

Republic Conservatives Ormond Beach Area

NEWSLETTER

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Insanity Rules!

1. America seems to have an inordinate number of citizens who want ... no, DEMAND ... that we accept millions of what they call “immigrants” without exception. Mass murderers? Okay. Drug dealers? Let ‘em come in. Human traffickers? Sure. And we see this and more every single day.

But what are we supposed to do once these invaders arrive? democrats want American citizens’ tax dollars to feed, house, educate, clothe, and care for them despite any criminal history or international crimes.

Why? Compassion is defined as, “a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.” I believe, as most Americans do, that this means to help someone who might be in untenable circumstances. That hardly applies to anyone and everyone who breaks into the Country without going through our *legal* immigration system.

I recently read the State of the Union Address to Congress given by President Bill Clinton on January 24, 1995. (It’s 9,385 words so you’ll have to go online if you want to read the whole thing!)

“All Americans, not only in the states most heavily affected, but in every place in this country, are rightly disturbed by the large numbers of illegal aliens entering our country. The jobs they hold might otherwise be held by citizens or legal immigrants. The public service they use impose burdens on our taxpayers. That’s why our administration has moved aggressively to secure our borders more by hiring a record number of new border guards, by deporting twice as many criminal aliens as ever before, by cracking down on illegal hiring, by barring welfare benefits to illegal aliens.”

(As we are all aware, obama and especially biden, gutted most of what Clinton did on this issue. SG)

“We are a nation of immigrants. But we are also a nation of laws. It is wrong and ultimately self-defeating for a nation of immigrants to permit the kind of abuse of our immigration laws we have seen in recent years, and we must do more to stop it. (Applause.)”

Wow! You’d almost think Clinton was a Republican!

democrats think looting our Government for their pet projects is perfectly okay. However, tax dollars are better spent helping our Veterans when they are injured and/or disabled. America was founded on Judeo-Christian values and has never been a free-for-all ready for take over by another culture: islam. ---

2. FoxNews fired Maria Bartiromo recently. Part of the reasoning could be “The topic of the 2020 election was one on which Bartiromo had, for years, very much pushed the envelope. Her coverage was at the heart of the defamation claims made by Dominion Voting Systems, which the network settled for \$787.5 million in 2023. In December 2020, Bartiromo said on the air that an “intel source” informed her that “President Trump did in fact win the election.”

3. “Skid Row in downtown @LACity had always been bad but under @MayorOfLA @KarenBassLA it’s unbearably worse. While they cite honest homeowners for having a fence that’s an inch too high or a dumpster provided by an “unapproved hauler,” the very same government officials look the other way when a humanitarian crisis is occurring in plain sight, just steps from city hall. The ENTIRE LA City government - minus @TraciParkforLA - should go immediately. @RecallBassNow” ---RedState.com

4. “Rayden Coleman just got 0 jail time for plotting to blow up ICE agents after a sweetheart plea deal approved by Oregon judge Michael T. Clarke. The judge sentenced him to time served (ONLY 75 days) and three years’ probation. Justice” — LibsoftikTok.com

5. “Assistant AG Harmeet Dhillon claimed Tuesday the New York City Mayor Mamdani Released 400-Page Blueprint for Government-Enforced Racial Favoritism ‘appears to be another example of divisive, race-based policymaking that the U.S. Supreme Court has routinely held to be unlawful. Racist and illegal DEI [diversity, equity and inclusion] has no place in our society,’ she said in a statement. The Civil Rights Division is reviewing the plan and will bring enforcement actions if necessary.” — thewashingtonstandard.com

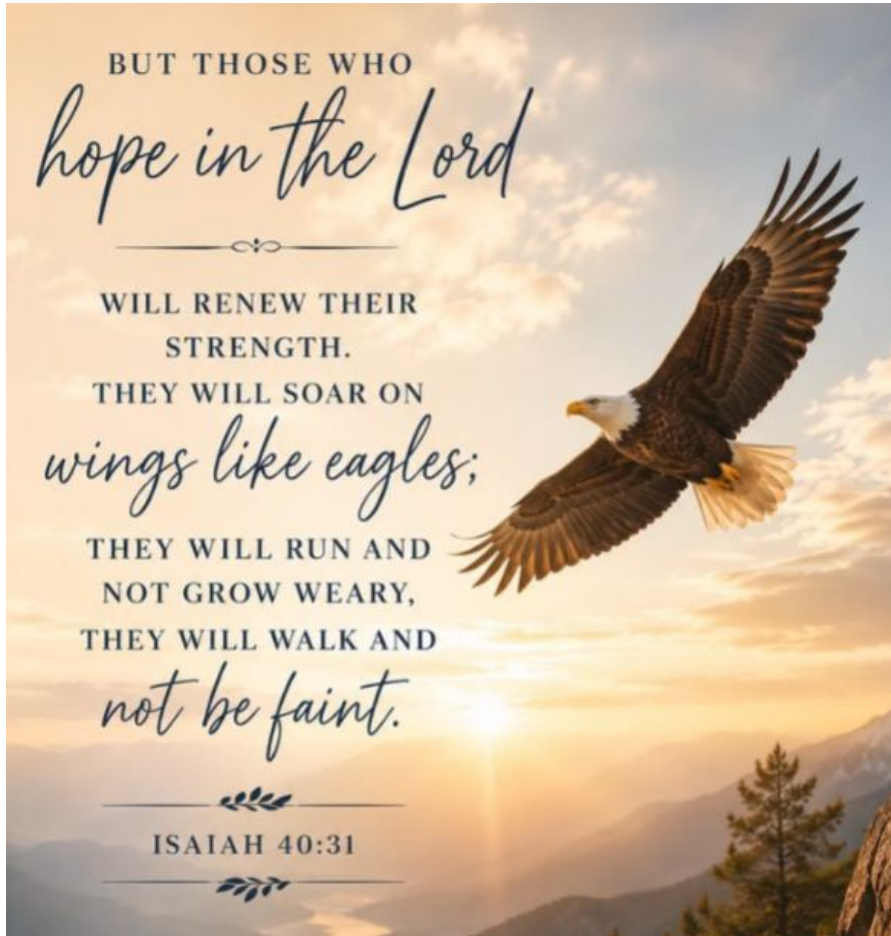
Any Republican who stays home and doesn’t vote for real sanity in the November elections is a traitor!

— Sally Gillies

President's Corner

Dear Patriots,

Our survival is spelled out in the BIBLE and a quote from John Adams, Statesman and America's Second President.



"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other"
JOHN ADAMS, Second President of the United States

"The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who maintain their neutrality in times of moral crisis" Inspired by Dante Alighieri

And so goes our City/State/Republic.

"A republic, madam, if you can keep it." BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

There is simply nothing more for me to add other than, please dear Lord, as you did in WWII, please wake up the sleeping Tiger. Amen

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Republic Conservatives Ormond Beach Area **Sept. 12, 2026 ~ Meeting**

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LISA LEWIS
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Lisa Lewis, Volusia County Supervisor of Elections, is a lifelong DeLand resident who has served Volusia County elections for 20 years, including 10 as Supervisor. She has a background in banking and office management, has held leadership roles in community and school organizations, and has focused on staff training, cybersecurity, transparent elections, and accessible voting.

Robin Lumb is a former Duval County GOP Chair and County Commissioner. When the RPOF began threatening independent organizations that were using the term "Republican" in their names, Robin filed suit in Circuit Court challenging that claim. Robin is one of the co-founders of the Florida League of Republican Voters®, a voter-led movement of conservatives dedicated to advancing an American First policy agenda and reclaiming the Republican Party in the name of the voters it was meant to represent.



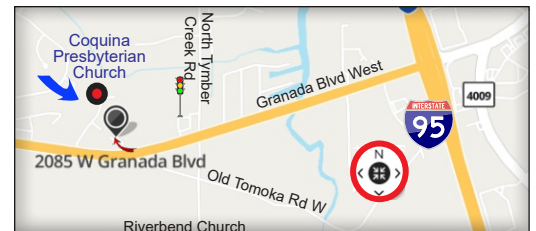
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The Bright Report

The Arrogance of Governance: Trading Our Future for Short-Sighted Gains



The residents of this community are being treated like children. We are spoken to in a tone of smug condescension, told to sit still and trust the “experts” while our future is auctioned off in the name of progress. Whether it is the looming shadow of massive data centers or the unsettling prospect of “toilet-to-tap” water systems, the pattern is the same: the city makes the decision, then spends its time managing our reaction rather than addressing our concerns.

The excuses they feed us are not just thin; they are transparent. We are told we have “plenty of water” because of our allocations from the St. Johns River Water Management District. This is a mathematical sleight-of-hand. That “great number” they brag about includes the projected buildouts for Avalon Park, Ormond Crossings, Tomoka Reserve, and a laundry list of other developments. We are talking about over 10,000 new homes. Any person with a basic understanding of demand knows that these allocations are already spoken for. The “plenty” the city talks about is already gone—which is exactly why they are so desperate to keep recycled sewage (toilet-to-tap) as a “tool in the toolbox.”

Then there is the data center delusion. We’ve been told that these behemoths would never be built here because we are too close to the coast and the risk of flooding is too high. Since when did the city become the voice of industry? A quick look at Palm Coast reveals the truth: the data centers are coming, and they are coming in force, with single owners occupying multiple sites.

The most offensive part isn’t just the misinformation—it’s the secrecy. The city can hide behind state statutes that allow municipalities to keep “economic development” projects secret for up to two years. Like Palm Coast they are playing a shell game, they kept building footprints just below the square footage threshold required to trigger a public community meeting. This isn’t efficient governance; it is a deliberate attempt to bypass the people. And for those who dare to question this, we get the classic dismissals: “Follow the science” or the implication that you aren’t “educated” enough to have a say in the

matter. We’ve seen where “following the science” led during the great social experiment of the last few years.

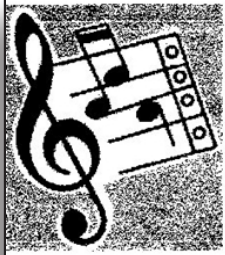
We’ve learned that “the science” is often whatever the people in power need it to be to justify their current agenda. Let’s be clear: questioning the destruction of our local environment or the viability of our water supply is not a lack of education. It is a sign of intelligence.

The city is betting that we are too tired, too distracted, or too intimidated to hold them accountable. They are trading our long-term stability for short-term economic metrics. But we are not children, and we are not blind. It is time to stop accepting the excuses and start demanding that our leaders stop treating our future like a secret project.

Why Ormond Beach needs Jennifer Bright!

“I am a dedicated finance professional with a diverse career spanning the retail, food, telecommunications, and banking industries. I specialized in transforming complex data into actionable business intelligence.

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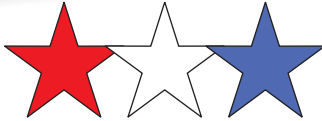
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When another car shop couldn't fix my problem after several visits, I took my 2003 Toyota Highlander to Theresa's and she found the answer! SG



State Board of Education approves new History of Communism standards



TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, the State Board of Education approved the new History of Communism standards, marking a significant step to strengthen the already high-quality social studies standards provided to students. The standards were developed by Florida educators and content experts and will be implemented beginning in the 2026-2027 school year. With the adoption of the History of Communism standards, Florida is leading the nation by equipping students with a truthful, in-depth understanding of how communist ideologies suppress individual freedoms, abuse power, and inflict widespread suffering.

"With the resurgence of communist ideologies across the United States and throughout the world, it is more important than ever for students to understand the catastrophic failures and human suffering caused by communist regimes," said Commissioner of Education Anastasios Kamoutsas. "Florida's new History of Communism standards will ensure that students learn the truth about the brutal realities of life under communism and gain a deeper appreciation for the blessings of liberty that define our nation."

"By adopting the History of Communism standards, we are equipping Florida's students with an honest and rigorous understanding of how communist regimes exploited authority to erode freedoms and inflict generational harm," said Dr. Grazie Pozo Christie, State Board of Education Member. "The new standards will help our youth become better informed citizens prepared to safeguard our constitutional republic for future generations."

Governor Ron DeSantis recognized the need for Floridians, especially students, to learn about the dangers of communism and honor the 100 million individuals who lost their lives

because of communist rule. In 2022, he signed House Bill 395 into law establishing Victims of Communism Day. The bill requires schools to provide at least 45 minutes of instruction on Victims of Communism Day, including teaching about communist regimes and how victims suffered under their rule through poverty, starvation, migration, systematic lethal violence and the suppression of speech and religion. In 2024, Governor DeSantis deepened this commitment by signing Senate Bill 1264 into law, expanding the Victims of Communism requirement to include comprehensive instructional of the full history and global impact of communism.

The post State Board of Education approves new History of Communism standards appeared first on Alachua Chronicle.

— Jennifer Cabrera

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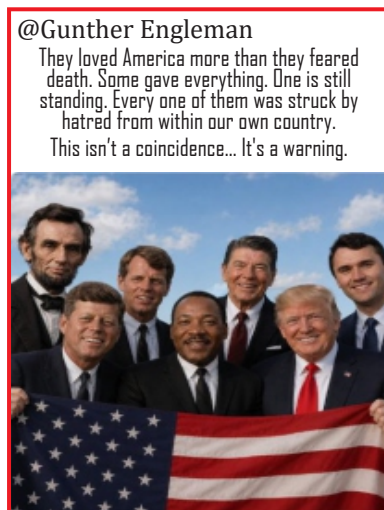
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Is **THIS** right for America?

Students are now being taught lists of words to memorize instead of sounding out new words. "Sounding it out" is now treated as bad practice. Spelling and understanding words is no longer a priority. "I should not mark them down for spelling — we stopped doing spelling tests. We didn't wanna mark kids down if we understood the entire paper but they had some words misspelled. We didn't want to lower their grades." "We don't teach phonics because there are exceptions to the rule — I felt something deep within my soul that said this is wrong — So we started this thing, particularly in California, where we have what's called sight words. They're not words that you actually need to decode. They are words that you just have to simply memorize. I want you guys to remember, back in the day, they had those commercials for My Baby Can Read.

My baby could not read because my baby could not decode, my baby was simply memorizing what the letters look like together and then memorizing the word." "We used to fail kids — But to avoid looking like racists or looking like they were discriminatory, schools stopped holding kids back because they were noticing that some of the kids who were held back were minority students, namely black and brown students." "We stopped really doing like honors, advanced. They're trying to avoid that thing because they don't want people to feel bad. They don't want to seem like they're discriminatory." She says students that are way below their grade level are just put in normal classes. "This is what's happening. Yes, students cannot read." I looked into it and one of the main reasons to keep using this method of abandoning phonics and just memorizing words was driven by foreign born students who don't speak English.

— Wall Street Apes Post



Still think there is no voter fraud? Check this out!

Iranian Non-U.S. Citizen Sex Offenders on DHS's "Worst of the Worst" List Offered Ballots in Michigan Primary Without ID

OMG's undercover journalists investigated two Michigan registered voters identified in federal court and DHS records as Non-U.S. citizens, on DHS's "Worst of the Worst" List, and one currently imprisoned for child sex crimes,

Afshin Masheli: An Iranian National was still in Michigan voter rolls.

Fazlollah Haritash: An imprisoned Iranian. Public court records document his child sex crime convictions, and Michigan's public sex offender registry lists him as incarcerated.



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AS A CHRISTIAN, I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW FELLOW CHRISTIANS WOULD VOTE FOR ANYONE OTHER THAN REPUBLICANS. I REALLY DON'T.

Gentlemen,

All of you have an extremely busy couple of months ahead of you with budgetary planning that well may be jeopardized if property taxes are eliminated. Also the upcoming elections. "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift." The essence of creativity is figuring out how to use what you already know in order to go beyond what you already think. Your attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.

With many issues of the past that failed to be approved (ex. the amendment to chapter 72, code of ordinances at the Sept 26 Volusia County meeting has to be brought back for review and another vote.) Each one of you should make your goal not to be better than anyone else, but to be better than you used to be. If the residents of Volusia County do not take interest in the affairs of county government we would be doomed to live under the rule of fools. You've heard our calls on many issues in the past, but too many of our requests have been ignored and forgotten. Kicking the can down the road doesn't work today. Several of the incumbents whose future term/s will evaporate on the 18th of September for sure. The past no-nos of negative performance continue to surface everyday.

We know courage involves pain and it is justly praised; for it is harder to face what is painful than to abstain from what is pleasant. It has become appallingly obvious that "A little more persistence and a little more effort for what seems helpless failure may turn into a glorious success" if you remember to honor your promises to represent ALL Volusia residents.

Respectfully,

— Jack Blum

We lost a genuinely funny, gracious, gentle man last month. We pray that our member, Jack Blum, aka "Uncle Jack" is at peace with the Lord.

Watch: African Who Invaded Spanish City Has Chilling Warning to the Rest of Europe

August 30th invasion of Ceuta, Spain, by tens of thousands of Moroccans provided a stark warning to the rest of Europe when one man was interviewed about the horde's intentions.

CBS News' international reporter, Aiden Stretch, was on the scene, speaking to a Moroccan man to gain some insight about why he and so many others opted to leave their home country and choose Spain.

"Why did you want to move to Spain in general?" Stretch asked.

"Every Moroccan, they want to go to Europe," the man told him. "Morocco is good. Morocco is a beautiful country, but you need to [have] a lot of money and you can't make money in Morocco.

"To live is too hard. It's not bad, but it's too hard. If you go to Spain, you're going to have all that you want."

If even partially accurate, it's a warning Europe must heed if Moroccans are seeking out their continent.

[Census.gov](#) puts Morocco's population at 38 million.

According to travel guide [My Visit Morocco](#), over 99 percent of the country is Islamic. The footage coming out of the events of Thursday and Friday indicated the invasion was almost entirely young men.

In other words, young Muslim men have a desire to migrate to Europe.

They are not alone. Millions of young Muslim men across North Africa and the Middle East likely have the same goal.

Related:

[Allah Made Me Do It! Man Wielding 2 Butcher Knives Attacks 3 Women - 1 Pregnant - Says Allah Commanded the Attack](#)

A [separate report](#) from CBS noted that 25,000 of these Moroccans have been sent back. This was an invasion, but we cannot appropriately use that language to describe what's happening in places like England, France, and Germany.

It is not an invasion; it is an invitation. These people are invited by naive policymakers and a suicidally empathetic public.

In October of the year 732 A.D., the Franks, led by Charles Martel, overcame invading Muslim armies in France at the Battle of Tours, as Islam had already swept across the Middle East, North Africa, and Spain.

It was only a century after the death of Islam's prophet Muhammad, but his followers quickly invaded those regions, raping, murdering, pillaging, and subjugating those they encountered. Tours was critical in stopping Islam's barbarity from further harming Christian people.

The idea that Europe could sternly, heroically oppose Islamic hordes is part of a bygone era.

Today's invaders do not need weapons when Europeans happily welcome them in.

— Samuel Short - July 31, 2026



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In Defense Of 27 July '26

What happened to protecting the feelings of the non-believers? This was the reason why the Bible and its daily readings in the classroom were scrapped! So why is it that NYC must endure loud daily blasts announcing the time for Muslim prayer with rugs clogging busy intersections! What happened to offending the non-believer, especially when they represent the majority? Wasn't our Bible removed from the classroom for fear of offending the non-believer?

This double whammy of Muslim prayer calls ringing throughout while these prayer rugs clog up busy intersections, along with the neutering of law enforcement says it all. Just how much gracious welcoming is left before fear takes over? And the totality of this threat isn't just recent since it's been over one hundred years that our people and our officials were either misled or just indifferent about the brand of governing that our Constitution endorses. We are a Constitutional Republic, not a damn democracy!

Consider our two wars and the sacrifice given against communism, only to legally allow this communist Democrat Socialists of America (DSA) to exist!

Our Constitution guarantees the right of free speech and the right to "peacefully assemble" but rights have limits; one of which is that word "peacefully!" Also, yelling "fire" in a crowded setting isn't allowed for obvious reasons! So, why is it that this DSA gang is legal? There isn't one redeeming grace for granting its existence! The doctrine of Communism is Godless! Immediately, this is antithetical to our Christian Founding and our Constitutional order. Regretfully, it appears that this absurdity may border upon coordinated acts of treason!

All this intrigue while our young are being mentally groomed and repackaged for tomorrow's protest. This conditioning is crystal clear from our youth and their united outbursts, which have criticized and condemned their own country! There is only one source which has the ability to amass and emotionally ignite such numbers. In an ironic twist, schooling may now be best served by a return to the family setting, which can also be found on the DSA assault list since its value is proven when considering the instruction quality and final results from our Founders!

This democracy flub really isn't that since it's directly tied to an essential point which Marx wrote about with, the first step in the revolution by the working class is to raise the proletariat to the position of ruling class is to win the battle of democracy." Once again, FDR's belief that, "in politics, nothing happens by accident." earns some thought.

Having the freedom to be a communist is bad enough but holding office entails a sworn oath to our Constitution. A communist will never be true to that oath. It's amazing that many questionable politicians are relatively recent arrivals who have undergone a naturalization process; one in which they actually petitioned America to become an American citizen.

Today, by their own words and/or official proposals, these newly-elected foreign born citizens have reneged, not only on their oath of office but on their bogus naturalization claim of loyal citizenry. It's time for their ouster from office and then followed by their self-earned non-citizen status from the 'land of plenty,' our Constitutional Republic!

— Jim Bowman



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Items You Might Have Missed

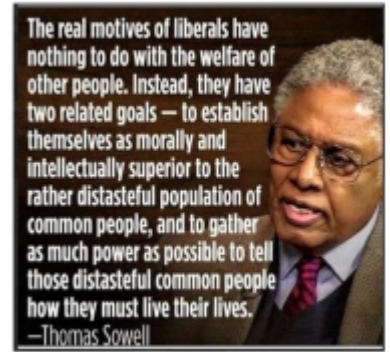
Comparison



America has survived many types of social experiments but the one coming at us today will immediately destroy ALL our freedoms if we do not stop it. Can you imagine your mother, daughter, all women, choosing to wrap herself in a black bag every times she goes out? Do you accept it as fact that women are worth only 1/2 as much as men? Please think before you vote for a democrat!

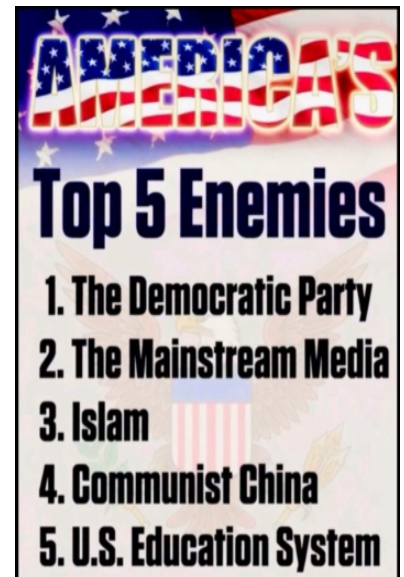
Note to Kamala ... from a fellow American

Kamala, let me say this slowly so even you will understand. We have a Constitution that governs our country. The Founding Fathers added some Amendments to make sure everything important was clearly stated. The 15th Amendment was passed by Congress on February 26, 1869, and it was ratified on February 3, 1870 (entering into the Constitution then). This is it: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude—". See? It says RIGHTS OF CITIZENS. Not illegal aliens who commit a crime by crossing our border without permission. Not anyone who might be illiterate enough to vote for you. RIGHTS OF CITIZENS. Now go home, get some rest and stop bothering those of us who love America and want to keep it safe and strong. — Sally Gillies



Although the big word on the left is 'compassion,' the big agenda on the left is dependency.

— Thomas Sowell



They talk about immigrants in the abstract, and there are no immigrants in the abstract... We don't have an immigration policy unless we control the border. It doesn't matter what our policy is. If anybody who wants to cross the border can cross, then our policy is just a bunch of words on paper. — Thomas Sowell, Uncommon Knowledge: Basic Economics (Robinson) (2014)

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**"Social justice rests on the hate towards those that enjoy a comfortable position, namely, upon envy."
— Friedrich Hayek**

**"What was wrong with communism wasn't aberrant leadership; it was communism."
— William F. Buckley, Jr.**

**"Such a disappointment when you defend someone for so long, thinking they are different, and they turn out to be just like what everyone said."
— Khayri R.R. Woulfe**

**"We shall have no real hope to survive the enemies arranged against us until we hang the traitors lurking among us."
— Thomas Paine.**

**"Curiously, the failures of Communism are more often treated as a joke than as a tragedy."
— William F. Buckley, Jr.**

**"A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within."
— Marcus Tullius Cicero**

**"Be thankful we're not getting all the government we're paying for."
Will Rogers**

— independentsentinel.com

This is How Mezzed Up Things Are ...

As I had my morning coffee, I realized that everything is about to change. No matter how I vote, no matter what I say, something evil has invaded our nation, and our lives are never going to be the same.

I have been confused by the hostility of family and friends. I look at people I have known all my life--so hate-filled that they agree with opinions they would never express as their own. I think that I may well have entered the Twilight Zone.

You can't justify this insanity. We have become a nation that has lost its collective mind!

- If a man pretends to be a woman, you are required to pretend with him.

- Somehow it's un-American for the census to count how many Americans are in America.

- Russians influencing our elections are bad, but illegals voting in our elections are good.

- It was cool for Joe Biden to "blackmail" the President of Ukraine, but it's an impeachable offense if Donald Trump inquires about it.

- People who have never owned slaves should pay slavery reparations to people who have never been slaves.

- People who have never been to college should pay the debts of college students who took out huge loans for their degrees.

- Immigrants with tuberculosis and polio are welcome, but you'd better be able to prove your dog is vaccinated.

- Irish doctors and German engineers who want to immigrate to the US must go through a rigorous vetting process, but any illiterate gang-bangers who jump the southern fence are welcome.

- \$5 billion for border security is too expensive, but \$1.5 trillion for "free" health care is not.

- If you cheat to get into college you go to prison, but if you cheat to get into the country you go to college for free.

- People who say there is no such thing as gender are demanding a female President.

- We see other countries going Socialist and collapsing, but it seems like a great plan to us.

- Some people are held responsible for things that happened before they were born, and other people are not held responsible for what they are doing right now.

- Criminals are caught-and-released to hurt more people, but stopping them is bad because it's a violation of THEIR rights.

- And pointing out all this hypocrisy somehow makes us "racists"?!

Nothing makes sense anymore, no values, no morals, no civility and people are dying of a Chinese virus, but it's racist to refer to it as Chinese even though it began in China.

We are clearly living in an upside down world where right is wrong and wrong is right, where moral is immoral and immoral is moral, where good is evil and evil is good, where killing murderers is wrong, but killing innocent babies is right.

Wake up America, the great unsinkable ship Titanic America has hit an iceberg, is taking on water, and is sinking fast. The choice is yours to make. What will it be? Time is short, make your choice wisely!

Feel free to copy and paste. I did. — Author unknown, but smart!



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They FREAKED OUT When He Pulled Out A Simple Envelope...

Laurence Fox exposes the real limit of free speech in one of Britain's most prestigious debating halls.

In the heart of the Oxford Union, a supposed bastion of open debate, a single brown paper envelope triggered pure panic.

Commentator Laurence Fox stood to argue that the West is right to be suspicious of Islam. He held up the envelope and indicated it contained a cartoon of the prophet Muhammad. The chamber erupted in frantic attempts to stop him opening it. Rules were suddenly invoked. Relevance was questioned. Respect was demanded.

The Muslim president of the Union interjected that her very presence should have been enough to persuade Fox that Muslims believe in free speech.

"My wife asked me not to show this for fear of repercussions for my family," Fox said. "But I told her that if I did not, I would have submitted to Islam." He continued that the West should resist Islam "in the strongest terms on free-speech grounds alone."

Fox opened the envelope and revealed a cartoon of Rees-Mogg. Laughter and applause followed. The fear that had gripped the room evaporated the instant it became clear the image did not depict Muhammad.

In that moment the argument was settled more effectively than any speech could manage.

The debate took place under the motion "This House believes the West is right to be suspicious of Islam." Speaking for the motion were actor and free-speech campaigner Laurence Fox, Tommy Robinson, and writer Jonathan Sacerdoti. Against them stood Oxford Union president Arwa Elrayess, a 20-year-old Muslim of Palestinian heritage from Gaza, Rees-Mogg, and others. Outside, left-wing protesters tried to block entry. Inside, the atmosphere was already charged.

Fox made free speech the centrepiece of his case. He cited polling showing that 78 percent of British Muslims believe no publication should print pictures of Muhammad, rising higher among some groups. He noted that Britain had long abandoned its own blasphemy laws. Then he produced the envelope.

Jacob Rees-Mogg, speaking against the motion, reached for procedure, recalling that as a former Union librarian he believed props were against the rules. Others in the audience scrambled for any technicality that might prevent the image from appearing. The chair eventually ruled that props were permitted.

Jonathan Sacerdoti, who spoke alongside Fox that

night, later described the episode in *The Spectator*. The opposition and their guests, he wrote, "squirmed in discomfort, terrified at the very suggestion a drawing of Mohamed might soon be unveiled."

When the real image appeared, the relief was palpable. "It seems we had found the limit of free speech they had all denied existed. That limit was Islam."

Elrayess had positioned herself as a defender of open debate by inviting the motion and the speakers in the first place. She told the chamber: "Free speech and debate is not something I do despite being a Muslim, it is something I do because of it."

Yet when the practical test arrived—the possibility of a Muhammad cartoon—the institutional machinery of the Union moved to stop it. The title of president was offered as proof of principle even as the principle itself was being restricted in real time.

Fox's point lands without further explanation: the taboo is real, the fear is real, and the clever arguments about compatibility evaporate the moment the cartoon is threatened.

This is not an abstract philosophical dispute. Britain has already seen teachers driven into hiding for showing Muhammad cartoons in classrooms. Publications and individuals face credible threats for the same act. The Oxford Union, with its historic claim to be a last redoubt of free speech, demonstrated in real time that the same constraint operates even among those who insist no such constraint exists.

Fox closed his demonstration with a clear declaration. "So it is in that spirit that I will not submit. I show you this as an Englishman who believes in free speech. I will not submit. I will not bow down." The image he actually showed was of a British politician. The image that produced terror was the one everyone understood could not be shown.

The motion was defeated in the chamber that night. The larger argument was not.

Free speech that collapses the moment it risks offending one particular religious sensitivity is not free speech at all. It is a managed privilege granted on condition of silence.

The Oxford Union's panicked reaction to a piece of paper proved the case more cleanly than any speech could. The West has every reason to notice when its most elite institutions flinch.

— [Steve Watson | modernity.news](https://www.modernity.news)

10 Reasons Why You Should Reject Socialism

Why we must protect the family, private property and America from the dangers of socialism.

1. Socialism and communism are the same ideology

Communism is but an extreme form of socialism. From the ideological standpoint, there is no substantial difference between the two. In fact, the communist Soviet Union called itself the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (1922-1991) and communist China, Cuba and Vietnam define themselves as socialist nations.

2. Socialism violates personal freedom

Socialism seeks to eliminate "injustice" by transferring rights and responsibilities from individuals and families to the State. In the process, socialism actually creates injustice. It destroys true liberty: the freedom to decide all matters that lie within our own competence and to follow the course shown by our reason, within the laws of morality, including the dictates of justice and charity.

3. Socialism violates human nature

Socialism is anti-natural. It destroys personal initiative – a fruit of our intellect and free will – and replaces it with State control. It tends to totalitarianism, with its government and police repression, wherever it is implemented.

4. Socialism violates private property

Socialism calls for "redistributing the wealth" by taking from the "rich" to give to the poor. It imposes taxes that punish those who have been able to take greater advantage of their productive talents, capacity to work or thrift. It uses taxation to promote economic and social egalitarianism, a goal that will be fully achieved, according to The Communist Manifesto, with the "abolition of private property."

5. Socialism opposes traditional marriage

Socialism sees no moral reason for people to restrict sex to marriage, that is, to an indissoluble union between a man and a woman. Furthermore, socialism undermines private property, which Friedrich Engels, founder of modern socialism and communism along with Karl Marx, saw as the foundation of traditional marriage.

6. Socialism opposes parental rights in education

Socialism has the State, and not parents, control the education of children. Almost from birth, children are to be handed over to public institutions, where they will be taught what the State wants, regardless of parental views. Evolution must be taught. School prayer must be forbidden.

7. Socialism promotes radical equality

A supposed absolute equality among men is the fundamental assumption of socialism. Therefore, it sees any inequality as unjust in itself. Private employers are quickly portrayed as "exploiters" whose profits really belong to their employees. As a consequence, they rule out the system of wage earning.

8. Socialism promotes atheism

Belief in God, who unlike us is infinite, omnipotent and omniscient, clashes head-on with the principle of absolute equality. Socialism therefore rejects the spiritual, claiming that only matter exists. God, the soul, and the next life are illusions according to socialism.

9. Socialism promotes relativism

For socialism there are no absolute truths or revealed morals that establish standards of conduct that apply to everyone, everywhere, and always. Everything evolves, including right and wrong, good and evil. There is no place for the Ten Commandments, neither in the private mind nor in the public square.

According to Karl Marx, religion is "the opium of the people." Lenin, founder of the Soviet Union, agreed: "Religion is opium for the people. Religion is a sort of spiritual booze in which the slaves of capital drown their human image, their demand for a life more or less worthy of man."

May God protect America from socialism.

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