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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK: MY TWO CENTS By Stuart Gorin

--It was sickening this month to learn that Turning Point USA founder Charlie Kirk had been murdered in Utah while speaking to thousands of students at Utah Valley University. As the nation grieved over a conservative champion, it was doubly sickening to learn that throughout America, far leftists – including woke instructors in schools and colleges and members of the alleged “media” on newspapers and TV – were actually cheering his death.

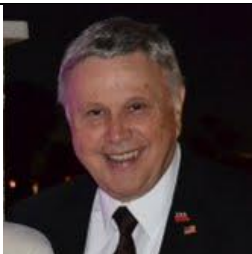
Several days later, Utah prosecutors unveiled seven charges against 22-year old Tyler Robinson for the killing and formally announced they would seek the death penalty. The charges include aggravated murder, felony discharge of a firearm, obstruction of justice and witness tampering.

The days when Sunday football was a time to forget about politics and just enjoy the game are over. The modern NFL has turned the game into another battlefield for the culture wars. During week two of the games, “Breitbart” reported that five home teams refused to sponsor a moment of silence for Charlie Kirk – but five years ago, they did so and even donated money – in honor of convicted drug user George Floyd. These five home teams were the Baltimore Ravens, the Cincinnati Bengals, the Detroit Lions, the Indianapolis Colts, and the Minnesota Vikings.

The bright spot on the horizon is that while Charlie is gone, Turning Point USA is not – and his friends and supporters will continue its important work.

His widow, Erika Kirk, who will now be running Turning Point USA as the new CEO, said the mission will grow stronger,

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Florida 19th District Congressman and candidate to be the state’s next governor, **Byron Donalds**, told a packed Republican Liberty Conference Constitution Day Dinner audience in Cape Canaveral in Brevard County on August 30, that the political journey he is on focuses on individual liberty. “It’s our way of life,” he said, “to always fight for the cause of liberty.”

Since announcing his campaign, he said he has traveled to and spoken in 44 of the state’s 67 counties so far this year.

“Our party’s goal is to protect the country and fight the radical left,” Donalds said. “We want to protect the individual from government, and the Constitution offers us the best opportunity to succeed.” Our government documents, he said, “are the greatest example in history.”



The Democrat goal, he said, “is to support a radical agenda, while ours is to institute a conservative agenda.” He came to conservatism early in his life, he said, “because I chose to.”

Donalds, who has President Trump’s endorsement for the gubernatorial campaign, said the opportunity he has had to serve and support the President, “has been the honor of my life.”

After the Civil War, he noted, the Democrats were wrong on how they counted black former slaves, and they are wrong now on illegals.

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bolder, louder, greater than ever. “My cries,” she said, “will echo around the world like a battle cry.”

My suggestion is that they change the name of the organization – from Turning Point USA to “Charlie Kirk’s Turning Point USA.”

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--According to www.leadpatriot.com, California Governor Gavin Newsom reacted to the tragic mass shooting last month at the Catholic school in Minneapolis by taking aim at Republicans, alleging they “continue to do absolutely nothing while our kids are being gunned down. This is sick.” Republicans? The shooting – by a far-left extremist killer -- happened in a left-leaning state. But Newsom – who governs a state facing its own crises – including homelessness, crime, and an exodus of businesses and families – saw fit to turn this into a political attack against Republicans in a state he doesn’t govern and a tragedy he doesn’t understand. This is politics at its most cynical, Lead Patriot pointed out.

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--The alleged “Golden State” of California continues to exist in the Twilight Zone. “American Greatness” reports that in the Temecula Valley Unified School District, girls who say they don’t want to share their bathrooms with boys pretending to be girls, and are concerned about their safety, are being forced seek psychiatric help by filing a mental health accommodation request as a disability. This madness is not required for the transgenders.

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--Podcaster Dick Morris, who keeps track of such statistics, says that in America’s third-most-populated state – the once-Blue, now-Red Florida – 850,000 Democrats have defected to the Republican Party.

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More Two Cents next month.

Discussing the subject of populations comprising congressional districts in the county, he stressed that “we are not counting illegals.” Florida, he added, currently has a 1.3 million Republican voter advantage over Democrats.

Regarding the issue of canceling property taxes in Florida, which some politicians urge, Donalds said the problem with that would be a doubling of sales taxes to make up for the deficit.

There were a number of so-called “J-6ers” in the audience, and they were appreciative when he said to them that “all Americans’ constitutional rights must be protected.”

He also received support from the audience for speaking about a bill he passed in Congress for parents to know what is happening in their children’s schools.

Receiving an enthusiastic standing ovation at the end of his talk, Donalds noted that “The lifeblood of political activism in this state is in this room tonight.”



While the actual Constitution Day is September 17 – the delegates to the Constitutional Convention finalized and signed the Constitution on that date in 1787 – the dinner opened with welcoming remarks by **RLC Brevard Chairman Bob White**, who said, “We celebrate our Constitution tonight and honor our Founders, the men and women of our armed forces, and our first responders. To them we say thank you for the sacrifices they and you have made on our behalf in defense of freedom and liberty.”

The two presentations made at the dinner each year are the Jefferson Cup and the Chairman’s Leadership Award.

The origin of the Jefferson Cup can be traced back to two silver cups that President Thomas Jefferson had melted down with two other mugs to create a set of eight small tumblers that in the 1830s, Martha Jefferson Randolph gifted to her children. Today, six of the cups survive at Monticello, but the location of the other two remain a mystery.

Each year at the RLC dinner, a symbolic “Jefferson Cup” is presented to honorees selected for their dedication to Jeffersonian principles of limited government, lower taxes, free and fair markets, and personal freedom and responsibilities, as well as their allegiance to the Constitution.

The name of the winner each year is kept secret until the presentation is made in public at the dinner. This year’s surprised attendee who accepted the cup with thanks and appreciation was retired Florida 8th District **Congressman Bill Posey**, who also said he is grateful for President Trump.



The Leadership Award, which is an oil painting of a ship, is presented for a one-year cycle and then is returned to the RLC for presentation to the next year’s winner or winners. For 2025, the award went to the husband and wife team of **Greg and Joyce Loyd** for all they have done on behalf of RLC. Fittingly, the sails on the vessel in the painting are inscribed with a list of positive leadership traits.



Prior to the start of the dinner program, more than 100 members of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Florida attended the organization’s biennial convention. Chairman White had announced earlier that he would not be running to serve another two years, and the organization selected **David Wallis** of Pasco County, the former Treasurer, as the new state chairman.

Karyn Morton of Jacksonville was re-elected vice chairman, and **Dr. Carmen Martinez** from Northeast Florida was elected the new treasurer.

After the election, White and **Legislative Affairs Director John Hallman** made presentations about the issues that would be pursued during the 2026 Florida Legislative session.

Former Mitsubishi Power Generation Company CEO David Walsh spoke on the troubling plans of Florida's state-regulated Monopoly Utility Companies to convert exclusively to solar generated power at the expense of all other sources, which will enrich them at the expense of their rate payers and damage the state's rural and agricultural lands.



SETTING SAIL TOGETHER WITH 2025 MEDIA RESEARCH CENTER CRUISE

By Meghan Lee
MRC Chief of Staff

Around 100 friends and supporters of the Media Research Center gathered in Northern Europe August 30-September 6 for an unforgettable week of camaraderie, conversation, and cruising. From Rotterdam to Oslo, then along the scenic fjords of Norway, and finally back to Amsterdam, the 2025 MRC Cruise brought together donors, speakers, and staff in a celebration of free speech, shared values, and the joy of traveling together.

It was a voyage with purpose. The MRC Cruise is more than just a vacation at sea; it's an annual tradition where like-minded conservatives come together to hear directly from some of the nation's leading voices in media, politics, and culture. Each day featured panel discussions, keynote sessions, and informal conversations designed to keep attendees informed, engaged, and energized.



Our distinguished speakers were **David Bozell, Brent Bozell, Joe Concha, Brad Dacus, Tim Graham, Dana Loesch, Larry O'Connor, Kevin Sorbo, Sam Sorbo, Dan Schnieder, Michele Tafoya, Alan West, and Tim Young**, who shared their perspectives on today's most pressing issues, offering both sobering analysis and hopeful strategies for the future. Their sessions sparked lively dialogue and gave our supporters a unique, behind-the-scenes look at the media landscape and the battles being fought every day to preserve freedom of expression.

Highlights along the journey included a welcome reception overlooking Rotterdam, the exploration of historic ports, breathtaking fjords, and charming town while enjoying excursions that highlighted the beauty and culture of Scandinavia, and onboard discussions that provided attendees with the opportunity to engage directly with our speakers in ways that few conferences or events allow.

The atmosphere on board was one of fellowship and curiosity, whether over dinner, at the evening receptions, or while taking in the stunning Nordix views from the ship's deck.

Our speakers were the heartbeat of the program, offering thoughtful commentary and a dose of humor throughout the voyage. Several noted how unique the MRC Cruise is compared to other events. They emphasized how meaningful it was to have real conversations at sea, sharing that the chance to exchange ideas directly with supporters in such an intimate setting made the experience both refreshing and energizing.

The success of the 2025 MRC Cruise is a powerful reminder that while the challenges we face are great, so too is the resolve of this community. Every panel, every conversation, and every port stop underscored the importance of staying connected and committed to the mission.

While we look forward to future opportunities to gather together, our eyes are also on an even larger horizon, the Media Research Center's 40th Anniversary celebration in 2027. It will be a milestone worthy of reflection, gratitude, and renewed commitment to the fight for truth in media.



BREVARD COUNTY CHAPTER HOSTS FLORIDA REPUBLICAN ASSEMBLY CONVENTION

The Brevard County Republican Assembly hosted the state Florida Republican Assembly Convention on August 23, which was laced with such well-known political operatives as **Florida 7th District Congressman Cory Mills, political strategist Roger Stone, COVID expert Dr. David Martin, and election security expert Dr. Douglas Frank**. Around 250 people were in attendance.



The convention began with a speech by Mills, who mentioned the recent controversy of facing accusations from Florida Republican state committee member and Miss United States 2024 Lindsey Langston, and also spoke about his congressional accomplishments during the past several years.

Stone spoke about upcoming trials that he believes will be coming concerning those who were involved in the perpetuation of Russia gate accusations against President Trump. Stone believes that some of those trials will take place here in the state of Florida, due to the raid on the President's home. He said former CIA director John Brennan and former FBI director, James Comey are expected to be included in those prosecutions that are expected to take place.

Dr. Martin – founder, Chairman and CEO of M-CAM International – spoke on the origins of COVID. Martin, who became world renown for his assessment of COVID over the last 6 years (over 3 billion viewers watched a presentation on the origins of COVID presentation in Europe), warned that the origin of the disease did not begin in China, but in the United States. He stated that the evidence points to the disease beginning at the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Frank, a brilliant scientist and educator with a Ph.D. in Surface Analytical Chemistry, is an expert on election integrity. He warned the attendees at the state convention that the biggest threat may not be faulty ballots or machines, but state-run control of elections by numerous states across the country. Frank warned that the state control over elections threatens the integrity of local control of registrations and voting, and that Florida is in danger of true election integrity due to state control of elections by the state.

Other speakers included **Kyle Fitzsimons**, who represented many J6ers who were in attendance. Maine-born Fitzsimons, a butcher by trade, went to Washington D.C. on January 6, 2021, to protest the results of the 2020 election. He was eventually arrested and spent several years in prison, including time in the Washington D.C. jail that many call the “Gulag.” Fitzsimons spoke of his appreciation for the pardon by President Donald Trump. He also spoke of his desire to use his time to give back. Fitzsimons is currently aiding the Brevard County Republican Assembly by serving on its Board.

Two round table discussions were conducted in the afternoon session. One discussed the Make America Healthy Again agenda and included **Dr. John Littell; Rachel Rodriguez; Dr. David Martin; Dr. Marivic Villa; Lynda Bell and Alex Newman** on the panel. The second round table, on Election Security, included **State Representative Berny Jacques; Dr. Frank, Trevor Loudon and Clint Curtis.**

The next Brevard County Republican Assembly meeting will be October 16 at 6:30 pm at 705 Harrison Ave in Titusville.



SOUNDS FROM THE TRUMP-ET

--**President Trump** addressed the U.N. General Assembly in New York on September 23 for nearly an hour, criticizing the global organization for its “globalist agendas on immigration and green energy,” and saying such policies are “destroying a large part of the free world.”

He also said the number one political issue of our time is the crisis of uncontrolled migration, and that by offering assistance

to migrants, the U.N. was “funding an assault on Western countries.”

Critical of the U.N.'s “so-called green renewable energy” agenda, he said globalism has placed a larger burden on developed nations to reduce their impact on the environment, while other nations continue to pollute heavily. He also pushed back on countries who recognize a Palestinian state, and said European nations should stop importing Russian oil over the war with Ukraine.

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--On September 5, President Trump signed the 200th executive order of his second term – renaming the Department of Defense as the Department of War – setting a pace that's unprecedented in modern history. That's more than the past 16 presidents combined to the same point in their presidencies. By signing this order, White House spokesperson Anna Kelly said, the President has “quickly implemented the American people's agenda to cool inflation, secure the border, and restore peace through strength.”

--The President has nominated businessman and former Special Forces Commander Todd Wilcox to serve as Assistant Secretary of State for Diplomatic Security.

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--After District Court Judge Kathleen Williams in Miami – an Obama appointee to the bench – ordered the shutting down of the Florida Everglades immigration detention center known as “Alligator Alcatraz,” a federal appeals court panel in Orlando on September 3 put a hold on that decision – a win for the Trump administration.

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--On September 16, the President signed an executive order once again punting the enforcement of a TikTok ban, after announcing the U.S. had a “framework” for a deal to keep the app available in the U.S. The latest extension pushes back the deadline to enforce a law requiring TikTok's China-based parent company, ByteDance, to divest from the app or face a ban on U.S. networks and app stores, until December 16. The three-month extension marks Trump's fourth time delaying enforcement of the divest-or-ban law, which was initially set to take effect in January.

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-- Trump said he is designating the far-left activist movement Antifa as a terrorist organization.

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--The President learned from Senate Judiciary Committee testimony from Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley that during the Biden Administration, there was whistleblower evidence about “Operation Arctic Frost,” a partisan strike force that was created to cripple his return to the White House and to crush the conservative movement around him.

Grassley confirmed that an FBI's hit list included not only the President but also Charlie Kirk's Turning Point USA and 91 other right-leaning organizations – a vehicle by which partisan

FBI agents and Department of Justice prosecutors could improperly investigate the entire Republican political apparatus. Trump wasted no time blasting the revelations and made clear that this wasn't only about him. The same FBI that smeared him as a criminal went after Charlie Kirk and the young conservative movement Kirk built from the ground up. Turning Point USA - a non-profit dedicated to campus organizing and free speech - was treated like a criminal cartel. "They weaponized the Justice Department against Sleepy Joe Biden's political opponents, including ME!" the President wrote.

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--President and Mrs. Trump, on their second state visit to Great Britain, were treated by the royal family to a spectacle of pomp at Windsor Castle, including military displays and a lavish state banquet, where 160 guests were seated at a long, formal table in St. George's Hall. Trump and King Charles III toasted one another and renewed the "special relationship" between the U.S. and Britain.

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--The President withdrew his nomination of Erik Siebert to serve as U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia after learning the acting prosecutor received "unusually strong support" from Democrat senators. And while serving as interim for the role, Siebert led the probe into New York Attorney General Letitia James' mortgage fraud case, but his office reportedly did not find "incriminating evidence" to file charges.



LET ME BE FRANK

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REMEMBERING CHARLIE KIRK

Charlie Kirk was born and raised in Chicago. At the age of 18 with \$1800 in his pocket, Charlie founded Turning Point USA. On its website its mission is to "identify, educate, train, and organize students to promote the principles of fiscal responsibility, free markets, and limited government" and to build "most organized, active, and powerful conservative grassroots activist network on high school and college campuses across the country."



Turning Point USA grew rapidly, establishing a strong presence on college campuses across the United States. They have approximately 900 official college chapters and around 1,200 high school chapters, totaling 3,500 campuses across the country. The organization has seen a significant increase in requests for new chapters, with over 54,000 inquiries made since Charlie's assassination. ([USA Today](#))

Charlie often faced criticism from liberal groups and was a frequent target of protests and backlash. Despite the controversies, Charlie remained committed to their mission, driven by a desire to make a difference in the world.

Charlie was assassinated in a targeted attack on September 10th at Utah Valley University (UVU) in Orem, Utah. Authorities have not revealed a clear motive in the shooting, but Utah prosecutor Jeffry Gray said that Tyler Robinson wrote in a text about Kirk to his partner Lance Twiggs, 22, the roommate and romantic partner of Robinson. He was in the process of transitioning his "gender expression" from male to female. In a slew of text messages to Twiggs, Robinson admitted to assassinating Kirk because he "had enough of his hatred." In one text to Twiggs, Robinson said "I had enough of his hatred. Some hate can't be negotiated out."

Gray announced that he would seek the death penalty.

Vance and Second Lady Usha Vance also escorted Kirk's wife and two children back to their home state.



Vance helped carry Kirk's casket with a group of uniformed service members as it was loaded onto the plane. ([AP](#))



Charlie Kirk's casket arrived in his home state of Arizona aboard Air Force Two.

On September 21st a memorial was held at the State Farm Arena in Glendale, Arizona.

Some 200,000 people turned out to honor Charlie Kirk, including President Trump, who called the slain Turning Point USA co-founder "a patriot whose heart still had so much to give." The program went on to almost 5 hours.



The impressive list of speakers included:

- President Donald Trump
- Erika Kirk
- Vice President JD Vance
- Secretary of State Marco Rubio
- Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth
- Health and Human Services Sec. Robert F. Kennedy Jr.
- Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard
- Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem
- Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins

- Labor Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer
- Attorney General Pam Bondi
- Stephen Miller, White House deputy chief of staff
- F.B.I. Director Kash Patel
- Dan Bongino, deputy director of the F.B.I. and podcast host
- Tucker Carlson, commentator and Trump ally
- Pastor Rob McCoy, co-founder of Turning Point USA Faith



Clockwise from top left, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard, Senator Ted Cruz and Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem

EXCERPTS FROM CHARLIE KIRK'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

Vice President J.D. Vance, who said in his remarks that until recently he was “a little uncomfortable” talking about his faith in public.

“I have talked more about Jesus Christ in the past two weeks than I have my ENTIRE time in public life,” Vance said to applause and a standing ovation.

“He loved God, and because he loved God, he wanted to understand God’s creation, and the men and women made in his image,” Vance said. In doing this he brought to the world the “truth that Jesus Christ was the King of Kings,” Vance said.

“It is better to die a young man in this world than to sell your soul for an easy life with no purpose, no risk, no love, and no truth.”

Secretary of State Marco Rubio said of Kirk.: “He had a very special and direct impact on young men in this country,” “That is one of the greatest developments I’ve seen. That is very positive. I think we remember him for that.”

From these men that Kirk inspired, Rubio said a “Renaissance” is coming to America.”

“Over the last 12, 14, 16 years, we’ve seen this renaissance,” he said. “Understand where we were at that time in our history. Understand what we are still today. In many places where young Americans are actively told that everything that they were taught, that all the foundations that made our society and our civilization so grand, they were all wrong.”

Secretary of War Pete Hegseth spoke about this spiritual revival.

“There is a God,” and as Charlie would say, “It is not us.” We’re sinners saved only by grace in need of the gospel.”

Charlie Kirk was a citizen who had the biblical heart of a soldier of the faith, who put on every single day the full armor of God with a smile, as the scriptures tell all Christ followers to do.

He ran the race; he finished the fight. Now, it's our turn.

“Live worthy of Charlie Kirk's sacrifice and put Christ at the center of your life as he advocated for giving his. Charlie has heard the words echoing now in heaven, well done, good and faithful servant Charlie will take it from here.

Donald Trump Jr. “When people disagree with us, we don’t silence them. We don’t destroy them, and we certainly don’t sink to violence. We don’t burn down their businesses. We don’t scream at their children at Disneyland. No. We debate. We stand tall and we win with our ideas.”

“If we’re truly going to honor Charlie properly, his loss cannot be the end of the story. His legacy must be that when they took his life a million more Charlies stepped up to fill the void. We are all Charlie.”



Erika Kirk, Charlie Kirk's widow, wipes away tears onstage

Erika Kirk gives tearful speech honoring her late husband's legacy, forgiving his killer

Erika Kirk, Charlie Kirk's widow, received a standing ovation ahead of her speech honoring her late husband's legacy. She evoked scripture during her remarks and referred to her husband as "my Charlie" and his death as a "total surrender" to "God's will."

As she wiped away tears, Kirk shared with the crowd what she experienced in the hours following his death. "I saw the wound that ended his life," she experienced "a level of heartache that I didn't even know existed."

"Being a follower of Christ is not easy, it's not supposed to be," Erika said, adding that she forgives the man who took her husband's life.

"I forgive him because that is what Christ did," she said behind heavy tears.

"There was no pain. There was no fear, no agony. One moment Charlie was doing what he loved—arguing and debating on campus, fighting for the gospel and truth in front of a big crowd—and then he blinked," she said. "He blinked and saw his savior in paradise. And all the heavenly mysteries were revealed to him."

"I will miss him because our marriage and our family were beautiful," she said, adding, "and it still is."

Erika Kirk concluded again highlighting faith: "Charlie's life was a turning point for this country. It was a miracle. Let that miracle that was Charlie's life be your turning point as well.

Choose prayer. Choose courage. Choose beauty. Choose adventure. Choose family. Choose a life of faith. Most importantly, choose Christ. I love you, Charlie, baby, and I will make you proud. God bless you all, and God bless America."

President Donald Trump gave closing remarks, called Kirk 'immortal'. These quotes reflect President Trump's admiration for Charlie Kirk and his emphasis on courage, truth, and the fight for American values.

The President said Charlie Kirk "is now "immortal."

He emphasized that Kirk was someone who had a "good heart" and was a "great American hero" who had the "will to fight, fight, fight".

The president said Kirk was a "missionary with a noble spirit and a great, great purpose" but that he differed with the conservative activist on one point, specifically that Kirk "did not hate his opponents."

It is better to face a gunman than to live your life afraid to speak the truth. It is better to die a young man in this world than to sell your soul for an easy life with no purpose, no risk, no love, and no truth."



Trump ended his speech on a note of gratitude: "So, Charlie, we all want to thank you. We want to say a very loud God bless you, Charlie. God bless you for what you've done is incredible. And God bless Erika and the children. God bless the United States of America."

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This tragic moment in our history brought strong reaction of anger, shock from the right. However, apparently some on the left did not hear the outpouring of outrage of most citizens and continue to spew hatred and justification of Kirk's assassination.



While the left vilifies the right by claiming we are more violent, we hold rallies, candlelight vigils, pray, and forgive. In contrast, the George Floyd riots involved burning cities, attempted

arson, and assaults on law enforcement. Recent protests outside U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facilities have turned violent, with protesters damaging property and throwing objects at officers, leading to arrests. Congresswoman LaMonica McIver (D-NJ) was arrested and indicted for an incident at the ICE facility in Newark, New Jersey, in May 2025.



Remarks by Jimmy Kimmel on his late show brought about the

temporary end of the show when he said President Donald Trump's supporters "the MAGA gang" were "desperately trying" to paint the accused shooter, Tyler Robinson, who registered as an unaffiliated, "as anything other than one of them." He also ridiculed Mr. Trump's response to the tragedy last week, saying he grieved like "a 4-year-old mourning a goldfish."

An Oberlin student called for the return of political assassinations, a statement that was met with widespread condemnation. The media and public figures had varied responses, with some mocking the situation and others expressing concern.

Polls Show Rising Number of Americans Justify Political Violence. In April, the Network Contagion Research Institute, along with Rutgers University, found that 55% of self-identified left-of-center respondents said that it was at least somewhat justified to murder President Trump and Elon Musk. 40% of respondents, including 59.6% of left-of-center respondents, said it was at least somewhat acceptable to destroy a Tesla dealership in protest.

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, used the House floor speech to smear Charlie Kirk.

"We should be clear about who Charlie Kirk was, a man who believed that the Civil Rights Act that granted Black Americans the right to vote was a mistake, who, after the violent attack on Paul Pelosi, claimed that 'some amazing patriot' should bail out his brutal assailant and accused Jews of controlling 'not just the colleges – it's the nonprofits, it's the movies, it's Hollywood, it's all of it,'" Ocasio-Cortez said.

"His rhetoric and beliefs were ignorant, uneducated and sought to disenfranchise millions of Americans — far from the 'working tirelessly to promote unity' as asserted by the majority in this resolution."

Ilhan Omar received backlash after she insulted Charlie Kirk's legacy in wake of his killing.

She addressed her recent social media posts in which she called Kirk "Dr. Frankenstein," doubling down on those comments and saying his legacy should be left in the "dustbin of history."

"What I find jarring is that there's so many people willing to excuse the most reprehensible things that he said, that they agree with that, that they're willing to have monuments for him, that they want to create a day to honor him, and that they want to produce resolutions in the house of Congress honoring his life and legacy," ([Fox News](#)).

Jasmine Crockett on Sunday took issue with only two White Democrat lawmakers who voted against a resolution to honor Charlie Kirk.

"One of the things that I want to point out that's not been laid out that honestly hurt my heart is when I saw the no votes — there were only two Caucasians," Crockett said on CNN. "For the most part, the only people that voted no were people of color.

This was an obvious falsehood. 38 Democrats voted "present," 58 voted against the resolution, and 22 did not vote at all. ([Newsweek](#))

"The rhetoric that Charlie Kirk continuously put out there was rhetoric that specifically targeted people of color. "It is unfortunate that even our colleagues could not see how harmful his rhetoric was specifically to us, "So if there was any way that I was gonna honor somebody who decided that they were just gonna negatively talk about me and proclaim that I was somehow involved in the great white replacement, yeah I'm not honoring that kind of stuff, especially as a civil rights attorney and understanding how I got to congress."

Crockett said on Sunday. "It's unfortunate that more of my colleagues, even on my side of the aisle, couldn't see the amount of harm that this man was attempting to inflict upon our communities." ([CNN](#))

The hate continues to spewed from the left. They have used their platforms to discharge their hatred. It didn't begin with Charlie Kirk.

The call for violence from the left goes back to Representative Maxine Waters who in June 2018, she urged supporters to publicly confront and "push back" against members of the Trump administration over its family separation policy.

She said, "If you see anybody from that Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and you create a crowd and you push back on them, and you tell them they're not welcome anymore, anywhere".

At a rally outside the Supreme Court, Chuck Schumer criticized Justices Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh while the Court heard arguments in an abortion case. "I want to tell you, Gorsuch. I want to tell you, Kavanaugh. You have released the whirlwind, and you will pay the price. You won't know what hit you if you go forward with these awful decisions".

In 2024, Trump himself was the target of two assassination attempts. Princeton University's Bridging Divides Initiative recorded over 600 incidents of threats and harassment against local officials that year — a 74% increase from 2022.

University of Chicago political scientist Robert Pape wrote in "Foreign Affairs." "Support for political violence has gone mainstream. ... Political trends do not move in straight lines, and predicting the future can be a fool's errand. But it is safe to say that the United States has a rough road ahead." ([PBS](#))



Political Violence Has No Place in America

Charlie Kirk was more than a conservative leader. He was a devoted husband and father, a man of faith, and a passionate

voice for free speech. He had a rare gift for inspiring young people and calling Americans to stand strong for our values. His loss is a true tragedy.

Political violence has no place in America. When speech is replaced with violence, we lose the foundation of our democracy. Sadly, too many on the left use reckless rhetoric that demonizes conservatives and paints us as enemies instead of fellow citizens. That kind of talk creates an environment where violence can grow. It is wrong, it is dangerous, and it must end. This month, the House voted to honor Charlie's life and condemn political violence of all forms. I proudly voted YES. This resolution was not symbolic; it was a statement of principle. If we want our children to inherit a free and safe America, we must make it clear that violence will never replace debate.

Among this tragedy, our work in Congress continued. I voted YES on the National Defense Authorization Act. This bill delivers a 3.8 percent pay raise for our troops, secures nearly \$75 million in upgrades at Patrick Space Force Base and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, and restores accountability at the Pentagon. I also supported the Stop Chinese Fentanyl Act to hold the Chinese Communist Party accountable for fueling the drug crisis, and I backed the Stop Illegal Entry Act to strengthen penalties for repeat border crossers.

I voted YES on major energy bills to strengthen America's power grid, protect jobs, and restore our energy independence. I also supported legislation to block D.C.'s soft-on-crime agenda and restore accountability in our nation's capital. These are common-sense steps to keep families safe, cut red tape, and put America First.

Charlie Kirk believed in freedom, faith, and the promise of this country. His voice was silenced, but his message lives on. I will keep fighting for the people of Florida's Space and Treasure Coasts and for the values Charlie stood for. As always, my priority is serving the people of Florida's Space and Treasure Coasts. If you ever need help with a federal agency or want to share your thoughts on the work we are doing in Congress, please reach out to my office at (321) 632-1776. It is the honor of my life to represent you, and I will continue working every day to deliver results for our community.



THE MAYFIELD MINUTE
By District 19 State Senator
Debbie Mayfield

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis joined state and local law enforcement leaders to provide an update on the State Assistance for Fentanyl Eradication (SAFE) grant program, which was established by the legislature in 2023 to provide funding for law enforcement investigations into illegal Fentanyl activity.

Funding from the SAFE program has supported 200 investigations resulting in 2,127 arrests and the seizure of more than 63,000 Fentanyl pills – enough to kill more than 100 million people.

In addition to deadly Fentanyl, investigations supported by SAFE grant funding have also seized: 545 pounds of cocaine, more than 300 pounds of methamphetamine, \$4.6 million in cash, more than 730 firearms, and more than 76 drug vehicles.

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On September 6, the 83rd Space Coast Honor Flight safely returned home from Washington, D.C., with 50 veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War on board. Notably, this was the first Space Coast Honor Flight to depart from the Melbourne Orlando International Airport rather than the Orlando International Airport since the inception of the program in 2010.

The veterans kicked off their journey with a "Heroes Send Off" at 4:30 a.m. that morning before departing for Washington. They spent the day touring the nation's Capital, visiting war memorials and honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Upon their return, they were greeted with a "Welcome Home" ceremony with family, friends, and community members grateful for their service.

To date, Space Coast Honor Flight has arranged for 2,208 patriots to visit Washington, D.C. The organization continually seeks veterans interested in joining future flights, in addition to volunteers, donations, and sponsorships to expand flight opportunities for local heroes.

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As part of the 2025-2026 Tax Package, the Florida Legislature created a new Hunting, Fishing, and Camping sales tax holiday which runs through the rest of this calendar year.

To encourage Floridians to enjoy the state's exceptional outdoor recreational environment with friends and family, there is no tax on the retail sale of ammunition; firearms; bows and crossbows, rods and reels under \$75; tackle boxes and bags under \$30; bait and tackle under \$5; tents under \$200; flashlights and camping lanterns under \$30 and camping stoves, chairs, hammocks and sleeping bags under \$50.

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Applications are now open for the 2026 Florida Senate Page program. Students in grades 6 through 12 who demonstrate leadership, responsibility, and a keen interest in public service are encouraged to apply. This unique opportunity includes first-hand learning experiences in the legislative process, the role of state government, and the importance of civic engagement. Prior political experience is not required.

Throughout the program, Senate Pages may deliver materials and correspondence to the Senate Chamber or other member offices, observe Senators debating legislation, and observe the voting on bills during committee meetings and floor sessions. Pages may also lead the Pledge of Allegiance, attend guest speaker presentations, and participate in educational tours and activities. The week culminates with a mock session in which bills are debated and voted on by Senate Pages.

The 2026 legislative session is scheduled to begin on January 13 and end on March 13 at the State Capitol in Tallahassee.

Selected pages will be assigned a week to participate, and applicants may request preferred weeks, subject to availability.

Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Wilton Simpson announced that the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) removed 17,311 packages of isolated and/or concentrated 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) from retail locations in more than 20 Florida counties.

Attorney General James Uthmeier recently issued an emergency rule classifying 7-OH as a Schedule I controlled substance. Other Schedule I controlled substances include LSD, heroin, and Fentanyl-related drugs, among others.

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The Florida Department of Education announced \$14.6 million in awards through the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant to fund 34 entities to start, expand, or operate registered apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs at Florida school districts, colleges, state universities, and private training entities.

"These programs give students the chance to train alongside industry experts and discover their strengths and step confidently into the jobs that drive Florida's economy forward," **Commissioner of Education Anastasios Kamoutsas** said.

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Space Coast Jr/Sr High School (SCHS) and Space Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (SFJROTC) hosted a campus ceremony in honor of National Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Recognition Day.

The event featured a memorial walk with more than 90 cadets carrying the POW/MIA flag in continuous motion around the track for the entire school day. The cadets were joined by more than 70 students, community leaders, and SCHS administrators. The event also included a remembrance ceremony and performances of the National Anthem and TAPS.

SCHS has been recognized by the State of Florida as a Purple Star School of Distinction for its strong partnership with the local military community.



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

The past several weeks have been a reminder of both the opportunities and challenges we face as Floridians. Across District 8, I have continued to join community leaders for check presentations, site visits, and discussions on how state investments are making a real difference in people's lives. These moments reflect what can be accomplished when local leadership and the Legislature work hand-in-hand, and I am proud to see our efforts translating into meaningful results for families on the Space Coast and beyond. One of the highlights of this past quarter was the opportunity to meet with the Florida Association of State Troopers (FAST) at their annual event. I was honored to speak with them about

Senate Bill 138, “The Trenton Stewart Act,” which strengthened penalties for repeat DUI and boating under-the-influence offenders.

For this work, I was humbled to be presented with FAST’s Senator of the Year Award. This recognition is not just for me, but for all those who worked tirelessly to make our roads and waterways safer. It serves as a reminder of the critical importance of public safety, and of the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day to protect ours. Their service is what allows families across Florida to feel safe in their homes, on our roads, and in our communities, and I will always work to ensure they have the tools and support they deserve.

At the state level, preparations are already underway for the next Legislative Session. Committee weeks will begin the week of October 6 and continue through the fall, giving us time to review bills, hold hearings, and carefully vet proposals before the Legislative Session officially begins. These weeks are essential to ensure that legislation is thoughtful, effective, and ready for full consideration.

I will be focused on bills that continue to prioritize public safety, support our veterans and first responders, and strengthen Florida’s aerospace industry. In particular, I remain committed to advancing policies that encourage innovation, attract high-wage jobs, and ensure that the Space Coast continues to serve as the launch pad for America’s future in space.

I also feel that an important thing to discuss is the senseless act of violence that took Charlie Kirk’s life. It is a heartbreaking reminder of how fragile life can be. Charlie was someone who devoted himself to the future of our country and believed deeply in the difference we can all make when we work together. To have his voice silenced by such evil is unacceptable. In moments like these, we must pause to reflect on the values that bind us as a people, respect, compassion, and a shared responsibility to care for one another. Each of us only gets one chance at this life and it is my hope that we use that time wisely to seek peace, to show kindness, and to strive for unity in our communities. By doing so, we honor Charlie’s legacy and strengthen the bonds that make our nation strong.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 386-304-7630 or by email at wright.tom@flsenate.gov. Until next time – stay safe, stay engaged, and stay informed.



THE BREC CORNER

By Chairman Rick Lacey

The message from our BREC August 25 meeting was “Get Ready for the Mid Term Elections!” I reminded committee members that past history shows it is always a challenge for the party in the White House to succeed in midterm contests. The answer is to get ready now.

Vice Chair Dave Fosdick stated that BREC committees will be organizing more fundraising events to replenish our resources from last year’s Republican victories. Also, **Sharon Rose** will

be scheduling more voter registration drives to increase our registration edge. In addition, **Richard Nink** talked about poll watcher recruitment and training, and **Secretary Wayne Twiddy** reminded everyone of the rules regarding membership and excused absence requirements.

Cindy Roberts outlined the work that our vetting committee has been doing in researching and evaluating candidates in this year’s elections.

Brevard School Board member **Matt Susin** updated members on the Board’s successful efforts in achieving A status in our schools and invited members to attend School Board meetings.

I provided a report from the last RPOF quarterly meeting, and announced that the RPOF Executive Board voted to endorse **Senator Ashley Moody** for re-election in 2026.

BREC Committeeman and Committeewoman awards were presented to **Paul Saia** and **Erika Orriss** for their amazing volunteer commitment over the years.



Fosdick concluded the meeting by swearing in 8 new members of BREC.



By BFRW President
Xiaoqi Wang

Our Brevard Federated Republican Women September 3 luncheon meeting included a panel discussion on Women in Local Government. The panelists were: **West Melbourne City Councilwoman Dr. Diana Adams**, **Cape Canaveral City Councilwoman Kay Jackson** and **Titusville City Councilwoman Dr. Sarah Stoeckel**. **Melbourne City Councilman Mark LaRusso** was the moderator.

The panel addressed some of the most pressing issues facing our citizens, including infrastructure, the economy, bringing larger rockets to Kennedy Space Center, and the parameters of local

laws. They encouraged residents to engage with local government – reminding us that each of them began their public service as concerned citizens just like us, asking questions and attending council meetings.

As our cities continue to grow, we need smart governance, active citizen involvement, and servant leaders to guide the way. Moderator LaRusso, concluded with these wise words: “We recognize that we, as city leaders, work for the betterment of our communities – all of our communities. Always remembering that we all live in Brevard County, not just in our respective city. I respect each of the council members that are here this afternoon and will always work towards a cooperative and collaborative result to all our challenges.”

Cocoa Beach Mayor Keith Capizzi was scheduled to join BFRW for an Evening with the Mayor on September 24 at 6:00 pm, at Brano’s Italian Grill, 3680 North Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931. There is no charge for attendance, and food and drinks will be available for purchase.

BFRW has launched a Phone Banking Campaign to support Republican candidates in the upcoming 2026 midterm election cycle. Currently we work on increasing voter turnout and growing Republican voter registration. Just two hours a month of phone calls can have a powerful impact. Training is open to all Republicans in Brevard. You can join us for our weekly phone banking sessions, or schedule a time that’s convenient for you, and we’ll meet you personally to help you get set up on the Phone Call App.

Together, we can energize voters and help win in 2026! You can reach us by email at: bfrw.usa@gmail.com or by phone at (623) 451-2623, or you can register on our website.

Next month, on October 1, we are honored to welcome **Senator Debbie Mayfield** as our guest speaker. She will provide us with an overview of the 2025 legislative session and share key updates that impact our community.

We also will offer a brief training on Voter Registration and Vote-by-Mail Outreach. Remember: election success begins with voter registration. Florida law regarding Vote-by-Mail has changed. Please check your Vote-by-Mail status if you plan to vote by mail in upcoming elections.



From left to right, Jackie McLaughlin (BFRW treasurer, September Luncheon MC), Xiaqi Wang (BFRW President), Kay Jackson (Cape Canaveral City Councilwoman), Dr. Diana Adams (West Melbourne City Councilwoman), Dr. Sarah Stoeckel (Titusville)

To attend our informative and empowering monthly luncheon, please make reservation on our website:

www.brevardfederatedrepublicanwomen.org

or call 321-727-1212.



SPACE COAST REPUBLICAN CLUB By Secretary Paul Gunnels



The Space Coast Republicans Club met on August 23 for an engaging session filled with policy updates, community resources, and announcements about upcoming events. Key highlights included:

-- Scheduled Events: A meet-and-greet for **Timi Tucker** at Boniface Hiers, the Republican Liberty Caucus’s Constitution Day dinner featuring **Congressman Byron Donalds**, a Ronald Reagan Club program with **Congressman Mike Haridopolos**, and a community gathering at Island High School.

-- Congressional Updates: Staff from the congressman’s office emphasized the President’s ID law, immigration enforcement, tax reform efforts, and the importance of maintaining U.S. space dominance, supported by a \$10 billion allocation to NASA. They also outlined the congressman’s work on the Financial Services Committee and the Space and Science Subcommittee.

-- Constituent Services: Success stories were shared of resolving IRS disputes and helping veterans access needed care. Additional discussions addressed military academy nominations, retirement benefits delays, and home title fraud. Members were encouraged to use resources like AARP fraud alerts and county recording notifications for protection.

The meeting concluded with a lively Q&A and plans for the next gathering.

Stay Involved! Mark your calendars for the upcoming events, and don’t hesitate to reach out to the congressman’s office for assistance with federal issues.



PUMPING UP WITH PATRIOTS

By Chairman Michael Wilson
Space Coast Patriots Club



Brevard District 1 County Commissioner Katie Delaney, who addressed the Space Coast Patriots September 8 meeting, is bold! Why? She was unafraid to make a presentation on the proposed upcoming county budget and then take all questions regarding the matter.

As one might expect, the Sheriff’s Department and Firefighters/Emergency Responders budgets take a huge chunk of the money. And, we had asked why the Firefighter’s budget had reached a crisis point before any action was taken by the Commission. Delaney explained the Firefighters had a pay freeze in 2008, subsequent contracts did not make up the difference, and consequently they were leaving for better pay. After proposing that all firefighters pay be raised to a midpoint compared to other county departments, it was decided that this would solve the retention problem and make sure public safety will not be in jeopardy.

Delaney said the Commission's proposal would be a 37% increase for property owners on the line item for Fire Assessment and be approximately \$130.00 per property. She also said that impact fees should be raised for developers to help pay for growth because they haven't been raised for 30 years. Additionally, she said a study is being done and will be completed in about 5 months to use as a guide for where our impact fees should be.

Asked if we should cut road resurfacing and road reconstruction, Delaney said, "cutting these maintenance items is a horrible idea." She proposed a gas tax at the last commission meeting to help bring in more revenue to restore the miles we had to reduce. This would be a way for tourists to participate in paying for our infrastructure. That was not moved forward as there were only two Commissioners in favor for the immediate relief and two who wanted to wait until 2027 so the voters could decide.

One of the Patriots asked what we could be doing better as a "DOGE" type action, and she said the County could do a better job of soliciting vendors to get competitive bids. Procurement could see improvement if that were the case.

Delaney was also asked about Merritt Island incorporating, to which she said, "I will never support Merritt Island incorporating as long as the people are against it."

Lastly, she was asked if it does any good to attend County Commission meetings, and said, "If you present well stated arguments, it does do some good."

We thank her for attending our meeting and being open to talk to constituents either in person or through her Substack at commissionerkatiedelaney.substack.com.



REMEMBER WHEN
By President Mike Hoagland
Heritage Isle Republican Club

Events this month should have us all reflect on the kind of political discourse occurring in our country today. The assassination of Charlie Kirk is the result of evil at work in

our society. Make no mistake, there exists evil in our country. Just observe all the hate being spewed by the likes of the Democrat party leadership both in the House of Representatives and the Senate. The media has contributed to this evil with their airing of all the hate speech from Congress members Crockett, AOC, and Omar.

Democrats say they want social, economic, environmental and democratic justice. They are long on words but short on substance. They have no specifics for any policy and are purely a secular group. Power is their goal. They believe big government is what the country requires for success. Did you ever try to have an intelligent debate with a Democrat? Whew!! When they achieve power, they manage as they go because they have no plan. No mention of faith or God is ever included in their discussions. Hate speech is their vocabulary.

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Can anyone remember when we had a country so divided? Every day we witness savage vitriol exhibited by Trump haters and others. Normal Americans have to wonder why this has occurred. I have my own theories.

The public for decades has listened to Donald Trump offer his solutions on both domestic and global issues. None of the individuals in political office or positions of power gave much attention to the Trump philosophy or agenda. He was no threat to anyone in power either domestic or global. He was simply a very popular personality. All wanted his attention, including politicians who wanted his endorsement and financial contribution. Bill Clinton, Mitt Romney and John McCain are just a few who received his financial support.

What happened? Donald Trump announced his run for the presidency of the United States. All hell broke loose. The Marxists viewed his agenda as a direct threat to their acquired power which took decades to attain. Trump's agenda would devastate the Marxist liberal agenda and of course, the Democrats were on board with any action necessary to stop Trump. The "deep state" was a participant in the effort to undermine Trump, which he identified as a threat to our country's success. So, "draining the swamp" became his mantra, along with his slogan "Make America Great Again" (MAGA). We have all learned what actions were taken by our government, including the White House, FBI, CIA, DNI, DOJ and others to undermine the Trump administration. The only beneficiary to Trump's agenda is regular patriotic Americans and of course, the country itself.

Those of us who are aware of actions by the opposition are witness to their desperate actions. It's palpable. Their actions have no limitation. Hopefully, the U.S. Supreme Court will do the right thing and end this judicial overreach.

Donald Trump has over three years remaining in his current term of office. Let's pray the divine intervention prevails, the swamp gets drained, the world becomes peaceful, and Americans become more united as a result of domestic success.

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The reign of a dictator ends with his death. The reign of a martyr begins with his death. Charlie Kirk gave his life as a result of espousing his beliefs. Anyone who followed the life and career of Charlie Kirk knows that he became the most politically influential media personality with this generation.

Turning Point USA was a company he started over 10 years ago. His message was freedom, love of country and love of God. He was faithful, generous and respectful. He was, also, dangerous to the radical left progressives. He engaged students on college campuses in debate. His early years were difficult because he was always going into hostile territory. Those of us who watched saw that as the years went by, he was winning over the youth, and his events became popular. He loved Trump and I believe he contributed significantly to the 2024 election win.

In my life, there have been two major political influences: Rush Limbaugh and Charlie Kirk. I think Rush effected the 2016

presidential race. Rush died of cancer. Charlie effected the 2024 election, and he died from an assassin's bullet. When I saw the news, I was extremely angry. I wanted to lash out. I observed the actions of many on the left and their disgusting comments. I observed how the Democrats on the floor of the House of Representatives acted when it was requested that the House say a prayer for Charlie Kirk. Their disgusting behavior was observed by millions of Americans. We could witness the joy expressed for this assassination by various radical leftists on social media. We even had MSNBC blaming Charlie Kirk for his death because of his supposed negative rhetoric. Charlie never spoke negatively. Senator Elizabeth Warren blames Trump. Democrats make me want to vomit. Can any individual really be proud to identify as a Democrat?

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Thomas Jefferson warned that an unchecked judiciary would lead to a despotic branch of government. He saw what could occur when there is no way to curtail the actions of activist judges and further concluded that an unchecked judiciary was a threat to our republic.

How prophetic. Were he alive today, Jefferson would be sickened by what we witness occurring almost every day. He must be rolling over in his grave. Of course, he did not have the benefit of observing over time the Marxist Liberal Democrat leadership as they appointed ideological liberal activists as judges.

Jefferson did understand human nature and recognized the potential for judicial abuse. He also saw how these judges could threaten our republic by imposing their Marxist liberal judicial court decisions. There simply is no check on their authority other than the Supreme Court. Where would we be today if the Supreme Court had a majority of Democrat appointees? What we are witnessing is simply one of the most important reasons to never elect Democrats to office.

Meanwhile, we have to put up with these activist judges who act to stop every executive action taken by Donald Trump. The Trump haters file objections with the judges they know as supporters of their ideology, which we know as Marxist liberal. Recently, a judge stopped DHS from sending children back to their families in Guatemala. These children were trafficked and were on the plane ready to take off when a judge intervened and mandated they be held until their cases were heard by an immigration court. We also had a judge rule that Trump's tariff policy is unconstitutional. Before an income tax, our country was funded by tariffs. We have always charged tariffs. That is an executive function. Where do Democrats find these imbeciles? A judge even ruled that Trump cannot have the National Guard assist in stopping crime.

There are hundreds of judges who conduct themselves honorably. It only takes a handful of them to jeopardize our republic. Virtually, all the activists are appointed by Democrat administrations, and some are not even born in America or received their law degree in the United States.

THIS AND THAT

FORMER FBI DIRECTOR JAMES COMEY. Just as the newsletter was going to press, a federal grand jury indicted former FBI Director James Comey on charges of obstruction of justice, making a false statement, and lying to Congress regarding 2020 testimony concerning the fraudulent "Russiagate" conspiracy theory that tried to keep President Trump from either being elected or being destroyed during his first term. If convicted, Comey – whom Trump did fire during his first term in office – could face a five-year prison sentence. The President had called for his prosecution. In the words of "Red State" writer Becca Lower one day earlier, "Comey, whom I often refer to as 'St. Jim' because of his holier-than-thou, sanctimonious manner, is reportedly about to find out that the Department of Justice doesn't find him so angelic after all."



STATE POLICY NETWORK. At the 33rd annual meeting of the State Policy Network, August 25-28, in New Orleans, representatives from more than 600 SPN organizations celebrated state-level victories that have fueled the movement to help ensure that every American can live the freest and most prosperous life possible. Outgoing **President and CEO Tracie Sharp** introduced her successor to the organization – **Chris Dauer**, who spent two decades in the private sector and 14 years at the Hoover Institution prior to joining SPN. His move is from where policy ideas are cultivated to where they can actually bloom. Dauer said that renowned scholar **Thomas Sowell** once told him that "Policy ideas are worthless unless someone moves them from theory to practice." Dauer added, "This Network is in the business of putting great ideas into practice. Everyone in this room is making Thomas' vision a reality, but we aren't doing it alone. We stand on the shoulders of giants like Tom and Shirley Roe, Ed Feulner, Bob Williams, and so many others who have come before us to make a freer and more prosperous nation through state policy. I can't wait to work with all of you to turn good ideas into good outcomes for the betterment of all people." The **Thomas A. Roe Award**, named in honor of SPN's founder, was presented to **Jonathan Small**, president and CEO of the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs. Under his leadership, OCPA has become the most trusted policy voice in the state, influencing everything from judicial accountability to universal education freedom. Three speakers on the program – **Jim Stergios**, President of Pioneer Institute; **Will Swaim**, President of California Policy Center; and **Daniel Ersperger**, CEO of Pelican Institute for Public Policy – discussed how the Durable Freedom Infrastructure has benefited their organizations to secure wins and defend liberty at the state level. FDI is built on the premise that enacting and maintaining conservative and free-market policies requires a robust, self-sustaining network that goes beyond traditional think tank activities. The strategy focuses on building six key capacities within states: Think Tanks, Political Capacity, Litigation Centers, Media and Investigative Journalism, Voter Insights and Leadership

Initiatives. Another speaker, **Harvard Professor Arthur Brooks**, said to the attendees, “You’ve come here to celebrate what you do and get to know your peers. You truly are serving your nation and truly are serving your communities. That’s why SPN is so critically important. Your individual organizations are in the center of what we desperately need in this country.”



REMEMBERING JOHN WEILER.

Ten days after he passed away at age 81, more than 100 of John Weiler’s friends gathered in Merritt Island, Florida, on September 13, for a celebration of his life, reminiscing about how he supported and inspired many people, and worked tirelessly on behalf of conservative

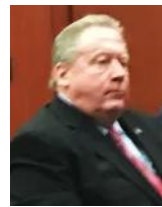
Republican causes. Originally from Louisiana, his funeral service was held in New Orleans on September 20. Weiler was an Eagle Scout in his younger days and graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in Nuclear Engineering. His career of accomplishments included work on the NASA space shuttle program, providing Egypt with communication infrastructure, and development of military equipment responsible for saving lives. Professionally, he was a member of the American Society for Nondestructive Testing, the Health Physics Society, the American Society of Mechanical Engineering, and the American Welding Society. But it was in politics where he was involved in liberty-minded issues – serving years as the District 2 chair of the Brevard Republican Executive Committee, as well as an at-large member of the Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard Board of Directors. It was in support of the RLC that Weiler organized Brevard County headquarters for Donald Trump’s presidential campaigns in both 2020 and 2024. It was joyful When he spoke with at BREC and RLC meetings, he is greatly missed, not only by his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Rocket, but by all of us.

U.S. SUPREME COURT. After U.S. District Judge Maame Ewusi-Mensah Frimpong, a Biden appointee, imposed limits on ICE stopping people in the Los Angeles area, saying that immigration authorities could not rely on race, use of Spanish, type of work or physical presence, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 6-3 on September 8 that the order was a “straitjacket” on enforcement efforts in an epicenter of the president’s immigration crackdown.

U.S. SENATE CONFIRMATIONS. The U.S. Senate, under new rules this month, confirmed a backlog of more than 50 of President Trump’s nominees to executive branch positions that the Democrats had delayed. A rules change allowed Republicans to move multiple nominees with a simple majority vote. While most of the nominees were for lower positions in government, the list did include former **Congressman Michael Waltz** as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, **Callista Gingrich** as Ambassador to Switzerland, and **Kimberly Guilfoyle** as Ambassador to Greece.... On September 15, the Senate voted 48-47 to confirm **Stephen Miran**, the chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, to the Federal Reserve Board of Governors, giving him a vote on interest rate decisions, banking regulations, and major enforcement actions.

IMMIGRATION ISSUES. After the Immigration Reform Law Institute issued a report uncovering how rogue “progressive prosecutors” in sanctuary jurisdictions are creating a two-tiered justice system that favors illegal aliens over U.S. citizens and that this blatant discrimination violates the Fourteenth Amendment and undermines immigration enforcement priorities under President Trump’s second term, the Federation for American Immigration Reform (FAIR) launched a targeted letter campaign to 22 state attorneys general urging immediate investigations into local “immigration neutral” practices, with calls to enjoin them under state constitutions and statutes. Two such examples highlighted the leniency practices of the Philadelphia Office of Immigration Counsel involving more than 100 cases including rapes and assaults, and Arlington County, Virginia’s policies that fashion “resolutions to avoid deportation,” complementing local anti-ICE measures.

VACCINE SUSPENSIONS. Florida has become the first state to suspend all vaccine mandates, following a September 3 announcement from **Governor Ron DeSantis** and **Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo**, noting an end to vaccine requirements for K-12 students in the state’s public and private schools. Previously, parents were required to fill out religious or medical exemption forms if they wanted to abstain from vaccinating their children for illnesses such as measles, rubella, and polio. Florida, however, has decided that vaccines or individual vaccine exemptions are no longer a requirement to attend school. Ladapo said that every one of the vaccines “is wrong and drips with disdain and slavery,”



MITCH NEEDELMAN. Former Brevard County Clerk of Courts Mitch Needelman – who was the central figure in a political corruption case that dates back more than a decade – died on September 2, shortly before authorities were planning to try him again. In October 2017, he was found guilty of bribery, conspiracy to commit bribery, bid tampering and official misconduct – and faced up to a 40-year prison term – but the judge vacated the conviction and ordered a new trial based on juror misconduct. Before a new trial could be held, Judge Melissa Souto found Needelman suffered from a medical condition that affected his short-term memory and therefore was not competent to participate in any legal proceedings that required his active intellectual participation. Recently he was found to again be competent and was to be retried, but he had sought a continuance in his case, “due to hospitalization with an uncertain prognosis.” After his passing, State Attorney William Scheiner said: “Loss of life is always sad. Despite his medical conditions, Mr. Needelman knew right from wrong, which is why we continued to prosecute him on corruption charges, despite years of setbacks and delays. I’m disappointed we will not be able to secure justice and restitution from Mr. Needelman to the Brevard County Clerk of Courts office, like we were able to do with his charged co-defendants.”

MIGRANT RAPES IN EUROPE. Europe is in the midst of an immigration crisis. Fueled by self-loathing and fear of being

called a baddie, most European countries have opened themselves to unlimited illegal and unmonitored immigration from countries with which they have nothing in common by people contemptuous of the (sorta) Christian West and its people. Their only attachment to the countries that accept them is the money doled out that gives them a life of safety and ease they could never have had at home. Outside the bright light that is Poland, most of Europe has surrendered to what is, in essence, an invading army hellbent on rape and pillage. The influx of migrants is amplified by a cratering childbearing rate that threatens to make some nationalities an ethnic minority in their home country in the next 30 years. Of all of Europe, Britain stands out as a country that has adopted a policy of appeasing immigrants and bashing any natives with the gall to speak up for themselves. The UK is experiencing record numbers of migrant rapes, and the police barely help. Teenage girls have resorted to defending themselves from being assaulted, and what did the police do? They arrested the girls trying not to be raped.



Author, speaker, and political activist **Cathi Chamberlain** told the Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard members meeting in Melbourne on September 23 that she has just written a sequel to her earlier “Rules For Deplorables” book – called “Rules For RINOs” – because our Republican

enemies are even worse than the Democrat ones she wrote about earlier. The “Deplorable” book, which was written in 2019, is a primer for fighting radical socialism, and a response to the infamous Saul Alinsky’s “Rules For Radicals.” The new “RINOs” one, she said, covers tactics to fight Republicans in Name Only, which is a term used to describe a member of the Republican Party who is perceived as not adhering to core conservative principles or who supports policies typically associated with the Democrat Party. RINOs also use Alinsky tactics, she said. Chamberlain explained that she was not interested in politics or the Republican Party earlier, but it was President Trump who “got me to vote GOP” and realize that we were in a war between good and evil. That war continues, she said, because some members of the Republican establishment are also against Trump, and they infiltrate us and get away with it. Chamberlain said that when she was ready to write her sequel to the Deplorables book, she thanks “Hillary Clinton for the title” because of her past comments. For more information, visit the website: www.rulesfordeplorablebook.com.

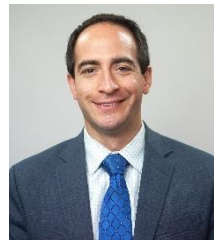


Addressing the Heritage Isle Republican Club on September 4, **Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey** told the members that even though population is increasing in the county, and the crime rate is reducing – down 52 percent this year – one of the major crime areas we do have is fraud, with different kinds of scams. He offered various ways for members

to protect themselves. Mentioning phone call warnings of pending arrest and asking for a credit card to pay a “fine,” he stressed “do not respond.” If you do not know who is calling, he said, “don’t even answer the phone.” For protection at home, Ivey suggested members keep their car keys next to their bed at night in case there is a need for quick getaway, place door stops under doors to deter break-ins, and for protective weaponry at home, the best choice to have is a shotgun. He expressed frustration with judges, because “they often let those we arrest out of jail.” Noting that ultra-rich, leftist political activist George Soros often pays judges and state attorneys to do his bidding, Ivey said, “So watch who you vote for.” He said he understands firsthand that “it takes a community to protect a community and by partnering with our citizens we have not only significantly lowered our crime rate, but also had fewer victims of crime now, more than any time in the past 45 years.” Serving as Sheriff of Brevard County since 2013, Ivey said, has been the greatest accomplishment and honor of his law enforcement career. He said he asks every person on his team to do just four things: come to work and have fun, put bad people in jail because that’s what we get paid to do, do it more professionally than anyone else, and go home safe at the end of each shift. Ivey was accompanied on his Heritage Isle visit with his new partner and constant companion – Saint, a two-year-old bloodhound named for St. Francis, the patron saint of animals. He replaced the late bloodhound Junny and is trained to search for missing children. For more information, visit the new website: www.brevardsheriff.com.



Will Estrada, the senior counsel for the Home School Legal Defense Association, made a return visit to the Leadership Institute’s Wednesday Wake Up Breakfast meeting on September 3, updating the attendees on improvements to the organization since his visit one year ago. Estrada – a home school graduate himself, as well as is his wife – also home schools their two sons. Previously serving as president of ParentalRights.org and the Parental Rights Foundation, he now works at HSLDA to make homeschooling possible for thousands of families by advocating in state legislatures for homeschool freedom, ensuring that homeschool graduates are treated equally, and that laws protecting the rights of homeschool families are followed by government officials. There are now millions of home schoolers in the United States, Estrada said, which is another example of parental rights in the field of education, and there have been numerous examples of U.S. Supreme Court cases upholding home schooling. Visit the website www.hsllda.org for more information.... In mid-September, the Leadership Institute’s School in Boston trained dozens of conservative students. **LI President Morton Blackwell** reported that two of them even signed up to attend in



honor of Charlie Kirk, determined in the wake of his tragic death to join the next generation of conservative leaders.



AUDACITY AND IDIOCY

Here are this month's "winners":



--DC Comics writer Gretchen Felker-Martin, who just started issuing a series of Red Hood comics, for disgustingly mocking the Charlie Kirk tragedy by posting "Hope the bullet's okay," which sparked widespread outrage over her hateful rhetoric. DC Comics swiftly announced that "posts or public comments that can be viewed as promoting hostility or violence are inconsistent with DC's standards of conduct," and canceled Felker-Martin's series.

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--Virginia Senator Tim Kaine, for outrageously contesting the statement during a Senate hearing that our rights come from God and believing instead that they come from "our laws or our government." Ironically, he represents the state where Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

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--86-year-old Federal District Judge Alan Johnson, for ruling against a group of former University of Wyoming Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority sisters, who challenged the organization's admission of a biological male – transgender student Artemis Langford – into the sisterhood, as a violation of the organization's own bylaws. They pointed to President Donald Trump's executive order defining women as "adult...human females" – a definition so basic it shouldn't need explaining. But the judge actually wrote in his ruling: "We are not entirely sure what this definition means, not having a degree in biology."

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--Liberal Utah District Court Judge Dianna Gibson, for handing down a 76-page ruling to force the state's Republican legislature to redraw its congressional maps in time for the mid-term elections, saying it "unlawfully gerrymandered" districts in its favor. The case started because the Utah Republicans had the "audacity" to actually use their legislative power just like Democrats, who have been doing this for decades.

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--Washington, D.C. Democrats, who are lividly angry with one

of their own. It seems that Muriel Bowser, the city's Democrat Mayor, actually stated out loud that President Trump's public safety efforts in the nation's capital, actually are reducing crime.

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--Zohran Mamdani's Democratic Socialists of America organization, for announcing it will expel any member who opposes boycotting Israel.

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--So-called political strategist Matthew Dowd, for disgustingly speculating on the leftist TV network MSNBC following the tragic murder in Utah of Turning Point USA founder Charlie Kirk, that "We don't know if this was a supporter shooting their gun off in celebration. But following up with what was just said, he's been one of the most divisive, especially divisive younger figures, in this, who is constantly sort of pushing this sort of hate speech, or sort of aimed at certain groups." Dowd added, "And I always go back to hateful thoughts, lead to hateful words, which then lead to hateful actions, and I think that's the environment that we're in." Social media immediately heavily criticized the obnoxious comments, and he was rightfully fired by the network.

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--Radical leftist University of Toronto Professor Ruth Marshall for the study of religion and political science, for stating that the fatal shooting of Charlie Kirk in Utah "was not brutal enough." She even posted on X that "shooting is honestly too good for so many of you fascist c**ts." The university placed her on leave for her vile remarks, and she is not on campus.

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--Abdullah Hammoud, the current and first Muslim mayor of Dearborn, Michigan – who is the son of Lebanese immigrants and was born and raised in Dearborn – for telling resident Ted Barham, a Christian minister, that he is "not welcome here," and if he moved out of the city, he would "hold a parade." What Barham objected to was new street signs honoring Arab American News publisher Osama Siblani, who is known for statements sympathetic to terrorists.

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--The Ashland County Democrat Party in Ohio, for selling buttons from a county fair booth calling for violence against President Trump. Fair officials booted the party from the event for its offense.



YOU CAN'T MAKE THIS UP

--While acknowledging that the murder of Charlie Kirk was "horrific," former President Barack Obama managed to imply that the Trump administration was responsible for creating an atmosphere of "extremist views" that led to the assassination. The White House did not let Obama's comments go unanswered, and spokeswoman Abigail Jackson forcefully responded to the hypocrisy, saying "Barack Hussein Obama is the architect of modern political division in America," reminding Americans of Obama's infamous dismissal of

millions of patriots whom he called “bitter” people who “cling to guns or religion.”

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--In defiance of President Trump’s proclamation for all American flags to be flown at half-staff to honor murder victim Charlie Kirk, in Aurora, Illinois, Democrat Mayor John Laesch and Fire Chief David McCabe ordered them at full staff and said any manipulation to place them at half-staff would be viewed as “a violation of a direct order.”

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In Phoenix on September 14, 19-year-old Ryder Corral, wearing the same type of shirt as the alleged assassin during the attack on Charlie Kirk, trampled on a memorial to him outside the Turning Point USA headquarters. The memorial was organized by community members to honor Kirk’s legacy and memory. Trespassing on private property, Corral was detained by witnesses until the police arrived and arrested him. He is facing numerous charges, including disorderly conduct and criminal damage.

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--After Yvette Thurston, a Georgia day care worker, was arrested and charged with viciously beating a 1-year-old toddler at Little Blessings Child Care in Bainbridge, she was granted bond and released from custody by Chief Magistrate Ann Marie Rose-Emmons – prompting outrage from the community. Cory Weeks, a U.S. Marine and the father of the injured child, shared horrifying images on Facebook that showed his son’s eye nearly swollen shut, his face bloodied and bruised, and his mouth covered in deep red scratches. He said he was initially told his son was struck by another toddler, but he reviewed surveillance footage from the day care and was horrified to discover that Thurston had assaulted his son. The Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning issued an emergency closure of Little Blessings Child Care. Officials say the investigation remains ongoing, and additional charges or penalties could still be forthcoming.

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--Ruth Miller, an Amish woman in Holmes County, Ohio, is charged with aggravated murder, domestic violence, and child endangerment, after throwing her 4-year-old son into a lake, claiming she acted on divine instruction during a “test of faith.” The tragedy was deepened hours earlier when her husband drowned as well during a similar act. Miller’s other children witnessed the “tests,” and their futures remain uncertain pending custody and welfare reviews. The event renews debate over balancing religious liberty and child protection, with law enforcement and social services now deeply involved. For conservative Americans concerned about government overreach, the challenge lies in supporting individual liberty while ensuring basic protections for the innocent.

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--Raising questions about integrity at the highest levels of the U.S. military, retired decorated Navy Admiral Robert Burke has been sentenced to six years in prison following his conviction related to a bribery scheme. He had accepted future employment

with a vendor in exchange for awarding that company a government contract.

EXPERTS’ EXCERPTS



FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR STAN ESCUDERO, writing for the Volusia County Republican Party on Revival Time following the death of Charlie Kirk:

“The assassination of Charlie Kirk is a huge blot on our nation’s history but, sadly, it also offers an opportunity for reform. The airwaves, TV’s and cell phones are flooded with reports of Charlie’s success in bringing American youth back to Christianity and love of country. His death has multiplied this effect many times over. Faith in God and the acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Savior are not only fundamental to the salvation of our souls. Christianity, and much of Judaism are fundamental to the foundation and sustained success of our country. Charlie understood both of these things perfectly. He lived the life of an American missionary, spreading the Good News of God and nation among the American people, and with his martyrdom he became the American equivalent of a saint. His death spurred a colossal explosion of interest and support for faith and country. But this cultural tidal rush may or may not last. It has already sparked a strong anti-Charlie backlash from the Left, Islam and Democrat politicians who see the anti-American foundation of their party threatened by Charlie’s legacy. Let’s be honest. While the expansion of the Charlie Kirk avalanche is good for Christianity and the country, it is also good for the Republican Party. Virtually nothing in the United States these days is apolitical. The core values of the Republican Party are the same as those of Charlie’s movement. His influence with young Americans has already worked to the electoral benefit of President Trump and other Republican candidates. The scope and scale of the Democrat attacks on Charlie after his murder, especially those from the Socialist Democrat Left, are the clearest possible proof of their fear that Charlie’s power in death may exceed even that which he held in life. It is now for Republicans to work at all levels to make certain that the Charlie Kirk movement does not die. We conservative patriots should be asking ourselves what we can do to help advance and solidify Charlie’s movement, to ensure that the changes we see are lasting, and not simply a short-term foxhole conversion. I believe that it is time to revive and work with the Church Militant. When I say ‘militant’ I do not mean military. I mean a Christian church of all denominations which actively defends its faith and its fundamental role in this nation against all comers. We should welcome Jews, whose faith contributed so much to the basics of our own, who have contributed so much over the centuries to the success of the United States and whose home nation is our strongest ally in the Middle East. But we need to recognize and oppose the threat posed to our country and culture by the unholy alliance existing between the Marxist Left and radical Islam, both of which intend the destruction of America. President Trump is already taking the country in this direction. We can help at the local level. Turning Point, Charlie’s legacy movement, remains the point of the spear....We might put

together a group to approach them, possibly with funding support, and encourage them to send missionaries (dare I say community organizers?) to colleges, high schools and middle schools to lecture and found new Turning Point Chapters. We might form another group to meet with our pastors, possibly with Turning Point participation, and urge activism within the churches. We are in the midst of an opportunity for change which would benefit all Americans, even those who currently oppose it. Let us not waste the chance.”



“The Federalist” Editor-in-Chief Mollie Hemingway, writing on the Significance of the Russia Hoax Documents in Hillsdale College’s “Imprimis” publication:

“Within hours of her 2016 presidential campaign loss, a devastated Hillary Clinton attributed her defeat not to the American voters who rejected her, but to Russia, echoing a campaign theme she had been developing for months. ‘Hillary declined to take responsibility for her own loss’ and ‘kept pointing her finger’ at Russia, according to *Shattered*, a 2017 book about her campaign – ‘Her team coalesced around the idea that Russian hacking was the major unreported story of the campaign.’ The corporate media were also devastated, as they had spent the entire campaign mocking the idea that Trump and his anti-establishment positions on foreign policy, trade, and wokeness could appeal to voters. To the extent possible, they would help promote Clinton’s blame game. In early January 2017, the Clinton campaign’s ‘Steele dossier’ – a secretly funded collection of made-up stories and gossip alleging that Russia had dirt on Trump and that Trump was colluding with Russia against the United States – was published. Washington would be consumed by the Russia collusion hoax for the next two-and-a-half years. The investigations it spurred would bankrupt Trump associates, destroy lives, and hamstring Trump’s ability to govern. It led to draconian censorship campaigns against conservatives. It hurt Republicans in the 2018 midterm elections and the 2020 general election. But no evidence was found that a single American, much less Trump himself, conspired with Russia. Fast forward to today. Six months into Trump’s second term, CIA Director John Ratcliffe and Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard have declassified and released long-suppressed documents detailing how President Obama and his spy chiefs laundered the Steele dossier and other falsehoods in an attempt to destroy Trump’s first presidency. The response from Democrats, the media, and many establishment Republicans has been to say that these suppressed documents contain nothing new or significant. Not true. The Russia collusion hoax was anchored to two central claims: first, that Trump was a compromised agent of Russia, and second, that Russia interfered in the 2016 election to help Trump. The first claim was completely debunked after years of investigation. It is on the second and far more plausible claim – which was just as key to the hoax – that the newly released documents shed new light. And the revelations are shocking. The documents show that in early December 2016, the intelligence community planned to publish a top secret presidential daily brief holding that ‘Russian and criminal actors did not impact recent U.S. election results by conducting malicious cyber activities against election

infrastructure’.... Behind the scenes, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, CIA Director John Brennan, and FBI Director James Comey were working furiously to throw together the ICA Obama had ordered. Typically, such an assessment would take a minimum of several months and include a wide variety of perspectives. This ICA was prepared in two weeks using only five CIA staffers to draft it. Comey, Brennan, and Clapper overruled strenuous objections from senior intelligence officials who were aghast at the inclusion of unsubstantiated claims and unverified gossip. Some who complained had their promotions threatened. Others were told they were not privy to secret intelligence reviewed only by top leadership.... One document Ratcliffe released is a ‘tradecraft review’ of the January 2017 ICA. Conducted by career officials at the CIA, the review found that the dishonest leaks by the Obama administration in December 2016 created an ‘anchoring bias’ that polluted the entire document... The ICA claimed that “a Russian political expert possessed a plan that recommended engagement with [Trump’s] team because of the prospects for improved US-Russian relations.” This claim was viewed as “lacking authoritativeness” and the CIA decided not to publish the intelligence even internally when they received it in February 2016.... The ICA claimed that the ‘clear preference’ report was corroborated by liaison, diplomatic, and press reporting, when in fact none of that was true. The liaison reporting was from 2014 and ‘didn’t mention Trump at all’....The ICA also omitted intelligence that Putin was telling people he ‘did not care who won the election,’ that he had ‘outlined the weaknesses of both major candidates,’ and that Russia was ‘strategically placed to outmaneuver either [candidate]’....Career senior intelligence officials worried about the dossier’s author being funded by an anti-Trump entity, even though they didn’t yet know that the funding came from the Clinton campaign....In the wake of these recent document releases, the Department of Justice announced in July that it had formed a strike force – a means of allowing federal investigators across multiple agencies to pursue criminals engaged in conspiracies.... With the statute of limitations at five years for most of these potential crimes, the Department of Justice may have to show that the conspiracy against Trump is ongoing, a task made easier by the fact that some of Obama’s spy chiefs continue to defend their actions.... Back in January 2017, three days before he was briefed on the Steele dossier, Senate Democrat Leader Charles Schumer warned President-Elect Trump against criticizing the FBI and the CIA. ‘Let me tell you,’ he said, ‘you take on the intelligence community, they have six ways from Sunday at getting back at you. So, even for a practical, supposedly hard-nosed businessman, he’s being really dumb to do this.’ Thanks to Trump’s victory last November, it may be Obama’s spy chiefs who will regret taking on Trump.”



DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE TULSI GABBARD, posting online about the gruesome murder in Utah of Charlie Kirk, founder of Turning Point USA:

“Charlie Kirk was truly one of a kind – a loving, and courageous soul who lived what he preached. His

view that our political, social, and spiritual differences should be debated freely and respectfully was something he put into practice every day – a living embodiment of the vision our founders had for our country. The person who shot Charlie Kirk sought to silence him, using violence to take away his freedom of speech by ending his life and to terrorize those who think like Charlie into silence. This evil act is the very definition of terrorism: an unlawful use of violence and intimidation in the pursuit of political or ‘religious’ aims. Today, on the anniversary of 9/11, we recognize that whether it’s Islamists like al-Qaeda, or the fanatics who try to stop Charlie Kirk and others from speaking the truth by banning them from campuses and ultimately by assassination, the one thing they have in common is that they are so afraid that their arguments, views, and policies will not stand when challenged in free and open debate, that they resort to violence – not only to silence the people they want to shut up, but to terrorize everyone else into silence. Charlie Kirk stood up to such fanatics who hate freedom and want to silence any who dare to challenge the so-called ‘liberal’ establishment. This assassin killed him to prevent his voice from being heard, prevent him from inspiring others, as he did every day, and to terrorize and intimidate the American people into silence. I was sickened, but not surprised, when I saw the propaganda media like MSNBC react by encouraging and justifying this evil. Within minutes of the shooting, they said, Charlie ‘brought it upon himself.’ They said the very same thing about President Donald Trump after both assassination attempts on his life. And the Islamists who attacked us on 9/11 also make the same argument – i.e., that ‘the American people deserved the attack.’ What they’re really telling us is: shut up, be quiet, or face the consequences.... We cannot allow their darkness and evil to perpetuate. Charlie truly loved our country and dedicated his life to protecting our God-given rights. We must honor his life’s work, and the promise of America, by continuing to lift our own voices and defend our God-given freedoms enshrined in our Constitution. I’m devastated that Erika lost her husband, their children lost their father, and so many of us lost a dear friend. Our nation lost one of our greatest champions of freedom. I pray Charlie is now able to rest in the warm embrace of God’s love. He will be dearly missed.”



“**National Review**” Editor **Rich Lowry**, writing on Jimmy Kimmel’s mistake on “The Patriot Post”:

“Jimmy Kimmel probably didn’t affirmatively lie about the politics of Charlie Kirk’s killer – he just didn’t know what he didn’t know. In the monologue that got him suspended by ABC, the late-

night show host averred, ‘We hit some new lows over the weekend with the MAGA gang desperately trying to characterize this kid who murdered Charlie Kirk as anything other than one of them.’ This was so flagrantly wrong and woefully misinformed, it would have been a firing offense if Kimmel were a journalist. We can assume his defense would be that he’s trying to be Johnny Carson, not Edward R. Murrow, yet he long ago made himself into a quasi-political commentator. The deeper question is, Why did Kimmel have no idea what he was talking about, as someone who makes a very

good living following the news and trying to make jokes – or at least pointed comments – about it? Kimmel was presumably misled by the legacy media’s unwillingness to be forthright about Tyler Robinson’s motive and by the obfuscations of Democratic officeholders and progressive commentators. If he thought he was trusting the trusted sources, he made a grievous error. Because the Kirk assassination doesn’t fit the preferred narrative of a hateful right-winger committing an act of violence – rather, the complete opposite – there hasn’t been a national crisis-level wave of concern about the motive of the suspect and its potential sources.... Reporting on the Kimmel imbroglio, ‘The New York Times’ wrote, ‘Prosecutors said Mr. Robinson had written in private messages about Mr. Kirk’s hatred, but the authorities have not identified which of Mr. Kirk’s views the suspect found hateful’.... On CNN, Kaitlan Collins had a testy exchange with Ted Cruz during which she insisted: ‘We don’t have a motive yet. We don’t know yet, we’re waiting.’ This after the charging document was released that details how Robinson told both his parents and his gender-transitioning boyfriend that he killed Kirk because of the influential activist’s hate.... There is no need to be pettifogging about this. It’s a little like in the aftermath of the assassination of Martin Luther King leaving open the possibility that James Earl Ray might have killed the civil-rights leader for his views on the doctrine of substitutionary atonement.... An ABC reporter even characterized Robinson’s text messages to his boyfriend after the assassination as ‘very touching’ (before apologizing). It’s doubtful if in 1963 journalists had found a loving note from Lee Harvey Oswald to his wife Marina that they would have been similarly moved. What, when, where and why are supposed to be foundational questions in journalism. In this case, though, that last question is too awkward, so the coverage has lacked frankness. Jimmy Kimmel apparently made the mistake of thinking it was authoritative and complete.”

Political analyst **Dick Morris**, writing on his website that transsexuals are trained, incited and armed to kill”



“The political left has incited a goon squad of transsexuals, brainwashing them into believing that conservatives are their worst enemy, sidetracking them at every turn. They conjure a ‘fascist movement’ that wants to persecute them, discriminate against and marginalize them. To do battle against these imaginary foes, they label their opponents ‘fascist’ and enlist their fellow trans population even to the point of inciting them to murder conservative thinkers and teachers. But their grievances are largely illusory. There is no avalanche of discriminatory legislation and rules pending in legislatures or congress against them.... No terrorist group like the Klu Klux Klan lurks outside of school to attack them. That the trans community has been in the cross hairs of political partisan controversy is simply because their advocates support, in effect, kidnapping underage minors and, using public funds, to persuade them to undergo dangerous surgical and hormonal treatment to change who they are often without parental permission or even notification. That and their demands that trans athletes compete on equal terms with other students who

have not been surgically or hormonally altered. These requests are not of the genocidal nature the left likes to attack but apparently are draconian enough to incite violence and even murder. In targeting an audience of young people who are so unsettled that they want to change their gender, the left has hit upon the raw material for a goon squad, later day brown shirts, to keep the pot boiling and try to cow moderate and reasonable voices into submission. The left has walled off the trans community and taught it to hate and fear normal people. It has given them guns and sufficient training to shoot out a man's jugular at 200 yards with a single bullet. And that is the true story of the murder of Charlie Kirk."



American Liberty News writer Seijah Drake, on proposed legislation to hold judges accountable for violent repeat offenders:

"In the wake of the horrific murder of a 23-year-old Ukrainian refugee aboard a North Carolina light rail train, Florida Republican

State Representative Randy Fine announced he will introduce legislation to hold judges accountable when violent repeat offenders they release go on to commit new crimes. The initiative comes just days after Iryna Zarutskya was brutally stabbed to death in a random, unprovoked attack while riding the train in Charlotte on August 22. Her alleged killer, Decarlos Brown Jr., is a 34-year-old career criminal with a lengthy rap sheet and a well-documented history of instability. 'I'm going to introduce legislation to hold judges accountable when violent repeat offenders they release commit new crimes,' Fine wrote in a post on X. 'It's easy to release criminals when you're protected by an armed bailiff at all times. The rest of us aren't so lucky.' - Fine went further, adding that the 12+ judges who previously released Brown 'should have their day in court too.' Decarlos Brown Jr. had been arrested at least 14 times prior to Zarutskya's murder, including charges of felony larceny, robbery with a dangerous weapon, and communicating threats. One of those offenses resulted in a five-year prison sentence, but over time, Brown was repeatedly released back into society by various judges – despite showing clear signs of mental instability and a pattern of violent behavior.... Brown was arrested again after the light rail stabbing and has since been charged with first-degree murder. Fine's legislation would introduce consequences for judges who enable further violent crimes by releasing high-risk repeat offenders. While the exact legal mechanisms of the bill are not yet public, the sentiment has resonated with many Americans who feel abandoned by a justice system that increasingly prioritizes leniency over public safety.... President Donald Trump also weighed in on the tragedy, expressing horror at the senseless murder and anger at the system that allowed it to happen. 'I just give my love and hope to the family of the young woman who was stabbed in Charlotte by a madman – a lunatic,' Trump said.... The murder of Iryna Zarutskya has become a tragic symbol of what critics call a broken judicial system -- one that often shows more compassion to repeat offenders than to the innocent civilians who suffer from their crimes.... As the nation mourns the loss of yet another innocent life at the hands of a repeat offender, the debate over judicial accountability may

reach a new boiling point. Whether or not Fine's legislation passes, it has already reignited a critical conversation: When the system repeatedly fails to protect its citizens, who should be held responsible? For the family of Iryna Zarutskya, no policy can undo what's been done – but perhaps it can prevent the next tragedy.

American Security Council Foundation senior advisor Laurence F. Sanford, writing on Nigeria – Christian Genocide, in his "Sanford on Security" publication:



"In Nigeria, 125,000 Christians have been murdered since 2009 by 20 separate Islamic terrorist groups, including Boko Haram, Alliance for Jihad, and Fulani Jihadist herdsmen. Over 19,000 churches have been razed, 1,000 Christian communities sacked, and 600 Christian clerics abducted by Islamic terror groups. In 2014, during President Obama's administration, Boko Haram kidnapped 276 predominantly Christian school girls, aged 16 to 18, who were taken into the bush, raped, and subjected to forced marriage with their Muslim captors. Michelle Obama made the kidnapping into a public cause with the [hashtag #BringBackOurGirls](#). Some of the girls escaped captivity while others were rescued by the military and reunited with their families. Approximately 80 girls, now women, are still missing and assumed to be in captivity. President Obama framed the Muslim genocide in Marxist terms as an economic issue between cattle herdsman (oppressed) and farmers (oppressors) rather than a religious conflict between Muslims and Christians. Obama's Secretary of State John Kerry wrote to the Christian president of Nigeria, Goodluck Jonathan, that the US was deeply concerned that Nigerian security forces committed gross human rights violations in killing 30 Boko Haram terrorists. Boko Haram means 'Western education is sinful.' The group's leader, Abubakar Shekau, claimed responsibility for the mass abduction and threatened to sell the girls into slavery, which is permitted under Islam, as the girls were infidels. Since 2014, Amnesty International has documented at least 17 cases of mass abductions in which at least 1,700 children have been seized from their schools. The majority of murders are occurring in northern Nigeria, but persecution is also happening in Biafra, an oil-rich state in southeastern Nigeria. The majority of Biafrans are Christians and have unsuccessfully attempted to secede and form their own independent nation....Islamic terror groups are slaughtering and persecuting Christians and other infidels throughout Africa, the Middle East, and Pakistan. Yet the U.N., mass media, and progressive governments ignore the ongoing Christian genocide.... President Obama explained away Muslim atrocities in terms of Marxist economic grievances and blamed the Christian Nigerian president for being too aggressive against Boko Haram terrorists. Obama was also upset at President Jonathan for not supporting his two-state Palestinian solution in the U.N. As a result, Obama tilted the US government in the 2015 election in favor of Muslim and former Nigerian dictator Buhari, who would be amenable to the two-state solution. Obama made a video for Nigerian viewers that was empathetic towards Buhari and placed an arms embargo on Nigeria while Jonathan was the president. Buhari won the election. In 2020,

the Trump administration listed Nigeria as a country of particular concern on religious freedom. The Biden administration de-listed the ‘concern.’”

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“Twenty-four years ago, on this very day we made a promise to never forget, to never forget the innocent lives taken from us that day and to always honor the courage, bravery, and determination of the selfless first responders who sacrificed their lives to try and save others. Regardless of their age, race or religion, their lives were taken from them in a split second! Every opportunity that we should all have in life, stolen from them without a moments notice, by vile and disgusting terrorists with hate and evil in their hearts. On that day, they did their job as they ran toward danger to save others!! Because of that, we carry on the promise to do our jobs and to keep making sure that they are never forgotten and are always remembered as heroes and American patriots. While we keep that promise again on this and every other Patriot Day, our true job is to ensure that generations to come continue to remember and understand the true meaning of ‘We Shall Never Forget!’ God bless our fallen heroes!”

– **Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey**, on remembering 9/11
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“The U.S. State Department has revoked visas for foreign nationals who celebrated the assassination of beloved conservative icon Charlie Kirk. Deputy Secretary of State Chris Landau made the announcements on X that hateful people who abused their privilege to come here would be sent home. Landau wrote on X, ‘I have been disgusted to see some on social media praising, rationalizing, or making light of the event, and have directed our consular officials to undertake appropriate action. Please feel free to bring such comments by foreigners to my attention.’ One of those targeted was Brazilian neurosurgeon Ricardo Barbosa. An X user flagged Barbosa after he allegedly wrote and later deleted, ‘A shout-out to this comrade with impeccable aim. Cervical spine’...Landau wrote that the State Department ‘has revoked his visa so at least he will not be engaging in his grotesque diatribes on American soil. Of all the depraved online content I’ve seen, this one may be the most chilling. This is a NEUROSURGEON from Brazil.’ He added, ‘I have personally directed the head of Consular Affairs to revoke his U.S. visa if he has one and to place an alert on him to make sure he never receives one’.... Landau also revoked the visa of the British rap duo Bob Vylan after frontman Bobby Vylan celebrated Kirk’s assassination. He wrote that the State Department “has revoked his visa so at least he will not be engaging in his grotesque diatribes on American soil.”

--“**The Western Journal**” writer **Jonathan Jones**, on revoking visas

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“After the horrific Minnesota school shooting, MSNBC’s Jen Psaki used her primetime platform not to mourn but to sneer. She complained that hearing leaders offer ‘thoughts and prayers’ left her feeling ‘anger and exhaustion,’ as if prayer itself were an insult. Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey chimed in, too, brushing aside prayer as ‘not enough’ while lashing out at

those who voiced it. And MSNBC contributor Michael Steele went further, snapping, ‘The thoughts and prayers. I’m so beyond that nonsense. The lie of that.’ This is not just political spin. It is contempt. Psaki, Frey, and Steele were not targeting the killer or the culture of violence. They were mocking ordinary Americans who respond the same way generations always have through faith and prayer. The script is always the same. For the Left, every tragedy is an excuse to blame the gun and push gun control. But dismissing prayer reveals something deeper: disdain for faith itself and for millions of Americans who believe in it.”

--**MRC President David Bozell**, on leftist reaction to the school shooting

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“Those of us, Republicans and conservatives, who seek to restore and preserve America as it was always meant to be, need to resurrect and strengthen the religious fundamentals of our nation. It is these fundamentals which are the structural support on which we as a people rely to stand strong in hard times and resist the temptations of ease when times are soft. We need a religious renaissance; built upon the principles we derive from Christianity and Judaism. If we maintain control in the midterms, our country will be in position to mount a religious renaissance effort. We have in Donald Trump a President who understands the deep national need for the return of The Faith of Our Fathers. We have a Supreme Court better disposed toward the preservation of our national religious heart than ever before. And we may have a House and Senate which should be willing to pass legislation which recognizes and protects the centrality of our traditional religious base while enabling the safe practice of other faiths.”

--Former **U.S. Ambassador Stanley Escudero**, on advancing Christianity

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“When conservative activist Charlie Kirk was assassinated, something disturbing emerged from Florida’s classrooms. Multiple teachers took to social media to celebrate his death.... But Florida, and Governor Ron DeSantis, isn’t having any of this disgustingness. An educator’s personal views that are made public may undermine the trust of the students and families that they serve. Education Commissioner Anastasios Kamoutsas promised to investigate every educator who engaged in what he called ‘vile, sanctionable behavior.’ A teacher at Lakeland Institute for Learning was fired. Starkey Elementary in Pinellas County confirmed they were handling the matter. Clay County suspended an employee, while Lee County launched its own review.”

“**I Stand For Freedom**” writer **Noah Stanton**, on consequences for teachers’ poor behavior

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“A disabled Vietnam War veteran, Leonard Amicola, was ordered to take down a pro-Trump flag he had installed at his home in a suburb of New York City. He said he was fined by city leaders in Croton-on-Hudson because they said his ‘Trump is My President’ flag violated the town’s ‘content-neutral code.’ Amicola, who has lived in the town for 67 years, contends that

he has a constitutional right to fly whatever flag he wants to on his private property.... He wrote an op-ed explaining that he is 'the son of a man who fled a fascist dictatorship to come to America. My father refused to serve in Mussolini's army. His family was also opposed to Mussolini, and they hid him when government troops came by to round up draftees. My father came to the United States during World War II. Many of my family served family was also opposed to Mussolini, and they hid him when government troops came by to round up draftees. My father came to the United States in 1928...and was proud to serve in the US Army during World War II. Many of my family served as well. I graduated Croton High School in 1966 and joined the Army...and have been granted a disability pension and VA care due to Agent Orange...People ask me why I don't surrender and take down my flag. It is because of the values I learned growing up here in Croton. It is because I am my father's son.' It appears that the village of Croton-on-Hudson is dealing with an infestation of Trump Derangement Syndrome. What a terrible thing city leaders are doing by targeting an elderly military veteran simply because of his political beliefs. Shameful."

--**Podcaster Todd Starnes**, reacting to the story of a veteran and his flag

UPCOMING BREVARD COUNTY EVENTS

- October 1: Brevard Federated Republican Women meeting, Space Coast Convention Center, Cocoa, 11:30 am.
- October 2: Heritage Isle Republican Club meeting, Heritage Isle Clubhouse, 10 am.
- October 3: Federated Republican Women in Action meeting, Memaw's BBQ, Palm Bay, 5:30 pm.
- October 13: Space Coast Patriots meeting, Merritt Island library, 6 pm.
- October 16: Republican Women's Club of Brevard meeting, Suntree Country Club, 11 am.
- October 16: Florida Republican Assembly Brevard meeting, 705 Harrison Avenue, Titusville, 6:30 pm.
- October 21: North Brevard Republican Club meeting, American Police Hall of Fame, Titusville. 6 pm.
- October 23: Space Coast Young Republicans meeting, Whiskey Business in Melbourne, 6:30 pm.
- October 25: Space Coast Republican Club meeting, Red Lobster, Merritt Island, 11:30 am.
- October 27: Brevard Republican Executive Committee Meeting, Space Coast Association of Realtors, Melbourne, 7 pm.
- October 27: Ronald Reagan Club meeting, Oceanside Community Church, Satellite Beach, 6 pm.

--October 28: Republican Liberty Caucus of Brevard meeting, Italian American Club, Melbourne, 7 pm.

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COMICAL CLOSERS

Today, I swung my front door wide open and placed my Remington 30.06 on the deck rail. I left six cartridges beside it, then left it alone and went about my business.

While I was gone, the mailman delivered my mail, my neighbor across the street mowed his lawn, a girl walked her dog down the street, and quite a few cars stopped at the stop sign near the front of my house.

After about an hour, I checked on the gun. It was still sitting there, right where I had left it. It hadn't moved itself off the deck rail. It hadn't killed anyone, even with the numerous opportunities it had presented to do so. In fact, it hadn't even loaded itself. You can imagine my surprise, with all the hype by the Left and the Media about how dangerous guns are and how they kill people.

Either the Left and the Media are wrong, or I'm in possession of the laziest gun in the world.

Well, I'm off to check on my spoons. I hear they're making people fat.

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After the alleged comic Jimmy Kimmel lost his late night television show for vile comments toward Charlie Kirk – but before ABC suddenly decided to put him back on the air anyway – the satirical "Babylon Bee" wished him luck on all of his future endeavors and came up with a list of seven proposed jobs

for him to take in order to pay his bills. The seven recommended jobs were:

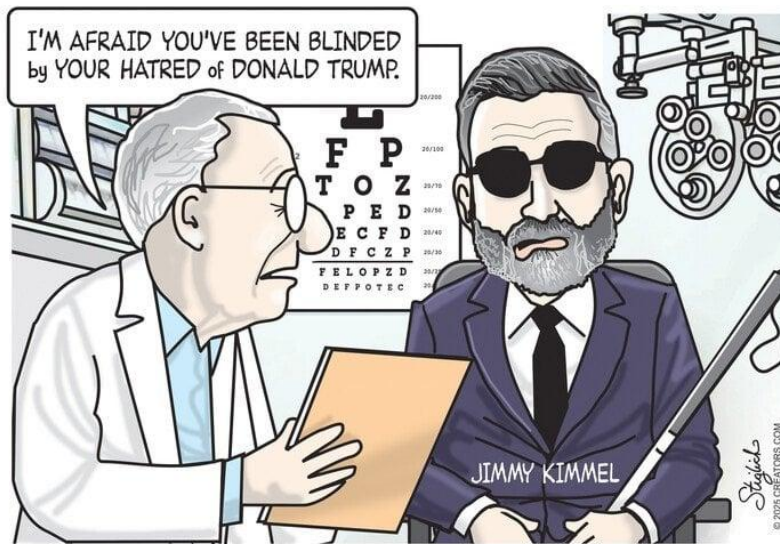
1. Be a professional crier at funerals.
2. Be the “before” model in “before and after” photographs.
3. Serve behind the Tinky Winky mask as the Purple Teletubby.
4. Be Keith Olbermann’s shift manager at Starbucks.
5. Be a holder for furniture store “Going Out of Business” signs.
6. Be a joke tester at the Bad Joke Factory.
7. Be a host for BET, since “once you go black, you don’t go back.”

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And, referring to the massive turnout for the Charlie Kirk memorial service, the “Babylon Bee” said that an enraged Satan declared he had “made a huge mistake” with so many souls slipping out of his grasp.

SEVERAL PAGES OF PERTINENT POLITICAL CARTOONS AND PHOTOS FOLLOW





**Don't think
gender
matters? Go
buy a rooster
for eggs and a
bull for milk.
You will soon
learn that God
knew what He
was doing.**



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