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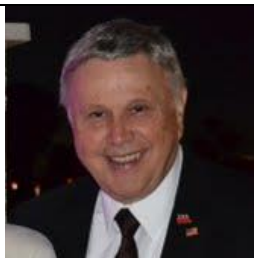
BREVARD REPUBLICANS HAVE CLEAN SWEEP IN ELECTIONS

By Space Coast Tusk Editor Stuart Gorin

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

MY TWO CENTS

By Stuart Gorin



The morning after the national election, my biggest decision was whether to wear my shirt honoring President Donald Trump, or one supporting our new Florida Congressman-elect Mike Haridopolos.

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When the new administration takes office, I wonder if there can be any "just punishment" for the New York squadron of "storm troopers" from the state's Departments of Health and Environmental Conservation who egregiously killed the beloved pet squirrel Peanut.

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The satirical "Babylon Bee" had this amusing "quote" from Kamala Harris as to why she will not be our next commander-in-chief: "I don't get it. I became Vice President without receiving any votes, and then I became the nominee without receiving any votes. Why do we suddenly need these 'vote things?' This makes no sense. Can I just be declared President?" So what did she really mean when she spoke to Trump about the transfer of power? Was the transfer supposed to be "peaceable" – or "piecetable"?

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I have a question for "RINO Joe" – the left-wing MSNBC host who once served as a Republican Congressman in Florida. Scarborough, who has labeled Donald Trump a "threat to democracy" and compared him to Adolf Hitler, says Trump

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Every Republican candidate listed on the Brevard County November 5 election ballot was victorious – ranging from President-elect Donald Trump down to the county school board, which was actually listed as "non-partisan."



The winners on the county's ballots were:

- President-elect – Donald Trump**
- U.S. Senator – Rick Scott**
- U.S. Congress District 8 – Mike Haridopolis**
- District 19 State Senator – Randy Fine**

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“might attempt to take television stations off the air and “might attempt to take television stations off the air and imprison people arbitrarily.” The question: Since you are still on the air, HOW MANY STATIONS WERE TAKEN OFF AND HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE IMPRISONED during his first term in office?

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More Two Cents next month.

District 30 State Representative – Chase Tramont
District 31 State Representative – Tyler Sirois
District 32 State Representative – Debbie Mayfield
District 33 State Representative – Monique Miller
District 34 State Representative – Robert Brackett
Brevard County Sheriff – Wayne Ivey
Brevard County Commission Seat 1 – Katie Delaney
Brevard County Commission Seat 3 – Kim Adkinson
Brevard County Commission Seat 5 – Thad Altman
Brevard School Board District 4 – Matt Susin



Former President Trump defeated Democrat Vice President Kamala Harris following a comeback roller-coaster campaign during which he was indicted four times, criminally convicted, and survived two assassination attempts. He told supporters that “This will truly be a golden age of America, which has given us an unprecedented and powerful mandate. Now, it’s time to put the divisions of the past four years behind us. It’s time to unite. I will govern by a simple motto: Promises Made; Promises Kept.”

Throughout Florida, there were six state constitutional amendments on the ballot, all of them needing 60 percent of the votes cast to take effect. Only two did – one concerning the right to fish and hunt in the state, and one involving adjustment to the value of homestead exemptions. Two controversial amendments which the Republican Party fought tooth-and-nail, did not pass. These two would have allowed rampant abortions to take place and recreational marijuana to be made available.

Also on Florida ballots were 28 races for seats in the U.S. House of Representatives – currently held by 20 Republicans and 8 Democrats. There were no changes, since 19 of the

Republicans won re-election, and even though **8th District Congressman Bill Posey** retired, the party retained his seat, which was captured by former **State Senate Majority Leader Mike Haridopolis**.

And throughout the United States, it was a Republican trifecta, taking the Presidency, the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives – although in the House there were still a few undeclared seat winners as ballots were still being counted.

TRUMP NOMINEES

President-elect Trump is going ahead full-speed in naming people for Cabinet posts and other top White House and administration jobs. The list at press time includes:

- White House Chief of Staff: **Susie Wiles**
- Secretary of State: **Marco Rubio**
- Attorney General: **Pam Bondi**
- Deputy Attorney General: **Todd Blanche**
- HHS Secretary: **Robert F. Kennedy Jr.**
- Office of Management and Budget Director: **Russ Vought**
- U.N. Ambassador: **Elise Stefanik**
- "Border Czar": **Tom Homan**
- Defense Secretary: **Pete Hegseth**
- Secretary of Veterans Affairs: **Doug Collins**
- National Security Adviser: **Michael Waltz**
- Deputy National Security Adviser: **Alex Wong**
- Senior Director for Counterterrorism: **Sebastian Gorrka**
- Interior Secretary: **Doug Burgum**
- Secretary of Energy: **Chris Wright**
- Agriculture Secretary: **Brooke Rollins**
- Secretary of Transportation: **Sean Duffy**
- Secretary of Commerce: **Howard Lutnick**
- Secretary of Education: **Linda McMahon**
- Secretary of Housing and Urban Development: **Scott Turner**
- Labor Secretary: **Lori Chavez-DeRemer**
- Treasury Secretary: **Scott Bessent**
- White House Counsel: **William McGinley**

- U.S. Ambassador to NATO: **Matthew Whitaker**
- Secretary of Homeland Security: **Kristi Noem**
- CIA Director: **John Ratcliffe**
- Director of National Intelligence: **Tulsi Gabbard**
- EPA Administrator: **Lee Zeldin**
- FDA Administrator: **Dr. Martin Makary**
- Solicitor General: **Dean John Sauer**
- FCC Chairman: **Brendan Carr**
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Administrator: **Dr. Mehmet Oz**
- U.S. Ambassador to Israel: **Mike Huckabee**
- U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York: **Jay Clayton**
- Department of Government Efficiency: **Elon Musk** and **Vivek Ramaswamy**
- Deputy Chief of Staff: **Dan Scavino**
- Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Homeland Security Adviser: **Stephen Miller**
- Deputy Chief of Staff for Legislative, Political and Public Affairs: **James Blair**
- Deputy Chief of Staff for Communications and Personnel: **Taylor Budowich**
- Presidential Personnel Office head: **Sergio Gor**
- White House Communications Director: **Steven Cheung**
- White House Press Secretary: **Karoline Leavitt**
- Surgeon General: **Dr. Janette Nesheiwat**
- Director of Office of Management and Budget: **Russell Vought**
- Director of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: **Dr. Dave Weldon**
- Special Envoy to Ukraine and Russia: **Retired General Keith Kellogg**
- U.S. Trade Representative: **Jamieson Greer**
- National Institutes of Health Director: **Dr. Jay Bhattacharya**
- Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services: **Jim O'Neill**

- Director of the White House National Economic Council: **Kevin Hassel**
- Secretary of the Navy: **John Phelan**
- Director of the Domestic Policy Council: **Vince Haley**



**MRC CRUISE CELEBRATES
2024 ELECTION VICTORIES**
By Space Coast Tusk Editor
Stuart Gorin

More than 150 supporters of the Media Research Center from throughout the United States spent a joyful week cruising the Caribbean November 10-17 aboard Holland America's Nieuw Amsterdam, as political experts discussed with them the results of the 2024 election, and what they mean for Conservatives and Republicans.

As the ship departed Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for ports in Nassau, St. Thomas, San Juan, and Grand Turk, the group members were able to visit all of the islands, but had numerous private lectures during the times the vessel was at sea.

MRC President Brent Bozell, who founded the organization in 1987 as America's premier media watchdog to expose and neutralize the Left's propaganda in the national news media, welcomed the group aboard, noting that the organization's mission is to document and combat the falsehoods and censorship of the news media, entertainment media and Big Tech, in order to defend and preserve America's founding principles and Judeo-Christian values.

He said that originally Conservatives had no way to communicate, and needed to break the left's monopoly, but the MRC's success in documenting the leftist bias has now resulted in a historically low 32 percent of Americans who now say they trust media to be fair and impartial. Through its advanced news monitoring, the center educates the public on the issues by generating an average of 515 million weekly impressions across radio, television, social media, email and websites.

"More recently," Bozell said, "the media did not cover the Hunter Biden laptop story, and that would have made a difference in the 2020 election. And since 2008, Google has interfered in elections 41 times, and Facebook, 39 times."

Concerning transgender men in women's sports and bathrooms, he said, now that the facts are out in the open, they are opposed by two-thirds of the voters.

Speakers who traveled with the group, and joined attendees at dinner tables, were:



Syndicated columnist **Cal Thomas**, who said the way to reclaim America’s next generation in the education field is through school choice.

Fox News contributor **Sara Carter**, discussing undocumented illegals, said they are changing our children’s culture by moving them to a global mindset, and we have to expose these scoundrels.

Washington Times writer **Charlie Hurt** said President Trump’s top priorities should be securing the boarder, removing the illegals, and unleashing American prosperity through oil drilling and lowering gas prices.

Fox News columnist **Joe Concha** said Elon Musk is “changing the world” through his purchase of Twitter, now called X, because it is number one in the market and involves free speech.

Retired **Utah Congressman Jason Chaffetz**, speaking of his “dream ticket” for 2028, said it would be **Vice President J.D. Vance** at the top, and **Arkansas Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders** as vice president.

Actor and actress **Kevin and Sam Sorbo** spoke about the war in Hollywood between Christians and ideologues and being victims of “cancel culture.”

MRC Vice President Dan Schneider said that while the United States has given the world freedom and provided how people can govern themselves, under the Biden Administration there was chaos and censorship, which is the greatest threat there is to democracy.

ForAmerica President David Bozell noted that Trump’s selection of **Susie Wiles** as White House Chief of Staff, and **Stephen Miller** as one of the deputies “will work well together.”

“**Newsbusters**” **Executive Editor Tim Graham** served as moderator for several of the panel discussions throughout the cruise.

The topics discussed were:

“Where Do We Go From Here?”

“What Should We Do With 20M+ Illegal Immigrants?”

“Raising Children in the Age of Wokeness”

“How Your Government is Colluding With Big Tech to Censor You”

“Who To Keep an Eye on for 2028”

“How Elon Musk is Changing the World”

“Resolved: The U.S. Should Stop Giving Military Aid to Ukraine”

“Are We Winning the DEI Debate?”

And “How to Survive – and Thrive – in Hollywood as a Christian Conservative”

Two movies also were shown in which the Sorbos had roles: “Miracle in East Texas” and “Reagan.” Kevin Sorbo directed and was a co-producer of the Texas film.

HARIDOPOLIS READY TO WORK IN CONGRESS FOR CONSTITUENTS



Mike Haridopolis, Florida’s 8th District Congressman-elect, invited Brevard County voters to a post-election party in Melbourne to celebrate the election results the evening of November 5, and said he is “really excited” about the results, and is “ready to get to work” in Washington.

He said his top initial priorities as a congressman will be working to “secure the borders” against illegal immigration, and to “make America more affordable.” He said he will aim to drive down oil prices and to “reduce out-of-control government spending.”

“I am honored to serve as the next congressman for District 8,” Haridopolos said. “Thank you to the voters, to our volunteers and to our supporters for your trust and confidence. The voters spoke loud and clear in this election. They want a congressman who will make America affordable again, stop illegal immigration and get government spending under control. I will work every day to do just that. And I’ll work to end partisan gridlock in Congress to get things done.”

Haridopolos said he is proud that “we ran a positive campaign. We talked about ideas and solutions, and we didn’t get into the mud,” Joining him at the party were retiring **Congressman Bill Posey** and his wife, Katie, and Haridopolos thanked them for their service to the community.

“I was honored to have Congressman Posey’s complete

endorsement, and I pledge to carry on his legacy of service and conservative leadership,” Haridopolos said. “I have big, big shoes to fill.”

Also at the party was **Palm Bay Mayor Rob Medina**, a Republican who won re-election in a municipal non-partisan race. He led the crowd in chanting “USA!” before introducing Haridopolos and Posey, saying: “What an outstanding evening. We’re expecting great things for this country. Remember: God is not done with the United States of America. There’s so much excitement. Can you feel it?”



POLITICAL JOTTINGS AND DOTTINGS

President Trump rode to his rally in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in a garbage truck decorated with Trump campaign logos. His clever mode of transportation threw a bit of shade on

Joe Biden and Kamala Harris – one day after the president said that Trump supporters were “garbage.” Wearing an orange safety vest, Trump asked reporters “How do you like my garbage truck?” while sitting in the passenger seat of the MAGA-adorned garbage truck cruising around the tarmac. “This truck is in honor of Kamala and Joe Biden.”
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--Prior to the election, New York Democrat Governor Kathy Hochul said on television that New York voters who support Donald Trump are “anti-women, anti-abortion and anti-American.” Podcaster Todd Starnes retorted that “voters should not be bullied or intimidated by Democrats of the Drive By Media. Don’t believe any polling data or negative stories about President Trump. They are trying to discourage you from voting on Election Day. They want to shame you. That’s why the Democrats have been calling Trump supporters Nazis, racists, white supremacists, garbage and now anti-Americans.”
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--During the early voting period, Republican Party officials had “Georgia on their mind,” as four counties – Fulton, Cobb, DeKalb and Gwinnett – decided to extend election office hours and accept absentee ballots beyond the legally designated period. It sparked accusations of election law violations and led to a lawsuit filed by the Republican National Committee. RNC Chairman Michael Whatley said Republican poll watchers were initially barred from observing the ballot intake process in these counties.
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--In Hubbard County, Minnesota, Timothy Scouton, who served as the head election judge for the Badoura Township Precinct, has been arrested for accepting 2024 ballots from unregistered voters and neglecting his duties as an election official. The felonies cast a spotlight on adherence to electoral laws and raised questions about election integrity.
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--In Iowa, pollster Ann Selzer once had the reputation for accurate predictions. But 2024 happened -- and she announced that her polling ensured presidential victory for Democrat Kamala Harris. So after Republican Donald Trump turned that around by double digits – Selzer suddenly retired from the polling business.

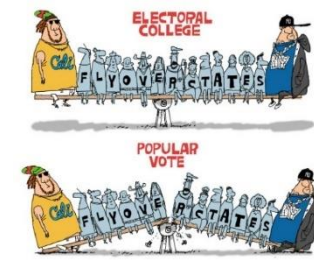


LET ME BE FRANK

By Space Coast Tusk Designer
Frank Montelione

The word “Democracy” is often used to describe the form of government we have in the United States. It is used so freely that most people don’t know or have not heard that we are a Representative “Republic” and not a Democracy.

A Republic is defined by Britannica as a form of government in which a state is ruled by representatives of the citizen body. In a republic, elected representatives create laws that must comply with a constitution that protects minority rights. The word “republic” comes from the Latin phrase “res publica,” which means “a matter of the people.”



A Democracy, on the other hand, is a government where the people have the power to make decisions directly or, in other words, “mob rule.” It is a form of government where the power is vested in the people and exercised by them by a direct vote where all that

is needed to determine issues is given by a simple majority of the people’s vote.

This is the mantra of the losing side of any election. So why isn’t it our form of government? I know numbers could make your eyes cross, so I’ll keep it simple, but still as accurate as the figures show. The United States had 168 million registered voters in 2024. Of those in order largest to smallest state considered to be solid blue are:

California 18 million	Washington 6.1 million
Pennsylvania 10.3 million	Massachusetts 5.7 million
New York 9.7 million	Oregon 3.4 million
New Jersey 7.3 million	Maryland 3.4 million
Illinois 6.6 million	Colorado 3 million
Virginia 6.4 million	Nevada 1.5 million

For a total of 74.1million. Not included are smaller “blue states” like Rhode Island, Delaware, Hawaii and D.C. That is more than enough to allow these states to control the outcome of a national election. These numbers indicate that there would be a total of roughly 100 million voters remaining in the rest of the nation. Although not all the registered voters would vote Democrat, nor all of the remaining would vote Republican, but I for one would not want to stake a national election on these odds.

One of the ways that the Framers of the Constitution tried to discourage the government from becoming a Democracy was by selecting the nation's chief executive through the use of an Electoral College, rather than through direct democratic election. In other words, we are a Representative Republic, not a Democracy, as many people think.

The Electoral College was established in 1788 by Article II of the U.S. Constitution. It is not specifically mentioned but came about as a compromise by the Founding Fathers. The decision to form such a system came about as a compromise. One proposal was to have a simple majority by the citizens. However, the first Presidential election voters had to be white male landowners over the age of 21. States were given the power to regulate their own voting laws and, in some states, Catholics, Jews, and Quakers were barred from voting. Some states like New Jersey specifically barred women from voting. In 1790, The Naturalization law is passed. Only free, white immigrants can become citizens. It wasn't until 1787 that the Constitutional Convention decided on a method to elect an elected executive and not a king would be chosen for a 4-year term.

Other forms of election were heatedly debated, including election by the United States Congress. The Congress would vote for President and the runner up would be Vice-President. There were at least 3 proposals made as to what system would be used for Presidential elections. The Framers feared Democracy and worried that citizens, who were largely uneducated and illiterate, would fall prey to politicians who would appeal to the desires and prejudices of ordinary people rather than by using rational argument.

According to George Mason University School of Public Policy, "deliberation of the Framers over the summer of 1787 to make the case that the main motivation for adoption of the Electoral College was the need to remove selection from the legislature and at the same time to ensure that the less populous and slave-holding states could preserve the advantage they won through the Connecticut compromise."

The primary impediment to popular elections concerned the uneven distribution of population among the states and the counting of slaves for purposes of presidential election. While the north wanted only "free" people to be allowed, the south wanted to inflate their numbers by including slaves.

In 1787, the compromise to select members of the House of Representatives, which would then determine the number of "Electors," would be based on the state's free population plus three fifths of its slaves which became known as the Connecticut Compromise or Three Fifths Compromise.

The choices were a "democratic" vote of the citizens as defined in the Connecticut Compromise, election by the House of Representatives whose numbers were determined by the population of states, and the Electoral College.

The danger today is the same as during the time of the Framers. In a popular vote, as shown earlier, would control

the outcome of elections. In order to protect lesser populated states, the number of Electors equals the number of Representatives in each state plus the 2 Senators of each state. Florida, having 28 members of the House plus 2 Senators, would give that state 30 Electors. Georgia, where I reside, has 14 plus 2 giving it 16 Electors.

Thank you, Framers, for finding a way to protect all states rights and give each state, no matter the size, a voice in electing the most powerful position in the world.

U.S. Electoral Votes by State
The United States has a total of 538 electoral votes.
270 votes are needed to elect the president and vice president.



MAYFIELD MINUTE
By Florida District 32
State Representative Debbie Mayfield

Thank you to the voters of Brevard County who made their voices heard. Thank you for your vote of confidence in me to represent you in the Florida House. I am immensely grateful to my family, friends and loyal supporters who generously contributed their time and effort during this election year. I will continue my focus on affordable housing, stabilizing the insurance market to lower costs for homeowners and protecting the environment.
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The Florida Legislature has held its Organization Session in Tallahassee, and I was officially sworn in as your State Representative. We also elected **Speaker Designate Daniel Perez** as our Speaker for the 2024-2026 term and **Representative Wyman Duggan** as our Speaker pro-tempore. We adopted the House rules, and appointed **Jeff Takacs** as the Clerk of the House and **Russell Hosford** as our Sergeant at Arms.

During the Organization Session, Speaker Perez addressed the chamber, declaring that "We aren't a debate society, and we shouldn't be the House of Talk. We should be the House of Action".
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To assist in planning and scheduling for the 2025 Legislative Session, the following committee weeks have been agreed upon by the Florida House and Senate. The regular 2025 legislative Session will begin on March 4, 2025 and end on May 2, 2025.

Here is the 2024–2025 Committee Meeting Schedule:

- December 2 - 6, 2024
(Florida House of Representatives only)
- December 9 - 13, 2024 (Florida Senate only)
- January 13 – 17, 2025
- January 21 – 24, 2025 (Meetings begin on Tuesday due to Monday holiday.)
- February 3 – 7, 2025
- February 10 – 14, 2025
- February 17 – 21, 2025

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In recognition of Utility Scam Awareness Day, **Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody** released some tips on how to identify potential utility scams:

- **Urgent Payment Demands:** Scammers often claim that immediate payment is necessary to prevent disconnection.
- **Unusual Payment Requests:** Requests for gift cards, prepaid debit cards or cryptocurrency are common red flags.
- **Spoofed Caller IDs:** Scammers may manipulate caller IDs to make it appear as if a call is from a utility company; and
- **False Refunds:** Bad actors may promise false refunds, free products or services but have stipulations hidden in a contract.

If you believe you may have fallen victim to a utility scam, contact the Florida Attorney General’s Office at 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or file a complaint online at MyFloridaLegal.com.

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The Melbourne City Council has approved Northrop Grumman's request to build their new expansion. This project consists of a 300,000 square foot office building and a 17,000 square foot bay building.

The new facilities will join several other defense contractors in the Industrial Zone near the Melbourne Orlando International Airport. The planned expansion of Northrop Grumman's business operations will create more than 1000 jobs to the community.

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[SelectFlorida's](#) mission to Italy, has successfully achieved one of its key goals. The delegation has announced an international trade development office will be established next year in the city of Viareggio.

This office will serve as a conduit for Italian businesses who wish to conduct business in Florida. Currently, Florida has similar trade development offices in 16 nations. Commerce Secretary Alex Kelly has indicated the potential for collaboration in the maritime industry, given that shipbuilding is a field in which both Italy and Florida excel.

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Students at the Coastal Community School in Satellite Beach had the unique opportunity to communicate directly with Astronaut Sunita (Sunni) Williams, who is currently on the International Space Station. The ISS is traveling at over 17,500 miles per hour and the students were able to interact with Sunni Williams via a HAM radio call as the space station passed over Florida.

This rare opportunity to talk live to an astronaut on the space station was facilitated by CCS Principal Jennifer Elling. Twelve students had the chance to ask questions of Ms. Williams while the entire student body was able to listen to the exchange in real time on campus.

Astronauts Sunni Williams and Butch Wilmore had flown to the ISS on the Boeing Starliner's crewed flight test in June for an eight-day mission. Due to concerns about Starliner's thruster performance they have been unable to return. They are now scheduled to return to Earth on the Crew-9 SpaceX Dragon in February 2025.



AN UPDATE FROM MY OFFICE
By Florida District 8 State Senator
Tom Wright

As we move through November, I'm reminded of the deep sense of gratitude we owe to the brave men and women who have served in our Armed Forces. Veterans Day is more than just a date on the calendar – it's a moment to pause, reflect, and honor those who

have made immense sacrifices to protect the freedoms we hold dear.

I had the privilege of speaking at several Veterans Day events this year, including the Oak Hill Veterans Day Ceremony. These gatherings remind us of the vital role veterans play in our communities, not just as defenders of freedom, but as leaders, mentors, and neighbors.

At the Oak Hill event, I stood among veterans, their families, and community members who came together to celebrate service and sacrifice. It was inspiring to see the pride and resilience of our veterans, many of whom continue to serve in various ways. Events like these are essential because they bridge the gap between our civilian and military worlds, ensuring that the stories and lessons of our heroes are never forgotten.

November also brings the conclusion of an election season. I want to extend my congratulations to all those elected to serve in the Florida Legislature, both returning members and those stepping into this role for the first time. Serving as a State Senator is a profound honor, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to address the needs and aspirations of Floridians across the state.

On November 19, we convened for the Organization Session of the Florida Legislature. This session is a time of transition, tradition, and teamwork. It was wonderful to be back in Tallahassee with my fellow legislators, both seasoned and new. The camaraderie and shared sense of purpose in the chamber reminded me why I chose public service. Together, we set the foundation for the upcoming legislative session, ensuring that we are prepared to tackle the challenges and seize the opportunities ahead.

Looking forward, I'm excited to collaborate with my colleagues on issues that matter deeply to the Space Coast and beyond. From supporting our veterans to advancing infrastructure, education, and economic development, there's much work to be done. Our shared goal is to make Florida a place where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

As we gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, let's remember the veterans who have made such gatherings possible through their service and sacrifice. Let's also give thanks for the opportunities we have to make a difference in our communities, our state, and our nation.

Thank you for the privilege of representing you in the Florida Senate. Together, we will keep working toward a stronger and more vibrant future for all Floridians. This month has been full of meaningful challenges and accomplishments, and I remain deeply committed to serving the wonderful people of District 8. I will keep advocating for the issues that are most important to you. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 386-304-7630 or email me at wright.tom@flsenate.gov. Stay involved, and know that I'm here to serve you every step of the way.



**Brevard
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**RENDEZVOUS WITH
REPUBLICAN WOMEN**
By Xiaoqi Wang
BFRW First Vice President

**Blaise Trettis, Brevard
County Public Defender,**

gave us a Wrap Up of the 2024 Election Year during our Brevard Federated Republican Women November 6 Luncheon meeting. Interestingly, Trettis was also our keynote speaker two days after President Trump was elected our 45th President in 2016. Coincident or luck!

Trettis briefed us on Republican victories around the country, state and county, saying that stopping Amendments 3 and 4 (marijuana and abortion) on the ballot was more important than we thought. He explained that these amendments were not grassroots, concerned citizen petitions. Amendments 3 and 4 were written, promoted and financed by out of state groups seeking to advance their own self interests.



Given the potential for abuse in our current system, Trettis suggested that our legislature consider:

-- Requiring a 66.66 percent vote for passing citizen petitions.

-- Restricting citizen petitions to issues related to the structure of government and prohibiting those that are legislative in nature.

Trettis said that while the Amendment which would have allowed partisan School Board races did not pass, a federal judge recently ruled prohibiting School Board candidates from disclosing their political affiliation was unconstitutional. School Board candidates may now advertise their party affiliation.

He said that Donald Trump's victory was powered by Republicans like us, those who do the hard work, that raise the money, knock the doors, make the phone calls, and convince their friends and neighbors to vote Republican. It was also powered by a coalition of people who want the same thing we have always wanted, prosperity, security, safety, good education and rejection of wokeness, false DEI initiatives and transgenderism.

Trettis also joked that getting Elon Musk in exchange for Liz Cheney was the best political trade in history!

We are confident that President Trump will secure our borders, fix our economy, make America respected again, make America's military strong again and make America great again!

The BFRW's next gathering will be our Christmas Party, at 11:30AM on Wednesday, December 4, at the Space Coast Convention Center. This year we are joining Toys for Tots in a toy drive (a Marine will be in attendance). Please bring an unwrapped gift for our toy drive marked by gender for ages 9-14.



NORTH TO THE PARTY
By Board Member Robin Ricker

As you can expect, our club is still celebrating the Red Wave we fought so hard for on November 5. We had a great meeting on November 19 with everyone's spirits riding high! We want

to thank all of the volunteers for everything they have done before and during the election.

Our club is proud to have had volunteers that worked the polls, watched at the polls, and manned tents outside of polling places every single day of early voting and during election day. This is what it means to be a part of our community for effective change, to stand for what we believe, without being combative. Again, thank you, each and everyone for all that you've done and continue to do.

Our President, **Pat Deen**, decided not to run again, but we want to thank her for her many years of leadership and dedication to our club. Pat has always stepped up when needed, fought and put herself out there when something

needed to be handled. Her dedication to this club will continue as a Board Member in the coming year. Thank you Pat!

We also want to thank all of the volunteers, especially **Sue Ricco**, for manning our office at Titusville Mall (Searstown). We've had such success with it, we are keeping it open even after the election for a little while longer. We have gone to 4 days a week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 12- 6 pm, and Sunday 12-3 pm. We realized there are many people who just want to connect with like minded people, so we continue to reach out to all who are interested. We aren't sure at this point when we will close the office, but we will post it on our FB page. We did have an Appreciation Day for all those who have worked the office with about 40 people attending. We had subs and wraps and had a great time just enjoying the November 5 victory; it was nice just to get everyone who worked so hard together and celebrate! We had a great time!



Our speaker for the evening was **Dana Blickley**, Brevard County Property Appraiser. She gave us a rundown of all that her office does. It was very valuable information. She covered everything you needed to know about homestead exemptions, especially if you've made any changes to your properties title recently. She covered

the portability of your exemptions, the discounts for senior citizens, "Save Our Homes", Veterans Exemptions, even how to contest your taxable value. Be sure to visit their website at www.BCPAO.us.

The North Brevard Republican Club wishes to recognize Chairman of BREC, **Rick Lacey**, for his many years of support and help with our club over the years. His dedication to the party is obvious to anyone who takes the time to see what he does. Rick has been there to lend a hand and keep us informed on everything Republican every time we've needed it. With that in mind, we fully support his re-election as Chairman of BREC for 2025. Thank you, Rick Lacey for all you do and have done!

We will not have a monthly meeting in December in lieu of our Christmas Party, but will pick up again on January 21, 2025, with the Supervisor of Elections, **Tim Bobanic**, as our speaker for the evening. We will continue to meet at the American Police Hall of Fame, 6350 Horizon Dr, Titusville, FL at 6:30 pm.

REMEMBER WHEN
By Heritage Isle Republican Club
President Mike Hoagland

Remember when on November 5 we thought with **Donald Trump** being elected, "We, The People" won and our country would then be saved from all the Marxists and Trump haters? Well, we now know that the fight has just begun. It's as if we cornered a rat that is going to fight for its very life.



The media, Marxist Democrats, swamp bureaucrats, Trump haters and a number of RINO Republicans are doing everything they can to stop the nominees to the President's cabinet. They understand that Trump will dismantle every liberal Marxist agency in Washington. D.C. as he said he would when he told us he would drain the swamp. We must not stay silent. Write to anyone you know or call them.

Alabama Senator Tommy Tuberville gave a 20-minute speech on the Senate floor asking all Republicans to support the Trump nominees, all of whom have committed to fulfill the president elect's agenda, which is exactly why Americans overwhelmingly voted for Trump. The senator pointed out that in 2020, every Democrat voted for every Biden nominee. As many as 27 Republicans voted for these nominees. All were approved.

We know that a number of these nominees were unqualified for any position other than a clown show. The Republican senators said that they should show deference to the incoming president's selections. As a result, Biden got every nominee approved. A number of the current Republican Senators hate Trump so much that they are not going to make these appointments easy. At least a few of them are up for election in 2026. Why Republican senators can't accept that Donald Trump received an election mandate is beyond any sane person's understanding. Democrats stay together 100% of the time.

Republican establishment elitists think they are not accountable to anyone. These senators are part of the reason the voters of all demographics voted for Trump. We will continue to witness individuals attacking these nominees. The most disgusting one for me is Nikki Haley alleging and attacking **Tulsi Gabbard** as a "Russian and Syrian asset." Here is a decorated individual who is a colonel in the U.S. Army, which requires a top- secret clearance and investigated by the FBI.

Haley is angry that she was not picked instead of Gabbert for the position of Director of National Intelligence. Haley is an establishment Republican and there is no place for her in this administration. Expect these character assassinations to continue until, finally, Trump's cabinet is put in place. This could take many months. The swamp is working overtime to hamper this president.

Let's be prepared to discuss issues at our December 5 Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting. We do have a speaker, **Ruth Kaufhold**, who is a leader in a movement to identify future political leaders.

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We can all remember when President Trump said he was going to "Drain the Swamp". Well, that requires having a cabinet that will support that agenda. With the overwhelming election mandate in this election, Trump has earned the opportunity to put his cabinet in place. There are RINOs that are obstacles to this though.

Murkowski, Collins, Tillis and McConnell are not supporters of anything Trump. The Senate takes office on January 3, 2025, and will immediately start hearings on the cabinet nominees. These nominees are all America First MAGA supporters who are loyal to Trump and his agenda.

Trump's cabinet nominees are all individuals that are not obligated to any organizations, lobbyists, individuals or politician. They are free to commit to draining the swamp. The attacks against these individuals have already become intense. Smearing and character assassination are the rule of the day. The political establishment is going crazy. Bureaucrats, Democrats, lobbyists and establishment republicans are all participating in this conduct. They can't get it through their heads that "We the People" have spoken. This is going to be a bloody fight. Between now and January 20, 2025, we are going to be tested. their support of Trump.

Look back at Biden/Harris cabinet. Compare them to Trump's nominees. Biden's cabinet was the epitome of DEI policy. Qualifications were not the criteria for the position. Diversity was important. The cabinet was made up of trans, gay, WOKE, and liberal. The Marxists got their way. Republicans approved all of Biden's nominees. Fortunately, Americans rejected the Marxist ideology and elected Donald Trump with the popular vote by a landslide. Virtually every demographic group increased their support of Trump.

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Can any of us remember when we have had a better week politically than the week of the election? The Heritage Isle Republicans had more than an 80% voter turnout. Our community should be very proud of themselves. We make a difference. Every candidate we supported won their race. National, state, local and our community candidates all won.

At our November 7 monthly meeting, our newly elected **District 8 U.S. Congressman Mike Haridopolos**, came to thank us for our support. He then departed for Washington, DC to meet with **House Speaker Mike Johnson** and **House Majority Leader Steve Scalise**. We elected a winner who will make a difference. Haridopolos is accessible and responsive.



By Renee Magnuson

At the monthly meeting of Brevard County Republican

Assembly on November 21 in Titusville, **President Kevin Jeffrey** shared a quote by Thomas Jefferson: "I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them."

A video produced by Prager U entitled "The Difference between a Democracy and a Republic" was viewed. At the close of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787, legend has it that a woman called out to Benjamin Franklin to ask what kind of government the delegates had created. Franklin responded, "a republic, madam. If you can keep it." While we hear the word "Democracy" used often, our Founding Fathers understood the institutions established by the Constitution to be a Republic.

BCRA celebrated a successful first year. Its goal is to impact our community one candidate at a time by identifying potential candidates for 2026.\

Ruth Kaufield of Citizens Defending Freedom informed BCRA members of classes she teaches on the Constitution throughout Brevard County. CDF is an organization that provides the tools and support needed to empower citizens to defend their freedom and liberty, returning local government back to the people.

BCRA Vice-President Katie Delaney was sworn in as District 1 County Commissioner on November 19. Her victory was a template for reclaiming our communities from the politicians who are controlled by special interest. There is so much a group can accomplish if no one is concerned about who gets the credit. That saying embodied Katie's race with so many helping to ensure her victory. Her transition is going smoothly.

During her campaign, she was asked often if she would return the Tom Statham Park building back to the people. It had been taken over as office space by the previous County Commissioner, so plans are being made to fulfill her promise to her constituents. Her new office will be located on the fourth floor of the government building on South Street in Titusville.



Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, was the BCRA guest speaker. He strongly believes the presidential election was a choice between good and evil. The progressive Democrats have re-invented the truth. The connection between their belief a man is not a man, and a woman is not a woman is because for the past 50 years, we have denied that a baby in the womb is a baby.

Pavone does not believe God is political, but God cannot be neutral in regard to who is leading our country nor is he indifferent to the suffering unleashed on America. He believes President Trump's victory was God's endorsement of him. He credits the America First Policy Institute, formed by cabinet members under the first Trump administration, for playing a big role in filling positions for his new administration.

Recently, Pavone attended a conference at Mar-A-Lago along with many of the who's-who of Trump's upcoming administration. During Christopher Macchio's performance of "God Bless America," he stated that "There was a palatable sense of God's presence. We are entering into a Golden Age in America, but it will require the same kind of vigilance we exercised during the election. Our victory sent a rebuke to the Left, so we need to keep pressing against anti-God, anti-country policies, and continue to pray for the safety of President Trump and other elected officials and for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to impart wisdom and discernment.

There will be no BCRA meeting in December.



MOMS FOR LIBERTY MEETS IN VIERA

Palm Bay Councilman-elect Chandler Langevin

addressed the Moms For Liberty meeting in Viera on November 11, and in honor of Veteran's Day, he spoke about his nearly 11-year career as a U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman, during which he was attached to the Marine Corps infantry and the 4th Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company.

Langevin, who was deployed to Afghanistan and the Pacific Theatre, received a Naval Commendation Medal for lifesaving actions while on tour. As a seventh generation Floridian, he said he can trace his family's history of service back to the American Revolution, and service is "in his blood."



After returning from Afghanistan, Langevin said he works in Veteran Advocacy, founded the local Florida Scouts youth program, and serves on the Board of Directors at Odyssey Charter School. He also discussed the current state of the military, how veterans are treated, and what may change under the new Trump administration.



Grover Norquist, the president and founder of Americans For Tax Reform, told the Leadership Institute's Wednesday Wake Up Breakfast attendees on November 6 that if the Democrats had won the 2024 election, they would have changed the rules in the country regarding union dues – forcing them

on more workers.

Instead, he said, these workers will be getting President Trump's promised tax cuts. He said the nation will be enjoying "free market, limited government legislation." Norquist's organization opposes all tax increases, and in 1994, it created a pledge for all candidates for political office to sign that they would never raise taxes. He said that 96 percent of the candidates that year did sign it.



This Taxpayer Protection opposes increases in marginal income tax rates for individuals and businesses, and net reductions or eliminations of deductions and credits without a matching reduced tax rate. But politicians often run for office saying they won't raise taxes, and then quickly turn their backs on the taxpayer, so the idea of the Pledge is to make them put their no-new-taxes rhetoric in writing.

Noting that higher taxes are always part of the Democrat Party's agenda, Norquist pointed out that from 1932 to 1994, there were only two terms in which Republicans controlled Congress. Today, he said, there are seven states that have no state income tax for their residents, and 10 additional states are considering such a move.



The Leadership Institute continues to train leaders who stand firm on American principles, building a foundation for the future. This month it held a Youth Leadership School in New Orleans attended by these 103 motivated young men and women.

AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

This month's "winners" are:

--"Practicing Catholic" President Joe Biden for presenting – and former Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards for accepting

– America's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, for overseeing the abortion of more than 3.87 million babies during her 12 years in office. It was reported that some of the aborted bodes were "dissected and sold to the highest bidder," as Planned Parenthood representatives haggled over prices they were paid for livers and brains.

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--As Federal Emergency Management Agency workers surveyed damage to homes in Florida caused by Hurricane Milton, FEMA supervisor Marn'i Washington ordered them to bypass those with signs supporting Donald Trump. Multiple federal employees expressed outrage over the decision, and one whistleblower said, "It's almost unbelievable to think that somebody in the federal government would think that is okay." At least 20 homes with Trump signs or flags were skipped from the end of October and into November due to the guidance, meaning they were not given the opportunity to qualify for assistance. A FEMA statement then said, "We are investigating the matter to prevent this from happening ever again." and the supervisor was fired from her job.

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--Administrators at an unnamed preschool in New Philadelphia, Ohio, for telling family members of a four-year-old boy they wanted to enroll, that because he would be the only one in class who does not speak Spanish, he would need a translator in order to attend, and the family would have to bear those costs. The four-year-old will not be attending that preschool.

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--Ottis McCoy, a U.S. Postal Service employee in Orlando, Florida, for dumping more than 1,000 pieces of U.S. mail into a wooded lot rather than delivering it – including election ballots and political campaign flyers. He has been arrested, and if convicted, faces up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

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--Yale University chief psychiatry resident Dr. Amanda Calhoun, reportedly a mental health "expert," for telling viewers on left-leaning MSNBC that they should feel "justified" cutting ties with relatives and close friends during the holiday season – if those relatives voted for President-elect Donald Trump.

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--Woke staff members at St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth, Minnesota, for complaining when the hospital treated them to free Chick-Fil-A sandwiches as a way to thank them for their hard work and dedication. The snowflakes were offended that they received food from a company owned by a Christian family who follows the teachings of the Bible. But absurdly, the hospital's response was to profusely apologize for "failing to abide by its values of respect and justice.

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--Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and FBI Director Christopher Wray, for ending a 15-year tradition by refusing to testify publicly about national security threats before the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee hearing on November 21, which ignited frustration on both sides of the political aisle.

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--Unhinged Biology teacher Gevorg Keoyesan at Melrose High School in Massachusetts, for posting this disgusting note

on Instagram: "Happy Veterans Day to any vet who did not vote for Trump. Otherwise, I hope your Veterans Day is filled with tears and PTSD." School officials are investigating the teacher, who also posted a picture of himself wearing a vulgar shirt in front of an LGBTQ flag in his classroom. What a "wonderful example" he sets for his students.

--Congressman James Clyburn for warning that history will be repeating itself and that President Trump will turn the United States into another Nazi Germany. [View the video here](#)

--Debbie Wasserman Shultz for explaining why Trump Nominee Tulsi Gabbard (National Guard Lt. Colonel) is a Russian Mole and Operative. [View the video here.](#)

EXPERTS' EXCERPTS



The Heritage Foundation President Kevin Roberts, adapted from writing on Populist Conservatism and Constitutional Order in Hillsdale College's publication "Imprimis":

"The top-down, elitist brand of politics that has dominated the United States since the end of the Cold War – under Republican and Democratic administrations alike – has failed. Yes, we are materially richer than we were in 1991, and our largest corporations are more profitable. But we are militarily and strategically weaker, fiscally endangered, and spiritually enervated. As a result, public trust in the vaunted institutions that our elites control—political, scientific, journalistic, educational, religious – has evaporated. And populism – especially on the conservative Right – is on the rise. Although I will focus on the U.S., this rise of populism is widespread. From Argentina to Italy to France to the United Kingdom to Hungary, there are similarities. The new populism tends to be economically and politically nationalistic. It tends to be culturally patriotic and socially conservative. It tends to sympathize with workers over corporations. It is also self-consciously, defiantly – often mockingly – anti-establishment.... With few exceptions, the Left as we know it today has rejected populism out of hand, embracing instead Big Government, Big Business, Big Banks, Big Tech, Big Pharma, Big Labor, Big Ag, Big Media, and Big Entertainment. For the most part, today's Left is hard at work fortifying the power these institutions wield against the rigors of democratic accountability. Thus, the only hope for a sustainable, democratically legitimate populist reform movement today is on the Right. The question is whether the leaders of the movement can harness the highly negative energy from which the populism emerges and channel it toward a coherent, positive politics of national renewal and reform.... Despite being discredited, the elites do offer a critique of populism that deserves to be taken seriously: the claim that populism is all style, lacks substance, and cannot be trusted. Populism, according to this view, is a rhetorical Trojan Horse that unprincipled demagogues use to advance

their narrow, selfish ambitions. And to be sure, history is full of corrupt tribunes of the people who abuse their power and enrich themselves at their nation's expense. The lesson to be drawn from this critique is that legitimate and enduring change in democracies comes neither from philosophers nor rabble-rousers. It only comes by strategically fusing populist energy and principled ideas.... None of our problems are beyond our constitutional order's power to solve. What is it we need, after all? We need a Congress that acts like a legislature rather than a company of moralizing performance artists. We need a president who acts like a responsible chief executive rather than a drunken king. We need a judiciary that acts impartially in accordance with the Constitution and the laws of the land rather than in a partisan manner. And we need to disperse the political power that is now concentrated in the hands of the Washington establishment.... American conservatism exists to serve the people and the nation through the Constitution. This includes defending them against enemies foreign and domestic. And the fact is, elite institutions have become the people's and the nation's enemies. They are openly waging cultural war on those they ostensibly serve. They cannot be negotiated with or accommodated. They must be defunded, disbanded, and disempowered. The rewards for doing so – for putting American families first again – will be greater than we can know. This is the fight before us. If we thoughtfully and tenaciously combine populist energy with conservative principles, it is a fight we can win.”



Journalist **Charles C.W. Cooke**, writing on the United States Surgeon General Vivek Murthy thinking that gun ownership is a disease, in “America’s 1st Freedom” and gun “violence is a public-health crisis in our country”:

“One of the more pernicious beliefs within contemporary American politics is there are certain words or phrases that, if uttered by the right person at the right time, can bypass the usual constitutional processes and deliver absolute victory to the speaker. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy offered up a stellar example of this conviction when he issued a 40-page report that he framed with the claim that ‘gun violence is a public health crisis in our country and requires a public health solution’....When one digs in a little further, one can see that it is not only inept, but is downright sinister. ‘Gun violence’ – which in practice involves criminals abusing firearms – simply cannot be a ‘public health issue’ in the way that, say, the spread of HIV was in the 1980s. Rather, it is a complex criminal matter that requires a robust response from our legislatures, police and courts, as well as from the general public. To pathologize that issue, as Murthy is trying to do, not only makes that robust response impossible to achieve, but also guarantees that the focus will be placed on the wrong villain: the law-abiding citizens who are not the problem, instead of the criminal class that is. As a means of doing politics, Murthy’s approach is even worse. As we learned during the COVID-19 pandemic, when political figures start talking in this manner, they invariably end up insisting

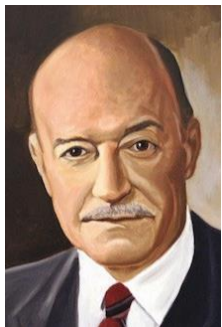
dogmatically that their personal opinions are the equivalent of ‘science’ or ‘medicine’ or ‘logic,’ and that anyone who disagrees with them is thus attacking modernity, per se. But Murthy’s views are not ‘science,’ rather they are politics of the sort that one would expect to find in every other department of the White House. Indeed, what Murthy repeatedly describes as ‘a public health solution’ is, in fact, nothing more than the existing laundry list of gun-control proposals that his boss, President Joe Biden, has been on record desiring for years....Thanks to the Second Amendment and its 45 state-level equivalents, the right to keep and bear firearms is protected in a way that does not apply to toasters or swimming pools or lawnmowers. Uttering the words ‘public health solution’ does not change this. Predictably, Murphy’s report is full of mistakes. Most egregiously, he repeats the lie that firearms are the number-one cause of death for children – which is true only if one includes 18- and 19-year-old gang members in the definition. But then he would, because he’s not engaged in medicine, he’s engaged in propaganda.”

American Security Council Foundation Senior Analyst Laurence F. Sanford, writing on Bigger BRICS in Russia in his “Peace Through Strength” publication:



“BRICS is a consortium of countries led by China that seeks to build alternatives to the dominance of Western institutions such as the World Bank, Group of Seven, and the U.N. Security Council. BRICS is the acronym of the founding countries: Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. BRICS met in Kazan, Russia, on October 22 for a three-day conference hosted by Russian President Vladimir Putin. Thirty-six countries, including twenty heads of state, attended. Putin held 20 bilateral meetings with attendees, including Chinese President Xi, Indian Prime Minister Modi, and South African President Ramaphosa. President Lula of Brazil did not attend due to health issues. BRICS is now BRICS+ as it expanded its membership to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Argentina was invited to join but declined because its new president, Javier Milei, proclaimed full alignment with the ‘free nations of the West.’ Saudi Arabia has not officially acknowledged membership. In 2023, the 10 BRICS+ members invited 13 nations to join as ‘partners’ with no voting rights: Turkey, Indonesia, Algeria, Belarus, Cuba, Bolivia, Malaysia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Thailand, Vietnam, Nigeria, and Uganda. Venezuela was absent from the new partner list because President Lula of Brazil was upset by Venezuela’s lack of supporting public data verifying President Maduro’s recent election. The U.S. dollar’s dominance as the world’s reserve and trade currency gives America an outsized influence over the global finance system. Most of the world’s trade is conducted in the U.S. dollar. This allows the United States to impose economic sanctions against countries such as Russia, China, North Korea, and Iran. BRICS+ wants to weaken the dollar to reduce U.S. influence and promote trade in local currencies. China is

advocating for the use of its renminbi currency as an alternative to the dollar. African participation in the 2024 BRICS+ demonstrated African interest in the bloc's economic opportunities, rather than becoming embroiled in geopolitics. Some are wary of China's influence, representing 60 % of the bloc's gross national products. Egypt, Ethiopia, and South Africa touted new economic cooperation with Russia and China. BRICS+ annual declaration focused on the threat of climate change, the economic toll on member states of economic sanctions, and controlling misinformation. Ironically, the report's authors include the world's worst polluters and media censors (China and India). The report failed to condemn Russia's war against Ukraine and China's committing genocide against its Muslim Uyghur citizens. BRICS+ is seeking changes in the U.N. Security Council to include India, Japan, Brazil, and Germany as permanent members and to expand non-permanent memberships to more African countries.... The United States should: 1. Treat others as they are treating America. If a country is conducting actions that are not friendly, then reciprocate. 2. Increase gray zone actions promoting American values via media outreach, covert actions, and diplomacy. 3. Strengthen existing alliances by eliminating countries not sharing the alliance ethos (e.g., Turkey out of NATO). 4. Promote Judeo-Christian values of an individual's worth (human rights). 5. Increase the U.S. defense budget and supporting infrastructure."



Henry Hazlitt

The late economics writer **Henry Hazlitt** wrote on "The Dangers of Price Controls" for the very first issue of Hillsdale College's "Imprimis" publication in May 1972, and the article was updated in September of this year by First Trust chief economist **Brian Wesbury**:

"The first thing to be said about price and wage fixing is

that it is harmful at any time and under any condition. It is a giant step toward a dictated, regimented, and authoritarian economy. It makes impossible arrangements that both sides are willing to agree to. It sets aside contracts that have already been made in good faith....

Since the onset of Covid, government deficits have soared to spectacular levels. Roughly \$5 trillion of new debt was issued to pay people not to work and to buy vaccines, as well as to fund Green New Deal policies. The massive spending bills that accomplished this were cynically called the "CARES Act" and comically, the "Inflations Reduction Act." Even in the past two years, with the pandemic over and the unemployment rate down near four percent, the government – in adopting what may be the most irresponsible budgets in U.S. history – has been running deficits as high as \$2 trillion. These deficits have mostly been financed by the Fed's creation of new money.... Sometimes people talk as if it would be possible to have universal price fixing, While



Brian Wesbury

nobody knows how many separate prices and wages there are, there are good reasons for thinking that there cannot be fewer than about ten million. If you try to fix ten million prices, what you are trying to fix is something on the order of 50 trillion cross-relationships of prices, This is something that no government is capable of determining – or policing....Who knows what bureaucratic nightmare would arise from an attempt to fix prices today. Even more than in the 1970's, bureaucrats today act as if they are omnipotent and untouchable...In a free market system, wages tend to rise faster than prices over time. Why? Because workers become more productive. We often measure this in terms of so-called man-hour productivity. But there are two false assumptions that go into measuring it that way. One false assumption is that it is simply labor productivity; the other is that the increase occurs automatically. We would get a much better idea of what we are talking about if, instead of speaking of man-hour productivity, we spoke of man-machine-hour productivity or labor-capital productivity....What the government ought to be doing to counter inflation and get prices low is to free and encourage the producers – not to put them in a straitjacket by fixing prices....Under the auspices of 'crisis management,' the Federal Reserve has added 60 percent to the money supply and increased its balance sheet by 85 percent in just 16 years. The Federal Reserve was founded in 1913. In the 95 years between then and 2008, just 40 percent of the money supply was created. In the subsequent 16 years, between 2008 and 2024, we have almost tripled the money supply. No wonder inflation is a problem."

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

"America took a stand and reclaimed its heart. The working class rose, speaking for freedom, justice, and the enduring American Dream. The message is unmistakable: we're reclaiming our nation, its values, and its promise. With complete trifecta control in Washington, we're set to restore the principles that make this country great. They thought they could break us to 'build back better,' dismantling our prosperity and handing power to elites who don't share our love for this country.... But America knew the stakes and chose the path of freedom. This victory is more than a political win; it's a renewal of our faith in the American spirit, a resounding 'yes' to the values that have guided us for generations. Today, we honor those values as we take our stand as the 'shining city on a hill,' a beacon of hope around the world! We are stronger, united, and ready to lift America to new heights."

--**ACT For America founder Brigitte Gabriel**, on the 2024 election results

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"It was the equivalent of a political earthquake. Former President Donald Trump's historic White House win reverberated through Washington, D.C., and the nation after an astonishing comeback that upended political expectations, pollsters and the party elite. One day after the election, Mr. Trump's shocking, likely sweep of battleground states and an unexpected popular vote victory over Vice President Kamala

Harris came more clearly into view. It showed his triumph rattled down the ballot, helping Republicans capture the Senate and putting them on track to hold onto the House. The Republican Party, largely neutered the past four years, rode Mr. Trump's popularity to a likely GOP sweep of government that will let them implement the president-elect's proposals to lower taxes, reduce regulations, ramp up energy production, cut spending and reduce the size of government."

--"Washington Times" writer **Susan Ferrechio**, on the election results

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"In the age of social media, most of us can spot a narcissistic tyrant a mile away. For instance, a narcissistic tyrant might say something like the following: 'I'm above politics, and I'm your ally. But don't you dare question the people in power'" On the social media platform X, former Republican Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger of California posted a lengthy and nauseatingly narcissistic endorsement of Vice President Kamala Harris.... Sadly, an iconic figure from the great decade of the 1980s has degenerated into a narcissistic tyrant."

--"The Western Journal" writer **Michael Schwarz**, on Schwarzenegger

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"ForAmerica believes in guaranteed constitutional rights, including the right to life at every stage of life. We believe America should have unlimited education and economic opportunities. We believe America should be energy independent using American resources. We demand the freedom to speak and practice our faith. We will accept nothing less than fair and honest elections, and a government that is transparent, accountable, and stays off the backs of the American people as much as possible. The key objective of ForAmerica is to deliver wins on the cultural, electoral, and legislative fronts. When ForAmerica engages, America wins. Never, ever, give the Left a free day."

--**ForAmerica President David Bozell**, writing in "The Cannon"

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"I recently issued an official letter to major U.S. banks warning against a coordinated activist campaign to 'de-bank' meat and dairy businesses. This insanity puts Floridians in the crosshairs of yet another activist attempt to leverage the nation's financial system to punish law-abiding citizens. By pressuring banks, they seek to enforce extreme policies that voters would never choose at the ballot box. No one has the right to take food off Floridians' tables. Our residents both consume and produce massive quantities of meat and dairy, with thousands upon thousands of direct and indirect jobs hanging in the balance. The only thing more absurd than attacking our food system, would be allowing the banking system to facilitate its demise. I am prepared to use the full extent of my authority to defend Florida's families and businesses from these radical demands."

--**Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis**, on supporting the state's meat and dairy businesses

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"A man identified only as "Jared" was booted from an Equinox gym in New York City because he was wearing a Trump t-shirt. The shirt featured a photo of the former president's mug shot with the words "Never Surrender." The man filmed the encounter with an Equinox staff member who told him to either cover up the shirt or he would not be allowed inside the gym. This is the same fitness center that allows men to undress in women's locker rooms. For the record, there's no ban on politically-themed attire on the gym's website." --Podcaster **Todd Starnes** on a gym's double standards

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"Students in the Advanced Placement government class at Kamiak High School in Washington State were given an unusual assignment the other day. They were told to define fascism and then provide evidence that President Trump was indeed a fascist. The instructor also told the class to rely on specific claims made by Vice President Kamala Harris and former Trump Chief of Staff John Kelly...Radio Station KTTH pointed out that Harris had been accused of being a Marxist, yet there were no assignments calling for students to dig up dirt on the vice president...Another Washington State school teacher denigrated Trump on a quiz. A French teacher at Roosevelt High in Seattle gave kids a question about the former president – and the only correct answers were either a "liar" or "crazy." Yet two more examples of why you need to consider homeschooling your children, America."

--Another Starnes quote, on anti-Trump school assignments in Washington State

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- December 4: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.
- December 5: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.
- December 5: Space Coast Young Republicans Christmas Party, Whiskey Business in Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- December 6: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 11 am.
- December 8: Brevard Republican Executive Committee Christmas Party, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 6 pm.
- December 11: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island library, 6 pm.
- December 21: Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard Christmas Party, World of Beer, Viera, 5:30 pm.
- December 28: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.

The Ronald Reagan Club, the Florida Republican Assembly, and the North Brevard Republican Club will not meet in December.

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COMICAL CLOSERS

NOT SO HUMOROUS SATIRE FROM “THE BABYLON BEE.” An early voting precinct in Los Angeles was briefly thrown into disarray as a man was arrested for showing his I.D. to vote. Authorities said Justin Davis presented his driver's license to horrified poll workers who immediately called the police to report the blatant act of racism. "There's no place for this type of lawlessness in California," said Los Angeles Police Department spokesperson Sergeant Paul Marquez. "Our officers arrived quickly to apprehend this monster. I'm just glad we were able to get him off the street before he could show his identification to anyone else. This place just keeps getting more dangerous." At publishing time, Davis had been charged with hate crimes, found guilty, and sentenced to three consecutive life sentences.

And then, after Donald Trump’s sweeping victory – according to the “Bee” – the Democrats FINALLY ADMITTED that he really did win the 2020 election – so, in 2024, he is INELIGIBLE to serve a THIRD-TERM WIN.

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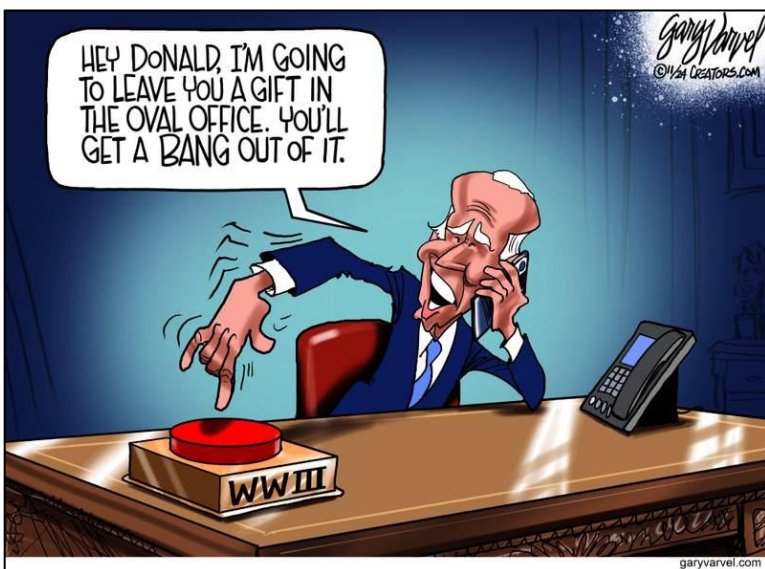
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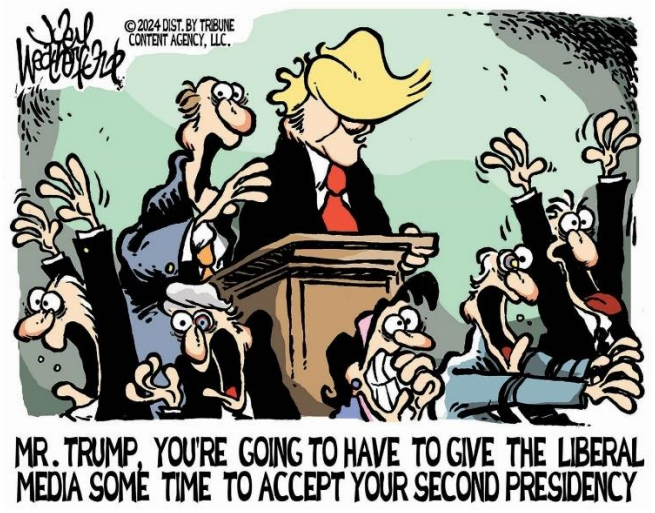
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And to view a second brief video of Reagan speaking about a Republican candidate on a Democrat platform, [click here](#).

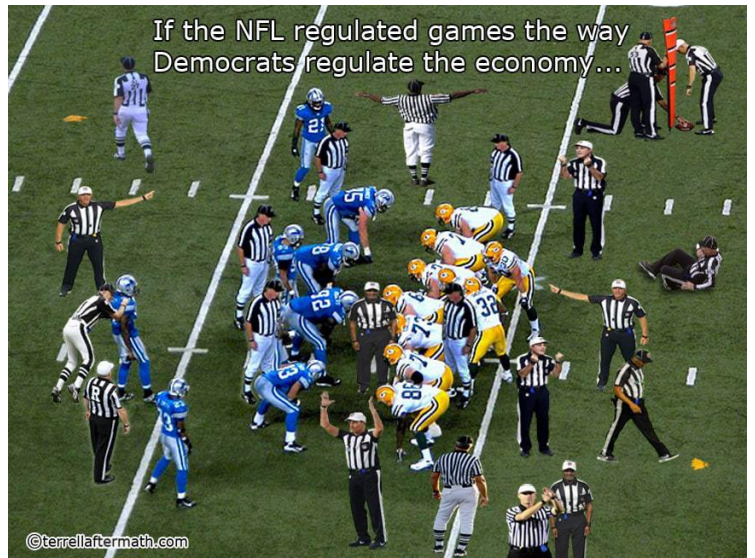
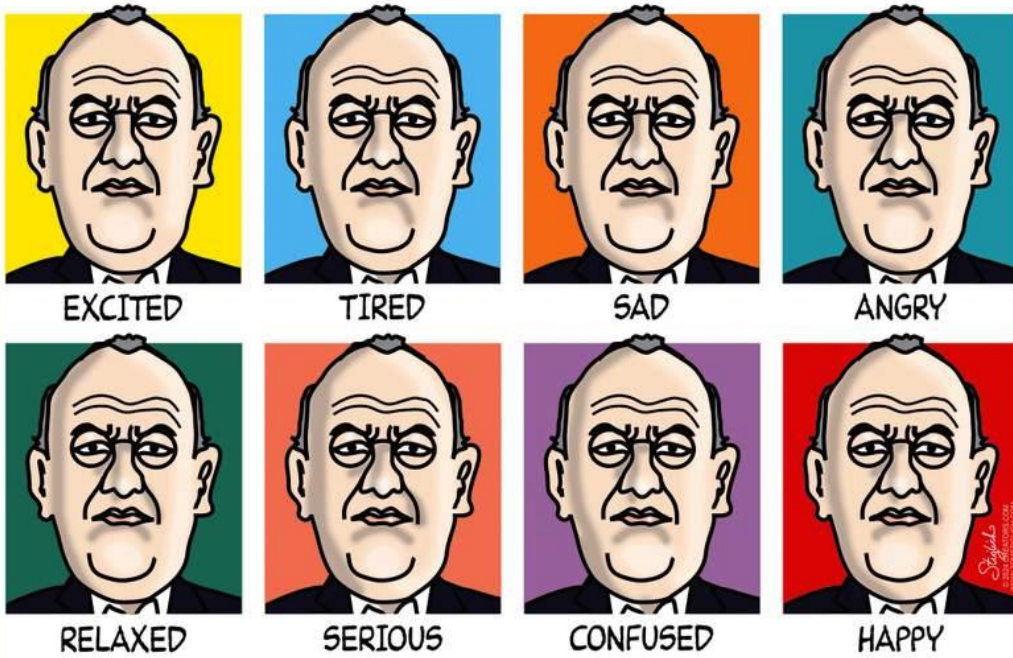
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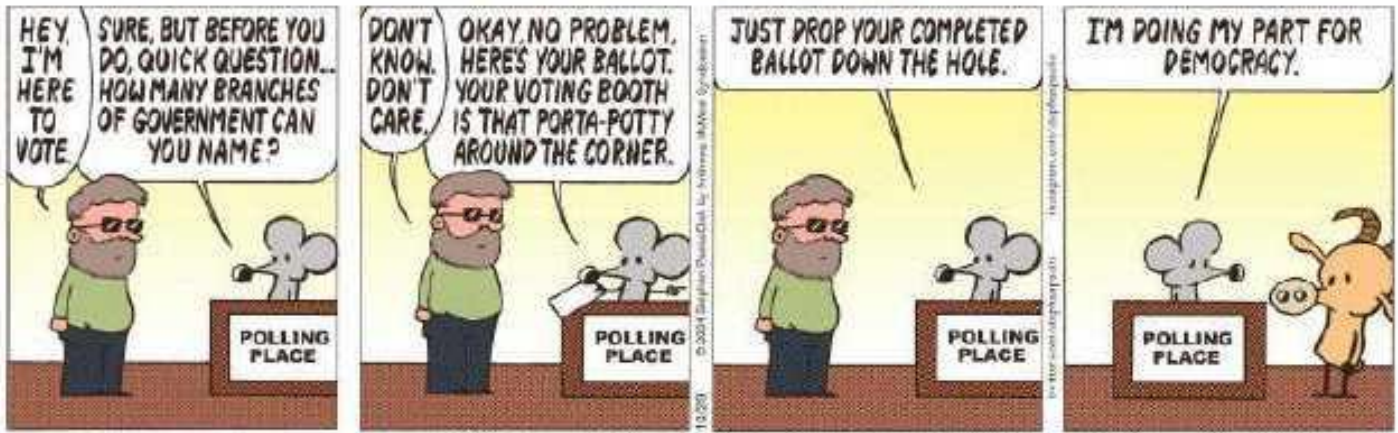




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