the Commission have been rigged from the get-go.

The Commission did, however, provide an opportunity for public input on their schemes, so the Regulatory Action Center immediately sprung into action. This is the one time when the public gets to have a say on the decrees being forced on Americans by “The Swamp.”

To date, FreedomWorks activists have submitted over 4,000 unique comments to the docket, which is set to close for public comments on November 15, 2021.

Below are some excerpts from comments FreedomWorks activists submitted to date. With the support of generous FreedomWorks donors, we will continue to fight with everything we have to stop the Left's court-packing schemes.

Beverly McKittrick,
Director, Regulatory Action Center



“The Supreme Court has functioned independently for many decades. Making it a political tool is unnecessary and a violation of the separation of powers our nation was founded on!”

—Donald L. from Crestwood, KY

“The Supreme Court cannot remain above the political fray if it is expanded beyond nine justices. Public confidence in Congress is at an all-time low. For half of Americans, the same is true for the current occupant of the White House. If confidence in the High Court is seriously undermined as well, the Constitutional Republic will not survive.”

—Barbara G. from Norberth, PA



SO WHY ARE BIG CORPORATIONS GOING WOKE? IT'S "ESG"

By Cesar Ybarra

No matter where you look, conservative activists across America are wondering why everything seems to be going against them.

There are many reasons. But a major one is the near-complete capture of corporate America by the radical Left.

From "triple bottom line," and "impact investing" to "Environmental, Social, and Corporate Governance (ESGs)" to the pervasiveness of Critical Race Theory in corporate life, it is clear that the large institutions of society are controlled by those who hold contempt in their hearts for the free market, conservative values that made them wealthy.

As FreedomWorks' Director of Senior Initiatives, Clara Del Villar wrote in *Newsmax* in June 2021, the culture of investing has become "endless alarm bells that ring calls for racist outrage, business and academic discrimination rants and deadliest of all for economic growth – catastrophic climate change environmental hysteria."

With your support, FreedomWorks is pushing back.

Working with our friends and allies, FreedomWorks is taking on corporate wokeness by providing research and analysis on its



origins and by supporting shareholder resolutions that call on corporations to focus on first principles like supplying quality goods and services that people want, thereby making profits for shareholders.

Additionally, we're working to identify major corporations that are violating this duty to shareholders by poisoning their workforces with Critical Race Theory-based training.

We are also calling attention to the harm that "ESG investing" does to pension funds and retirement savings, which America's workforce expects to be invested to produce the highest possible returns for their retirement and not used to fund pension managers' ideas of social justice.

America didn't get into this mess overnight. We will not get out of it overnight either. But with the generous support of FreedomWorks' donors, we are proving that much can be done to fight the Left's woke corporate takeover.

Cesar Ybarra,
Senior Director of Legislative Affairs



WHAT IS ESG?

Environmental, Social, and Governance are non-financial metrics used by shareholders to analyze a company. These have been increasingly weaponized to enact forced diversity, green initiatives, and anti-American teachings.

— WORTH REPEATING —

BIDEN'S FAILED AFGHANISTAN WITHDRAWAL SHOWS "THE EXPERTS" AREN'T EXPERTS AT ALL

By Parissa Sedghi

In recent weeks, the Biden administration began withdrawing American forces from Afghanistan. After trillions of dollars spent and thousands of American lives lost over the past two decades, it's clear that the time for the United States to leave Afghanistan has come. But the lack of a plan from the White House's supposed "experts" has resulted in a crisis that could have easily been avoided.

The Taliban is already executing Afghan troops who have surrendered and are actively hunting down American allies. While President Biden has deployed thousands of troops in an effort to protect the Kabul airport, it remains overrun with civilians attempting to flee. And, shamefully, many American military installations have been taken over by the Taliban. Military weapons paid for with our tax dollars are now in the hands of our enemies.

Americans are rightfully sick and tired of endless wars. Indefinite American military presence in foreign nations is antithetical to the notion of limited government. But as these wars come to an end, our so-called "experts" are supposed to form a coherent exit strategy. This includes making sure that those who fought with us are not abandoned, that our fellow citizens are able to return home safely, and that our own weapons won't be used against us.

None of that is happening here. President Biden, who claims to be guided by "experts," has ignored the facts on the ground in favor of playing politics.

Sadly, because of some glaringly obvious errors made by the president during this withdrawal, Americans and Afghans will likely needlessly die. You don't need to be an expert to come to this conclusion.

Biden's first major mistake was demanding the withdrawal occur during the summer months rather than winter. Since August is considered part of "fighting season" for the Taliban, the group was able to advance across Afghanistan with ease once America pulled support. If the withdrawal happened as colder and more dangerous weather began to set in, the Taliban wouldn't have been able to take so much territory so rapidly.

This was just the beginning of President Biden's blunders. Reports have shown that members of Congress from both parties were trying to accelerate the issuance of visas to Afghan citizens who helped the United States during the war. This was largely ignored by the White House, which made no real effort to assist our allies before pulling back our troops and suspending air support.

If that isn't bad enough, the Taliban has been actively emboldened by the Biden administration at the expense of American taxpayers. By allowing military equipment like guns and helicopters to be left behind at our military installations, President Biden has handed over even more control to the Taliban and threatened countless lives in the process.

The failure of our national security "experts" to plan for the Taliban's rapid advance also has horrific consequences for the people of Afghanistan, particularly women and children. The Taliban has now taken control over all of Afghanistan's provincial capitals, so the group has more power than ever before. By allowing the Taliban to quickly take over the entirety of Afghanistan, President Biden's "experts" have ensured that millions of Afghan women and their daughters will be deprived of an education and basic human liberties.

Once again, it doesn't take an expert to figure out that what we're witnessing has grave implications for Americans' already flagging trust in our government institutions. And given what's happened over the last week, we need to be asking questions about what the White House and intelligence agencies knew about the potential consequences of such a hasty, poorly planned withdrawal. Biden and his "experts" were either woefully uninformed about the realities on the ground, or lied to the American people by dismissing fears of a Taliban takeover.

Unfortunately, this failure isn't surprising to those of us who have witnessed Biden's presidency descend into a downward spiral. Between inflation at its highest point in decades and rising gas prices, the wallets of Americans are hurting more than ever. And the mask and vaccine mandates promoted by the Biden administration are becoming increasingly unpopular with voters.

There's no doubt that it was time for the United States to leave Afghanistan. But while it's important that we leave, it's equally important how we leave. It's clear that Biden's withdrawal from Afghanistan was poorly planned and even more poorly executed.

President Biden and his allies are fond of saying that they're guided by "the experts." But Biden's "experts" aren't really experts at all. And because the White House trusted "expertise" more than common sense, people are losing their lives.

Parissa Sedghi
Executive Vice President

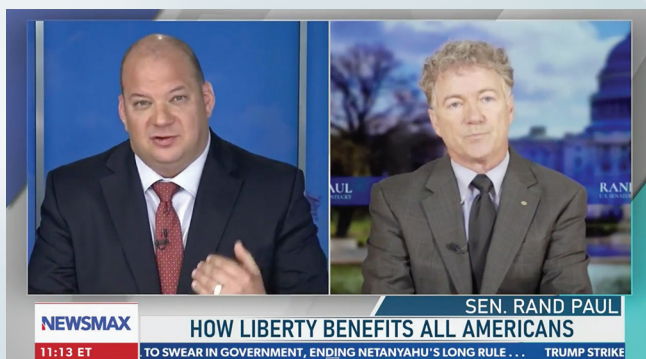


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WATCH *SAVE THE NATION* ON NEWSMAX!

Every Sunday morning at 11:00 am ET on Newsmax TV, Adam Brandon, John Tamny, and Hannah-Catherine Smith host *Save the Nation* to discuss the critical battles facing our country. With this new TV show, FreedomWorks' goal is to educate Americans on the Left's push to impose socialism – and how they can fight back.

Since the show's launch in February, we've had some truly impressive guests, including U.S. Senators Rand Paul (R-KY) and Ted Cruz (R-TX), Dr. Ben Carson, Former U.S. Attorney General Matt Whitaker, Dr. Art Laffer, and U.S. Reps. Mary Miller (R-IL), Victoria Spartz (R-IN), and Kevin Brady (R-TX).



A PREVIEW OF MY UPCOMING BOOK, **'BRINGING ADAM SMITH INTO THE AMERICAN HOME'**

By John Tamny

There are all sorts of reasons offered for American prosperity. For one, we descend from individuals who had the get-up-and-go mindset to cross oceans and borders in pursuit of freedom and the opportunity to prosper. These people weren't looking for security; rather they were looking for the chance to better themselves in what was increasingly known as the land of opportunity.

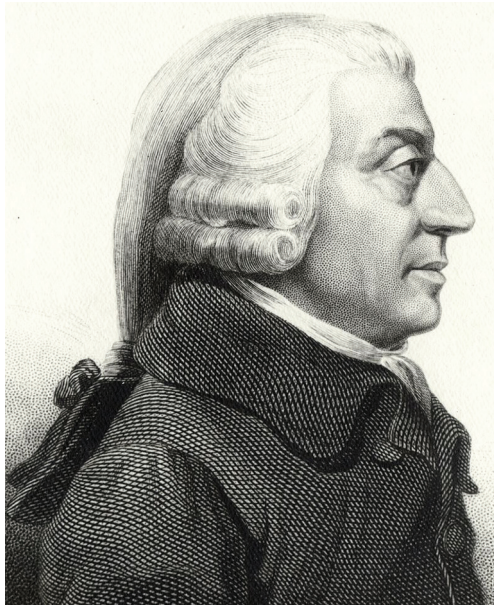
A nation founded on freedom would logically have limited barriers to production. This is true in the U.S. to this day. While income taxes are too high, regulations increasingly more intrusive, tariffs more and more harmful because they're "protective," and the dollar not the pillar of stability it once was, the four main barriers previously mentioned are still low relative to the rest of the world. Nothing's perfect, but it's not unreasonable to call the United States a country version of the city-state that is Singapore in an economic freedom sense.

We Americans are ambitious, and we get to pursue our ambition free of the many restraints placed on people around the world. The latter arguably explains why so many of the world's inhabitants are dying to live in the United States to this day. If New York City is the final test for America's talented, then the U.S. is the final test for the world's leading lights.

Yet arguably one of the greatest drivers of American prosperity is underplayed, or unsung. What is it? It's the freedom of Americans to move about the U.S. without any restraints. In other words, Americans have long been free to take their talents to their highest use. There are quite simply no borders or barriers in the world's greatest zone of prosperity – the United States.

The above explains the *why* behind the upcoming book I've co-authored with REX founder and CEO, Jack Ryan. The book is titled *Bringing Adam Smith Into the American Home*. That's what we would like to do.

Smith well understood that people are the source



of economic abundance. When they're free to do what they do best, they achieve enormous levels of productivity. Taking this further, the most productive people are the individuals who are free to divide up their work most advantageously with others pursuing their own specialty. Mobility of people and goods within the U.S. has enabled the scenario described, and we say it's perhaps the biggest source of vast American wealth.

It cannot be stressed enough the prosperity that results from human capital finding its highest use, and those humans exchanging with others similarly stimulated. Which is why we're worried.

In particular, we're worried that home ownership is increasingly acting as a barrier to stateside mobility. To be clear, we recognize that housing is an essential consumptive item. We also recognize that a desire to own a home exists as an incentive within many of us to be enterprising.

At the same time, it's more and more difficult for home owners to exit houses in order to migrate to better opportunity. Thanks to commissions on home sales that haven't moved in decades, and thanks to the illiquidity that those commissions bring to the housing market, mobility is compromised.

While in the 1950s a fifth of the American people moved each year, it's increasingly true that Americans act as though they're landlocked. We think a big factor in their immobility is that the cost, or tax levied on moving, is onerous. For all too many Americans, commissions paid on home sales represent more than half a year's income. Is it any wonder that Americans are less restless amid abundance?

Smith understood all this. He preached throughout *The Wealth of Nations* that while ownership of stocks and bonds rendered an individual a citizen of the world, ownership of land or housing shrunk that same individual's geography.



In *Bringing Adam Smith Into the American Home*, we'll look at housing in a different way in the hope of convincing Americans to evolve their own perception of it. We'll also work to convince realtors that a calcified commission structure isn't just a tax on American mobility, it's also a cruel tax on realtors. Smith knew this very well. He knew that "stationary" economic activity was ultimately activity that rated much lower compensation. We think this will define the fate of realtors absent liberalization of commissions.

Indeed, it's increasingly true thanks to the internet that most house hunters conduct their own searches for homes before contacting realtors. That's a long or short way of saying that major change is coming to the realty industry either way. Our view is that a willingness to get out in front of this, and ease dated commission structures, will paradoxically set the industry up for much greater prosperity down the line.

Better yet, what will force good change for the realty industry will prove brilliant for the American people. If the cost of moving is greatly reduced, so will the tax on mobility shrink. This will drive prodigious economic advance for the individuals who comprise the U.S. economy. On its own, this will be wondrous, but it will also redound to the realty industry in highly remunerative fashion.

In short, we think the lessons from Adam Smith's brilliant book are timeless, and by extension, we feel that they very much apply to American housing today. Our plan is to bring Smith's wisdom to the housing discussion with an eye on improving the housing outlook, and the U.S. economy overall.

John Tamny,
Vice President and
Director of the Center for
Economic Freedom



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WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER

BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS

By Noah Wall

FreedomWorks' mission is to elevate and amplify the voices of activists from *outside* Washington, D.C., and pressure elected officials to do the right thing.

One of the many things that makes FreedomWorks unique, however, is our simultaneous influence *inside* the nation's Capital with Members of Congress looking to FreedomWorks to gauge the pulse of the American grassroots.

As the nation's leading conservative activist organization, FreedomWorks continually develops and maintains strong relationships with like-minded non-profit, private-sector, and governmental entities in Washington, D.C. and throughout the country.

One particular organization that is doing great work in Washington, D.C. today is the Conservative Partnership Institute (CPI).

CPI's leadership includes Jim DeMint, who was one of FreedomWorks' strongest allies during his time in the U.S. House and Senate, and Mark Meadows who has long been a close friend of FreedomWorks whether that's as President Trump's Chief of Staff or as the former Chair of the House Freedom Caucus.

In April 2021, Meadows joined us at our Restore Liberty retreat in Florida, where attendees heard about his work in Congress and the White House and where he repeated the last words President Trump said to him before leaving office: "Go get 'em!"

FreedomWorks and CPI have both worked with Cleta Mitchell – a well-known election law expert and conservative activist.

Cleta leads coalition calls that allow both FreedomWorks and CPI to engage with an even wider audience of aligned organizations.

As a leader on the election integrity space, Cleta has represented both of our organizations, in various capacities, for years.

Our partnership with CPI extends to other areas as well. CPI recruits, trains, interviews, and places conservatives in political jobs in Washington, D.C.

Our staff frequently consults with CPI as we're constantly looking for top-notch conservative talent at FreedomWorks.

FreedomWorks activists also routinely attend CPI's professional trainings.

When many Washington, D.C. establishments were shuttered during the depths of pandemic-related lockdowns, CPI graciously hosted events for us and our activists in their offices.

Now, with the launch of our fifth floor Washington Grassroots Center that allows us to hold large events right here, we are looking forward to returning the favor.

Through our partnerships with organizations like CPI on matters large and small, FreedomWorks is able to combine our grassroots voices from the heart of America with conservative leadership in the nation's Capital.

This is a combination that will ensure greater effectiveness for years to come – and ensure we continue to do more with our donors' generous contribution than would otherwise be possible.

Noah Wall,
Executive Vice President



Cleta Mitchell, a Senior Legal Fellow at CPI and chair of CPI's Election Integrity Network.



Jim DeMint of the Conservative Partnership Institute.

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As a FreedomWorks investor, you're receiving this *FreedomWorking* Magazine as a way to say thanks for your generous support. But that's not all you'll receive! FreedomWorks has created giving clubs with exclusive "perks" available only to our generous investors like you. I am happy to serve as the administrator of the clubs. You can reach me at (202) 942) 7670 or mbrown@freedomworks.org if you have any questions or would like to upgrade.



PUBLIUS TASK FORCE MONTHLY GIFTS

The name Publius was used as a pseudonym for John Jay, Alexander Hamilton, and James Madison when they wrote the Federalist Papers. Their work defined and defended the balance of powers between the federal and state governments. Publius Task Force members sustain FreedomWorks' operations to protect Federalism through their ongoing monthly gifts.

Benefits:

Members enjoy benefits according to their annual total investments as well as:

- Government Fails. FreedomWorks. car magnet
- Email alerts on upcoming policy issues and races
- The opportunity to participate in opinion surveys



AMAGI LEAGUE \$5,000/ANNUALLY

Amagi is the oldest known symbol for freedom coming out of the ancient Sumerian City of Lagash where its citizens led a reform against an oppressive government structure. Through their investments, Amagi League members actively support the timeless principle that freedom is indispensable for any civilization to survive and flourish.

Benefits:

- All benefits of Gadsden Committee
- Invitations to private events and tours
- Confidential roundtable discussions with FreedomWorks leadership
- Recognition and priority seating at all FreedomWorks events



GADSDEN COMMITTEE \$500/ANNUALLY

The Gadsden flag is an iconic symbol of the American war for Independence and triumph over tyranny. The Gadsden Society is made up of individuals who fight for freedom using their gifts to rise up against the threat of government overreach in any form.

Benefits:

- Freedom Working Magazine subscription
- First book in Adam's reading list
- Invitations to private receptions and other regional events
- Periodic briefings on critical issues
- Invitation to Restore Liberty, the annual investor retreat
- Invitations to investor conference calls with influential guest speakers



1787 SOCIETY \$25,000/ANNUALLY

1787 was the year the Constitution was signed, ratifying the rights of the American people. The 1787 Society seeks to keep the Founding Fathers' legacy of limited government and individual rights alive today and for generations to come. Their vision and generosity provide FreedomWorks with the backing needed to execute its bold plans to be a force multiplier for the whole liberty movement.

Benefits:

- All benefits of Amagi League
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- Invitations to join FreedomWorks annual Board of Directors dinner
- Recognition on FreedomWorks' legacy wall

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FREEDOMWORKS 5-STEP PLAN FOR VICTORY

DEMOCRATS ARE PANICKING

By Mac Stoddard

Democrats Are Panicking.

Former advisor and pollster for President Bill Clinton, Douglas E. Schoen recently warned his party:

"[T]he current 2022 outlook for Democrats is grim — and it could get even worse. If the Biden administration continues to push unnecessarily big government spending initiatives and tax increases, along with weak immigration policies and an incoherent foreign policy strategy, Democrats could suffer the most substantial midterm loss of any party in recent history."

As Speaker Pelosi and the Democrat Party run faster and faster toward socialism, the American people grow more and more aghast.

But it's not just the reaction to their policies that are making many on the Left nervous, redistricting also has them in a panic.

According to *Politico*, "Many of the districts Democrats have contested in recent elections will become safer Republican holds under new GOP-drawn congressional maps."

All of this means, with 2022 rapidly approaching, momentum is on our side. But we can't take anything for granted if we're going to succeed at firing U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) as Speaker of the House in 2022.

Setting the Stage for Victory

Since the moment the smoke cleared from the 2020 elections, FreedomWorks quickly began working on the 2022 midterms — specifically building our grassroots infrastructure against the 21 Democrat incumbents who represent House Districts that President Trump won in 2016.

These are among the most vulnerable Members of Congress. And they're likely to become even more vulnerable after redistricting.

In addition to building our grassroots networks, FreedomWorks for America — our Super PAC — has already begun targeting six incumbent Democrat representatives with digital ads in order to grow our grassroots community and drive down the incumbents' favorables in their home districts.

A list of the six incumbents we're currently targeting is included on the following page.

By recruiting activists in these targeted districts, our grassroots team will work with these activists to host a number of on-the-ground and online webinar events to keep the local grassroots communities engaged and educated on the latest tactics and technology (like peer-to-peer text messaging) and show them how to recruit others ahead of upcoming legislative battles and elections.

Headline

- 1 Recruit principled conservatives in each of our 21 targeted U.S. House districts;**
- 2 Expand our grassroots army by 5,000 across our targeted districts;**
- 3 Fight to secure America's elections across the country via state legislatures;**
- 4 Engage in redistricting fights across the country to ensure we're targeting the most competitive districts; and**
- 5 Educate voters in each district on the Left's disastrous economic policies using our poll-tested, winning creative and video content.**

The Path to Victory

To ensure U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi is indeed fired as Speaker of the House in 2022, FreedomWorks for America has created a five-part plan of action for 2021-2022.

With freedom under threat like never before in American history, those of us who support free-market principles have a critical role to play in 2022 in standing up for the limited government principles we believe in.

That work cannot wait.

The good news is, the work has begun with a "bang." FreedomWorks for America is doing all we can to fire Speaker Pelosi and take back the House in 2022.

If we can continue to count on the generosity of supporters, the sky is the limit in 2022.

We fire Speaker Pelosi, stop the Biden administration's march to socialism in its tracks in 2022, and set ourselves up for a very special 2024 as well.

Mac Stoddard,
Vice President of Innovation



Incumbent (D)	State	CD	Partisan Voter Index (PVI)	Margin of Victory (%)	CoH ('21 Q2)
Lauren Underwood	IL	14	R+2	1.3%	\$1,479,295



Incumbent (D)	State	CD	Partisan Voter Index (PVI)	Margin of Victory (%)	CoH ('21 Q2)
Cindy Axne	IA	3	R+3	1.4%	\$1,038,695



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Abigail Spanberger	VA	7	R+3	1.8%	\$1,842,052



Incumbent (D)	State	CD	Partisan Voter Index (PVI)	Margin of Victory (%)	CoH ('21 Q2)
Angie Craig	MN	2	EVEN	2.2%	\$1,855,760



Incumbent (D)	State	CD	Partisan Voter Index (PVI)	Margin of Victory (%)	CoH ('21 Q2)
Conor Lamb*	PA	17	R+2	2.2%	\$1,772,142

*(running for U.S. Senate)



Incumbent (D)	State	CD	Partisan Voter Index (PVI)	Margin of Victory (%)	CoH ('21 Q2)
Haley Stevens	MI	11	R+2	2.4%	\$1,090,335

WINNING HISPANICS FOR FREEDOM

By Mac Stoddard

National Hispanic Heritage Month is Wednesday, September 15th to Friday, October 15th.

During this time, we honor the contributions, influences, and achievements of hardworking Hispanic Americans.

To coincide with this celebration, FreedomWorks is launching our new Hispanic Grassroots Alliance with the goal of supporting and energizing small government, pro-freedom grassroots activists in the Hispanic community.

Hispanics are the largest minority demographic in the United States, making up more than 18.5 percent of the U.S. population. The Hispanic population also accounted for an estimated 16.6 million votes in the 2020 election – a 30.9 percent increase from the 2016 election.

Democrats don't like to admit it, but Hispanic voters across the country are becoming increasingly frustrated with liberalism.

Current trends indicate that Hispanic voters are continuing to reject Democrat candidates in favor of Republican candidates.

For example, in the 2020 general election, President Trump

increased his performance with Hispanics by 8 percent compared to the 2016 general election.

Most recently, the overwhelmingly Hispanic (84.8 percent) city of McAllen, Texas, elected Republican Javier Villalobos as Mayor of the border town.

If you paid attention to the liberal media, you would think that immigration is the single most important issue to the Hispanic community – and that they all support open borders policies.

But is this true?

With the continued growth in Hispanic turnout for Republican candidates, FreedomWorks' Hispanic Grassroots Alliance launched our first poll to begin to better understand what issues actually are driving Hispanics to vote for Republican candidates and identify key messaging points that will help us persuade them to vote for conservatives.

On the following page are some of the recent topline we discovered in our outreach poll:





Education is a Top Priority for Hispanic Voters

When asked to rate major issues independently of one other, education had the second-highest average rating at 9.2 out of 10.

- The biggest concern amongst Hispanics regarding education is that American education is falling behind other countries, selected as a top concern amongst 37% of Hispanics.
- When asked to rate their support for parents being able to access the public dollars allocated to their children to send them to whichever school they want on a scale of 1 to 10, this policy proposal attained an average rating of 8.1 out of 10.
- When asked to rate their support for ending the use of Critical Race Theory in public school curriculum on a scale of 1 to 10, the average response given was 7.2.

Crime & Safety Are Leading Concerns Amongst Hispanics

While crime was not included as an option in the major issues section of the poll, in the minor issues section, cracking down on crime and safe communities each received a 9.0 average rating, putting them in a tie for having the second-highest average rating of minor issues.

- 54% of Hispanics believe states should penalize cities that defund their police departments.
- When asked to rate how much they agree with the statement, "Police departments do not have enough funding to adequately perform their jobs," Hispanic voters gave an average rating of 7.5 out of 10.

The Economy Had the Highest Average Rating Among Major Issues – and Free Markets Beat Socialism

- Overall, on a scale of 1 to 10 on importance, "the economy" had the highest average rating of all 10 issues, rated by respondents at 9.3.
- When asked to rate policies on how much they agree with them on a scale of 1 to 10, the "rise of socialism in America" had an average rating of 6.6, while a "free market economy" had an average rating of 7.9.
- When asked to rate how much they agree with the statement, "Income taxes are a huge burden on families and should be reduced," Hispanic voters gave an average rating of 8.1 out of 10.

Methodology: This poll was conducted by the Bullfinch Group between August 17 - 24 on a randomized sample of 804 Hispanic and Latino voters. The margin of error is ± 3.46 .

Now that we have begun the process to better understand the Hispanic community and where it stands on key issues, we will be kicking off a number of projects utilizing the results.

By visiting key states and conducting programming in Spanish as well as English, FreedomWorks will reach Hispanic voters where they are and provide support and training for activists to engage with their elected officials.

Now is the time to harness the power of the grassroots and do all we can to support the pro-freedom values of one of America's fastest-growing communities.

Mac Stoddard,
Vice President of Innovation



MEMBER OF CONGRESS SPOTLIGHT

U.S. REP. CHIP ROY

(TX-21)

By Cesar Ybarra

"Are we actually free? It's a question worth pondering," says Congressman Chip Roy (R-TX).

When you look at the current state of affairs in our country, it is easy to realize that freedom has never been more in peril. In fact, President Reagan's quote, "freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction," could not hold more ground today than ever before.

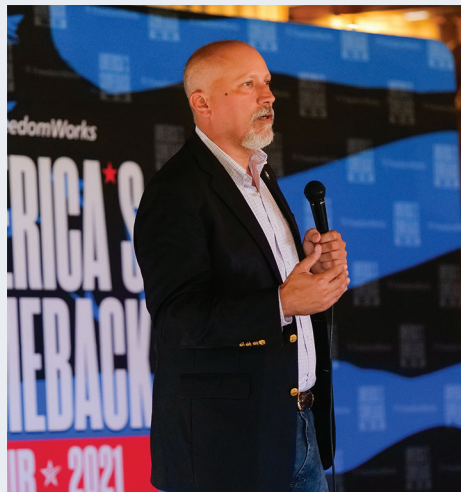
- Are we free when we don't have the option to choose our own doctor?
- Are we free when Big Tech companies censor conservative speech?
- Are we free when our country is drowning in debt?
- Are we free when children are being taught that America is an irredeemably racist country?
- Are we free when the border remains insecure and immigration laws are not being enforced?
- Are we free when defunding the police becomes the priority over promoting safe communities?
- Are we free when the federal government is mandating vaccination and testing for COVID-19 – just in order to get or keep a job?

These are all important questions that Congressman Chip Roy is presenting to his constituents and Americans across the country.

Unfortunately, there are very few members of Congress – including within the Republican Party – who seem concerned about the threats facing freedom.

However, Chip Roy is walking the walk when it comes to addressing these questions head-on – just as grassroots activists do with their families at the kitchen table every night.

For example, President Biden recently directed his Department of Labor to mandate federal government contractors and businesses that employ more than 100 people force their



Rep. Chip Roy speaking at a FreedomWorks "America's Comeback Tour" event in San Antonio, Texas

workers to get vaccinated.

This insane mandate by the Biden administration is not only a reversal in its previously-held position – but also a gross overreach of the federal government.

What first started as "15 days to stop the spread" has now turned into "get vaxxed or get axed."

Thankfully, Congressman Chip Roy led members of the Texas Congressional Delegation in a letter to Texas Governor Greg Abbott to fight back against this federal overreach.

Of course, while the Biden administration is forcing these new mandates down the throats of the American people, they're doing nothing to insist that the illegal immigrants pouring over our southern border be vaccinated.

The Biden administration has also

reversed policies from the previous administration that helped stymie the flow of drug and human trafficking into the U.S.

When law and order is ignored and lawlessness is promoted, our freedoms are imperiled.

Congressman Chip Roy – whose state is on the front line of the border wars – is leading the charge in Congress pressuring the Biden administration to enforce our immigration laws and secure the southern border.

In his Twitter bio, Chip Roy (@ChipRoyTX) highlights a statement that our community strongly believes in: "freedom works."

At FreedomWorks, we are honored to work alongside great Americans, like Chip Roy, who are committed to protecting the liberties we hold so dear – even as the "Swamp" works to assault them.

Cesar Ybarra,
Senior Director of Legislative Affairs



— WORTH REPEATING —

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION'S CRT REVERSAL SHOWS GRASSROOTS EFFORTS CAN HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT

By Adam Brandon

All of us have seen how concerns about Critical Race Theory (CRT) have animated parents across the country. But with Education Secretary Cardona's decision yesterday to halt a proposal to tie federal funding to CRT teachings associated with the 1619 Project, parents have gotten a victory they very well deserve.

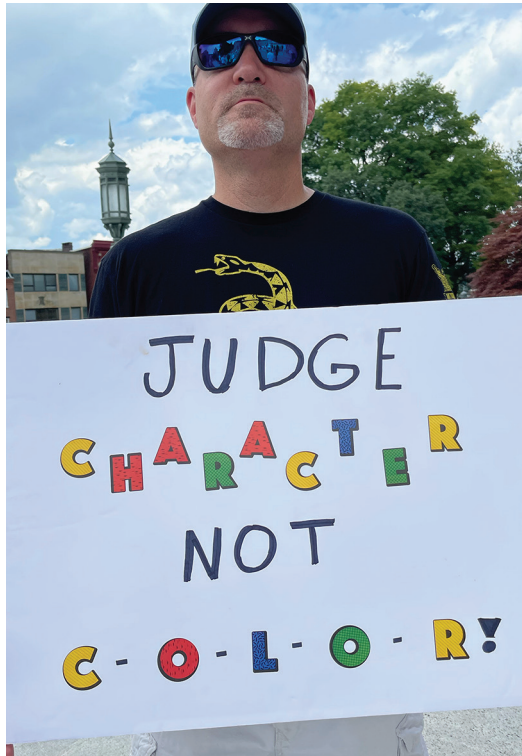
First, let's dispel this tired talking point that no one knows what CRT actually is or means. What is CRT and what would the proposal have done?

While tough to pin down, CRT essentially espouses a racial view of history and civics that promotes activism over knowledge. Critical race theorists believe that American history and current governance — and by extension America itself — is systemically racist. Therefore, it is incumbent upon every citizen to be “anti-racist” and actively combat perceived racial injustices. In this sense, it is not enough to not be racist. Rather, every individual must actively work to reconsider their own “biases and privileges” to remake society in the theorists' view.

The proposal from the Department of Education would have tied federal grant funding for public civics and history to teaching CRT. Rather than teaching our students the objective facts of American history — including slavery and state-sanctioned discrimination — CRT teaches that all white people are oppressors, all people of color are oppressed, and everything, always, is about race.

Americans have had enough with the failed narrative put forth by talking heads and teachers unions that we don't actually understand what CRT is.

This win demonstrates the efficacy of grassroots activism. The scale of this grassroots victory shows that clearly they have



been doing their homework and are tired of the misinformation spouted forth surrounding CRT. While we have seen parents and students rail against out-of-touch school boards and teachers' unions for the past few months, this is finally a tangible victory. Proponents of CRT have underestimated parents.

This also shows that the Biden administration is waking up to the fact that Americans not only are opposed to CRT, but more importantly are ready to get involved. This should serve as a warning to Biden going forward, especially since this administration seems primed to weaponize the administrative state in a way reminiscent of the Obama years.

While activists continue to engage nationally, we cannot forget to keep up the pressure locally as well. Not only does this mean continuing to attend school board meetings, but it also means getting involved with the process.

For some, this could mean running for school board. But for all, it simply means continuing to hold elected officials and institutions accountable. An involved citizenry is paramount to success. After all, government goes to those who show up.

Adam Brandon,
President



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MAKING IT POSSIBLE:

BOB REINGOLD

By John Tamny

Of the many benefits of working at FreedomWorks, the chance to meet with the remarkable people whose personal and financial commitment to liberty keep our doors open is one of my favorites.

Bob Reingold is a long-time contributor to FreedomWorks – and the freedom movement more broadly.

To me, Bob is much more than an incredibly generous donor. He is a very wise thinker about policy, business and life, and someone I call on with great regularity in order to hear his thoughts on all manners of topics.

It's a long, or short way of saying that Bob is a great friend first and foremost – and a friend with an interesting story about his path to free, limited government thought. Below is my interview with him.



Bob Reingold and his wife Ruth at a recent FreedomWorks event.

realized the Teamsters was run for the benefit of the Teamsters, not for the workers.

"At the age of 28, I started my own business. I soon realized government was not the benevolent partner that I had believed in, but an obstacle to success and something that always acts in its own best interest. And then I set ideology aside. I just wanted to be left alone to pursue my own best interests.

"After many years of running a very modest but successful enterprise, I had much more leisure time. By chance, I read something from the Cato Institute. I started contributing, and eventually realized I had always been a libertarian, but didn't know it. It took Ed Crane and his scintillating wit to bring me all the way home: that is, to philosophic libertarianism."

Q. Though you're an energetic believer in free markets and freedom today, you didn't always feel this way. You've long admitted that for a time you leaned socialist. What changed?

A. "After being discharged from the Army, I had no idea what I wanted to do. School was an easy answer. I had been a high school drop-out, but of reasonable intelligence and very ignorant. The G.I. Bill was available, so I first attended Los Angeles City College, then UCLA's College of Letters, Arts and Sciences. I chose Political Science as my major, and English/History as a minor. I leaned left, like so many young people. My left-leaning politics were supported by most instructors and professors.

*"One professor on loan from Oxford taught Political Philosophy. He was an active member of the Labor Party: Fabian Socialism I thought was the wave of the future. I wasn't naïve in my beliefs completely. I had read *Darkness at Noon*, and knew enough about the Soviet Union from living with a Russian family that had escaped.*

"However, the Fabian Society was made up of pure socialists. They felt there should be no revolution, no hurting or injuring people, that the rise of socialism should be gradual.

"After graduation, as an average student, but quite well educated, I got a job at a building supply company. I was required to join the Teamsters Union as a condition of employment. I soon

Q. What policy areas interest you?

A. "Corruption worries me. I am aware that it has always existed with most, but not all politicians. For the longest time, it had little effect on the lives of the average person as long as government was small. But now that it permeates almost all facets of our lives, and grows relentlessly, it has become a true menace to freedom."

Q. Who is your favorite president?

A. "My favorite president, at least in recent history, is Calvin Coolidge. He believed in very limited government, as our Constitution requires. Coolidge gave few speeches, and with very few words. He refused to campaign for his second term, yet he won in a landslide."

Q. Who is your favorite thinker?

A. "Roger Pilon is my favorite contemporary libertarian. His association with Cato and his influence on my thinking has been of great help. His speaking at the Federalist Society to law students all across the country for over twenty years has

been instrumental in the promotion of libertarianism, along with Burkean conservatism.”

Q. Why did you become a supporter of FreedomWorks?

A. “I became a FreedomWorks supporter because I believe all of our efforts to promote free people and free markets will not come to fruition without political power. FreedomWorks combines both: Adam Brandon and my close friend John Tamny are extremely capable at pursuing both.”

John Tamny,
Vice President and
Director of the Center for
Economic Freedom



“‘[Y]ou can’t change anything without political power.’ FreedomWorks combines libertarianism with political influence, which I think is essential. I really like FreedomWorks, and wish I could attend more of the retreats.”

— Bob Reingold

STEPHEN MOORE’S NEW BOOK: **GOVZILLA**

In this book, *Govzilla* – which is available everywhere books are sold this October – FreedomWorks’ Senior Economist Stephen Moore takes a deep dive into all of the damage done by our current federal government, which is spending and expanding at a rate never seen before in human history.

This book, which builds off his 1995 book *Government: America’s Number 1 Growth Industry*, Moore details the U.S. federal government’s out-of-control spending habits, which are only getting worse under President Biden and the Democrats.

As Stephen Moore explains, President Joe Biden has pledged to double spending and dramatically expand regulation, which only serves to stifle businesses while growing the only business bureaucrats care about – government.

Make sure to get your copy!

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HOW WE BEAT MEDICARE FOR ALL

By Cesar Ybarra

Imposing Medicare for All on American citizens is one of the main priorities for Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and the self-styled “progressive” wing of the Democrat Party.

We know this from the campaign promises that they made to their voters during the past few election cycles – and legislation that has been introduced in the House of Representatives and Senate recently.

Earlier this year, Representative Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) introduced the Medicare for All Act (H.R. 1976) with the support of 117 left-wing Democrats. A similar version of this bill was also introduced by Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) in 2019.

Both bills would establish a national health insurance program that would cost American taxpayers at least \$32.6 trillion over ten years.

As outrageous as that price-tag is, however, the implications of a Medicare for All system go beyond the insane cost.

The program would eliminate our private health insurance plans and impose a government-run system for just about every individual and family.

What’s even worse is that Democrats are pushing Medicare for All with complete disregard for the fiscal state of the current Medicare program, which is worse than anyone in our national media dares to admit.

On August 31, 2021, the Boards of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds submitted its 56th report to Congress on the financial status of the Medicare program.

Medicare was originally expected to be insolvent by 2026. But now, the Congressional Budget Office projects that Medicare will be insolvent by 2024 due to COVID-19.

Nevertheless, Democrats are still relentless in their pursuit of getting this socialist scheme past the finish line.

Already, they’re working to normalize multi-trillion-dollar expenditures – like the “infrastructure” packages – in order to



grease the skids for this behemoth of a bill.

Needless to say, nationalizing our nation’s healthcare system may cause serious unintended consequences and will make Americans pay higher federal taxes to pay for the program.

Polls show that many voters do support the idea behind Medicare for All. However, when you ask individuals about its unintended consequences, the attitude shifts.

In a recently conducted poll on Medicare for All by the Kaiser Family Foundation:

- 70 percent of respondents said they would oppose Medicare For All if it led to delays in people getting medical tests and treatments;
- 60 percent would oppose it if it threatened the current Medicare program;
- 60 percent would oppose it if it eliminated private health insurance companies.

Many Members of Congress – including some Republicans – openly embrace Medicare, yet refuse to do anything to ensure the program’s solvency.

The threats of expanding Medicare to a socialist healthcare system are real.

It may not happen in 2021 or 2022, but rest assured that the Democrats will not stop pushing this policy until it becomes law.

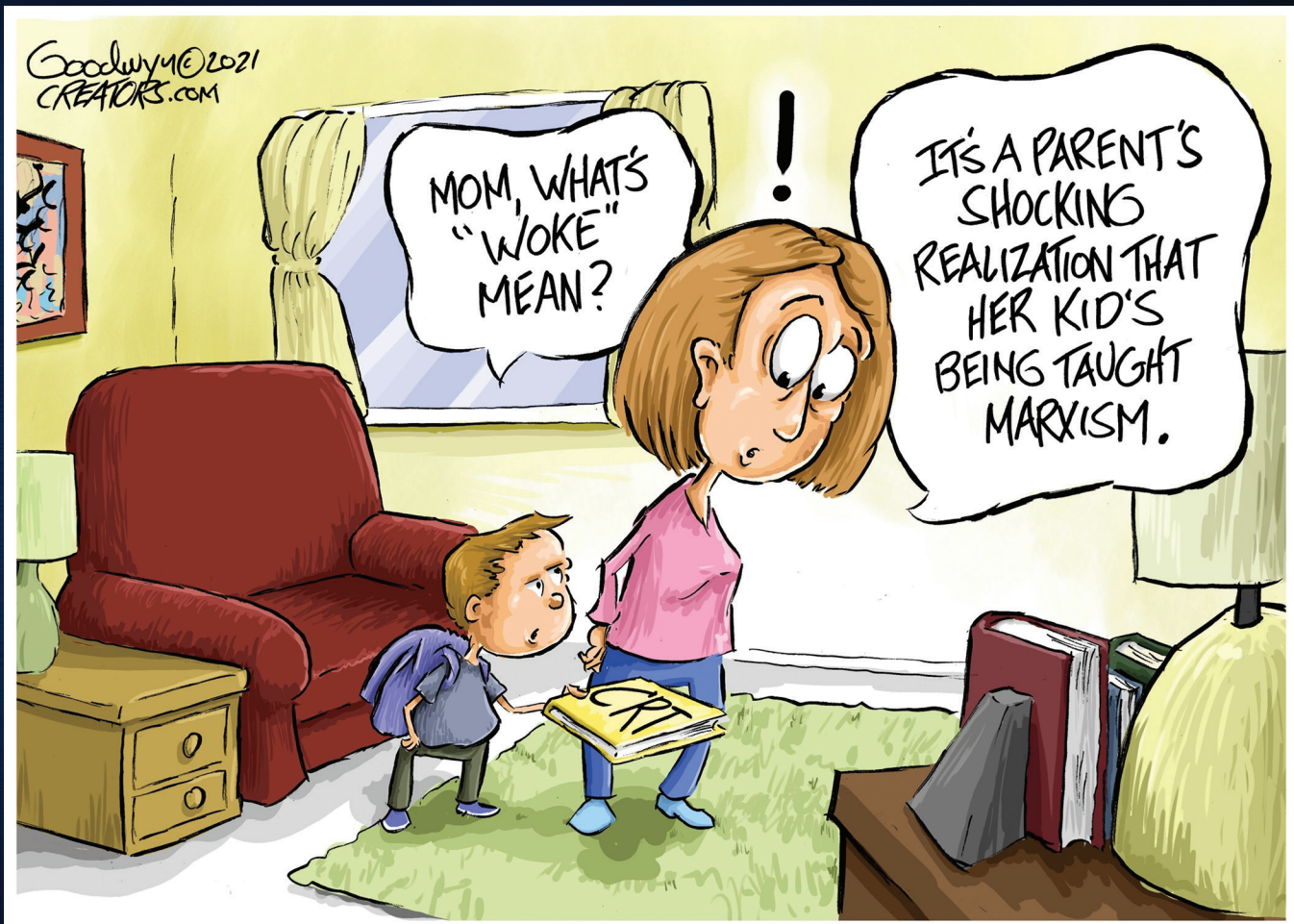
As grassroots activists, we must do everything in our power to educate our peers about the costs, unintended consequences, and dangers of a Medicare for All program. That’s the only thing that can stop Medicare for All from becoming law.

Cesar Ybarra,
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