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## Who Do You Trust?

FoxNews: Hillary Clinton says events in Minneapolis show the 'moral rot at the heart of Trump's MAGA movement.' In a scathing new essay for The Atlantic, she claims the MAGA movement is a 'war on empathy.'

Even before she said, "That compassion is weak and cruelty is strong has become an article of MAGA faith," no one will be surprised that I have never respected Mrs. Clinton. Her my-way-or-the-highway attitude has prevented me from taking her seriously for many years.

She continues, "MAGA rejects the teachings of Jesus to 'love thy neighbor' and care for 'the last, the least, and the lost.' It recognizes only a zero-sum war of all against all."

Now I'm on my soapbox. Her misinterpretation of Jesus' teachings genuinely irritates me. Giving a person free money, free healthcare, free schools, free food, etc. is not compassion if it goes on forever. It is actually akin to what she claims to despise: slavery. In return for all those things (and more), Democrats want only one thing: your vote in their favor.

Back to Jesus and the Judeo/Christian values our Forefathers valued enough to use as the basis for our government. The U.S. Constitution is one of the most amazing documents ever written, and, together with the Bill of Rights, guided America for more than two centuries. Today, we are in danger of losing it all. Why?

Birthright citizenship, which automatically grants American citizenship to anyone born here, has been turned on its head. Best-selling author Peter Schweizer has a new No. 1 book: *The Invisible Coup: How American Elites and Foreign Powers Use Immigration as a Weapon*. I was absolutely shocked to read, "Birth tourism" — where pregnant women have their child on American soil to become citizens — has been happening for decades. But Chinese elites have 'weaponized' the practice raising a generation of legal citizens who have no loyalty to the US." Mr. Schweizer explains how.

"As we sang 'Auld Lang Syne' in the early morning of Jan. 1, 2025, the first American newborn of the year arrived to much fanfare and celebration.

"But this time, the baby was the progeny of Chinese citizens, and the mother had intentionally traveled to

give birth on American soil, so that the child would automatically be granted US citizenship, a practice known as birth tourism. When such children turn 21, they can also apply for resident status for both of their parents." Sit down to read this: "With up to 100,000 Chinese babies being born US citizens every year, birth tourism may result in millions of new elite Chinese-Americans." These babies are then taken back to China to be raised in the Chinese culture until they return to America as adults ... with voting rights.

And, finally, "These fifth columnists appear to be ordinary immigrants, but they carry the Chinese government's official blessing," explains scholar Yin Qian. "These migrants served as Beijing's 'invisible hand' to steer the territory in the designed direction."

The same can happen here. A group of influential, indoctrinated, legal citizens is being raised to act in China's interests, not America's. The Chinese Communist Party executes civilizational warfare through mass migration unlike anyone else.

Just as the Somalis invaded America in droves, we see about 100,000 Chinese birth-tourists flooding our shores every year. We are a capitalist society, where the right to work and live freely is a treasured value. People from Somalia and China have different values more closely aligned with Hillary Clinton's. However, when ... *not if* ... enough birth-right citizens from China, and, we're-here-for-the-free-stuff Somalis change the balance of power in America, everything we value will be lost.

Mrs. Clinton is utterly wrong. Jesus didn't endorse lying, cheating, and stealing as a way of life. He believed in love thy neighbor as thyself; not let the thief have free rein. Helping someone down on their luck is but a step that teaches each person how to grow into an adult who contributes to the betterment of society at large.

Democrats today are planning on shutting down our government again to get what they want. And what they want is NOT our founding documents and the freedoms we enjoy. It's all about power!

— Sally Gillies

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# President's Message

After deep concerned consideration I finally realized that rather than let myself get into a frenzy and decode the many mysteries of what has taken place in the last 50 years of our REPUBLIC'S existence, it would be best to just quote from the literal hierarchy well-known facts that we conveniently set aside with our normal indifferent disdain of, "Oh, we know that, we just don't have time!!" No sense trying to rationalize that mentality, albeit all we need to do is look around us and see the Constitutional shambles we created by our "No time innuendoes".

Be that as it may, let us take a short paragraph from an EPOCH TIMES article of December 10, 2025, HOW COMMUNISM SOWS CHAOS IN POLITICS. The religious character of Liberalism and Progressivism. Liberalism and Progressivism have now become the standard of "political correctness" in the West. In fact, they have developed to the point where they've become a secular religion. Western Leftists have used different labels throughout history, sometimes calling themselves Liberal, sometimes calling themselves progressive (ala Hillary Clinton). Since I mentioned the corrupt Hillary, please note she wrote her thesis in College to coincide with Saul Alinsky's theory of RULES FOR RADICALS.

To continue ... Proponents of Liberalism and Progressivism advocate "progress" as an absolute good and attack any dissenting opinion as heresy! Similar to Communism, Atheism, Evolution, Scientism, Liberalism, and Progressivism replace the belief in God with Humanistic reason, effectively trying to overthrow the divine. As witnessed in recent years, while we were "too busy", Liberalism and Progressivism own one common trait; their only and final quest is to overthrow CAPITALISM, the US CONSTITUTION, and the true, compassionate, decent virtues of Judeo-Christian values.

Conclusion: As the old adage goes, "One can lead a horse to water but....". We can opt to keep looking the other way, and you know the consequence of that! Or, do what is expected of us, providing the word "us" falls within the category of God-fearing, Constitution-abiding, and righteous seeking citizens. That is all. Amen.

May the Good Lord fill us with His Wisdom, Strength, Courage and yes, please God, Your Guidance! And we certainly humbly ask for his blessings.

— *Chuck Collins*



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He has been married to Kayle for over 15 years and has 6 children who are homes-chooled.

Seth runs Mission to the Preborn, is on the Board of America's Black Robed Regiment

Alex Newman is an award-winning international journalist, educator, author, speaker, investor, nationally syndicated radio host, and consultant who seeks to glorify God in everything he does.

His latest book, *Indoctrinating Our Children to Death*, quickly became a top best-seller on Amazon and was endorsed by leaders in education, ministry, media, entertainment, military and other fields including actor and moviemaker Kirk Cameron, former National Security Advisor Gen. Michael Flynn (Ret.), former NRA chief Lt. Col. Oliver North (Ret.), Fox and Friends co-host Pete Hegseth, Moms for Liberty co-founder Tina Descovitch, former Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Diane Douglas, Classical Conversations founder Leigh Bortins, and dozens more.



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# The Bright Report

## Picking Winners and Losers!



That is what government does when they approve amendments, aka exceptions to the rules. And when does the exception become the rule? Is it only when it suits the powers that be?

The Tomoka Commerce Park project is the latest example of big money getting what it wants via the amendment process. Whereas the excuse of the Commission was to approve the amendment to avoid the potential of a sexually oriented business going in.

If this was truly their concern, why not remove sexually oriented business from the permitted uses in the B-8, Commercial Zoning District?

It would appear that the city commission was playing on emotions. They have currently made no attempt to change the zoning, only drive fear. The mayor stated, "As a body here, our job is to make sure that everything checks off – to make sure that everything is followed by the law," "Can't go by emotions. Can't just say yes and no to things because we just don't happen to like it."

Is this not what they did? Justify their actions by using the fear of what could be? Or belittling their constituents for not coming to the meeting to let their voices be heard? After the total lack of professionalism the planning board showed at the December meeting by dressing down the public that did speak, it's no wonder people would not want to put themselves through that again.

Once again if the "law" were followed, there would be no need to approve an amendment, which is a legal means of bending the law. An amendment passed using the fear of a sexually oriented business going in. Nothing to correct the problem with the permitted uses from happening again, but only to give the project the go ahead. But then again this is no surprise.

Looking at the January 2026 Ormond Beach Monthly Development Report, <https://www.ormondbeach.org/m/newsflash/home/detail/3497>, there is a different pattern, if it goes before city commission for approval it will be approved. According to this report not one item put before the commission has been denied!

This is not the first time, nor will it be the last time if voters continue on the path of complacency.

— Jennifer Bright

Jennifer Bright, a retired financial data analyst, filed to run to represent Zone 2 on the commission on June 2. Bright, who has lived in Ormond Beach for four years, has been a regular commission meeting attendee for the past year. She decided to run for office because she believes the commission should pay more attention to the existing residents and taking care of current infrastructure.

"I kept talking and trying to reach out, and I realized that maybe the best way to make change is try to make it from within," Bright said. — **Observer** — June 13, 2025



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## Minnesota's voter vouching policy sparks fraud concerns amid reform calls

Is Minnesota's election system a gateway to fraud, or just a quirky relic of bygone trust?

Minnesota's long-standing policy allowing a registered voter to "vouch" for up to eight others

during same-day registration has [ignited fierce debate](#) over election integrity.

Recent state laws and fraud scandals, particularly tied to social services in certain communities, only amplify worries about potential abuse.

### *Vouching Rules Under the Microscope*

This vouching rule, in place for over 50 years per the Minnesota Secretary of State's office, lets a registered voter confirm the residency of others by signing an oath.

The voucher must accompany them to the polls, and one person can vouch for up to eight individuals.

However, there's a limit—they can't vouch if someone vouched for them, keeping a thin chain of accountability.

### *Identification and Registration Challenges*

Unvouched individuals must show identification, like a driver's license from any state, a passport, or even a

university ID, alongside proof of residency to register on election day.

For those already registered but with a name or address change within the precinct, a quick update to the election judge clears the path to vote.

Vouching often aids seniors in care facilities or recent movers lacking updated IDs, showing its practical intent despite the controversy.

### *Driver's License Law Adds Fuel*

The 2023 "Driver's Licenses For All" law, signed by Gov. Tim Walz, further muddies the waters by granting licenses to individuals regardless of citizenship status.

With no markers to distinguish these IDs, critics argue this policy, paired with same-day registration, creates a loophole for voter fraud.

During a state House hearing, State Rep. Patti Anderson, R-Eagan, sharply asked, "But, if they walk into vote with their driver's license, does that make them all of a sudden now, OK?"

### *Election Safeguards or Mere Theater?*

Minnesota touts safeguards—election judges, ballot cross-checks, and absentee voter protections—as proof of a secure system.

Yet, skeptics wonder if these are enough when vouching relies on an oath, as Bill Glahn of the Center for the American Experiment quipped, "It's like murder's illegal, but it happens all the time."

Glahn's point stings: oaths under penalty of perjury sound ironclad, but enforcement feels like chasing shadows if someone exploits the system.

— Eric Gabriel, — [conservativejournalproject.com](http://conservativejournalproject.com)

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# The Value of America's Past

No matter the argument offered, it's impossible to not seriously refer to the wisdom of our Founders. The ploy of holding another Constitutional Convention, under the guise of a "Convention of the States," reveals the skullduggery worth a closer look. Common sense offers that our Forefathers proved themselves through their willing and dedicated service in their fight to gain America's independence. This performance versus today's class of politicians, who are idle with their duties and dedicated only to re-election, says it all!

Aside from war's physical hardships, their dedication was again called upon when competing in the arena of ideas and convention bickering. One commonality that strengthened their challenge was a belief in their Creator. Faith carried them through various heated debates and personal exchanges of ideas. Today's general lack of Constitutional familiarity dampens any possibility for a positive outcome.

There's only one reason for this convention scheme. After recruiting the required number of States, once that gavel is sounded, our Constitution and Bill of Rights are no more! And it would all be legal since a "declaratory prece-

dent" exists and excuses the betrayal. This "precedent" was set when our Forefathers met only to fine-tune the Articles of Confederation but ended up scrapping them for a fairer and more efficient government.

Stepping back in time is frowned upon by today's pack of "experts," and their reasoning is as disingenuous as is their convention scheme. Essentially, becoming aware of the truths and historical facts tests one's curiosity, which in turn may lead to a "then versus now" thinking. Such questioning spotlights the discrepancies of this modern-day BS!

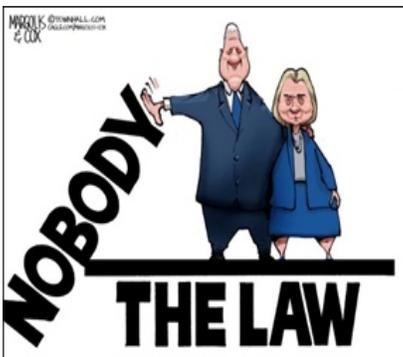
A chief agent of today's lesser output of leadership is a sponsored disillusionment with a useful education; all for the purpose of quieting both questioning and independent thought. This wasn't the case "back then." In fact, both were assets leading to the quest for knowledge and understanding. So, this sharp educational decline, which breeds today's ignorance, is strictly meant to curb any understanding of what is now unfolding.

Today's consensus of public opinion and thoughts is troublesome, as the majority of citizens are unaware of the type of govern-

ment that runs America, which protects us all. The common answer is "democracy," which, when understood, basically means mob rule! This erroneous belief astounds when remembering generations of young Americans reciting, every morning, the Pledge of Allegiance in each and every classroom, voicing the phrase "and to the Republic." This change illustrates the capability of false doctrines and the damage that a steady diet of misinformation can and usually does produce.

America is currently at a dangerous precipice, which emphasizes our desperate need to regroup and protect our Country, so that future generations may live in freedom. The strengthening of this mission is aided through a firm belief in His Teachings and thankfulness for His Blessings. Our beliefs must become second nature so that this state of unknowing, one which abides by the adage, "if you don't believe in something, you'll believe in anything," will never happen again! Never! The America our Forefathers sacrificed for, and the America which God created, demands this of us!

— Jim Bowman



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## Christian Ministry Gets Major Win as Court Supports Right to Hire Like-Minded Employees

A Christian ministry in Washington state won its case in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on Tuesday with respect to a law threatening its ability to hire like-minded people.

Yakima Union Gospel Mission, a homeless shelter in the central portion of the state, only hires employees with shared beliefs on biblical marriage and sexuality, according to the Alliance Defending Freedom, which represented the ministry in court.

The ministry serves people without respect to their beliefs, but in terms of their staff, they only hire like-minded Christians

But that practice was challenged by a Washington state law threatening “significant penalties and liability for hiring only those who share its religious beliefs and convictions,” per the ADF.

The 9th Circuit nevertheless recognized the right of Yakima Union Gospel Mission to continue their hiring practices under the First Amendment.

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“If a religious organization’s hiring of co-religionists for non-ministerial positions rests on its sincerely held religious beliefs, then the church autonomy doctrine forbids government interference with that hiring decision,” the 9th Circuit concluded.

ADF Senior Counsel Jeremiah Galus, who argued before the court, commended the decision.

“Religious organizations shouldn’t be punished for exercising their constitutionally protected freedom to hire employees who are aligned with and live out their shared religious beliefs,” Galus remarked.

“Yakima Union Gospel Mission exists to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ through its homeless shelter, addiction-recovery programs, outreach efforts, meal services, and health clinics,” he added.

“The 9th Circuit correctly ruled that the First Amendment protects the mission’s freedom to hire fellow believers who share that calling.”

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The Christian Post reported that the Washington law bans hiring discrimination with respect to so-called sexual orientation and gender identity, creating tension with biblical teaching on such matters.

Yakima Union Gospel Mission requires employees to abstain from “any sexual conduct outside of biblical marriage between one man and one woman.”

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The litigation in the case dates back to 2023, when a district court initially dismissed the lawsuit.

The 9th Circuit ultimately concluded that “the First and Fourteenth Amendments permit hierarchical religious organizations to establish their own rules and regulations for internal discipline and government.”

That means “the Constitution requires that civil courts accept their decisions as binding upon them.”

— Michael Austin



*Democratic Seattle Mayor Katie Wilson told a reporter during a January interview that she was not asking for any investigation into potential welfare fraud involving Somalis. — bizpacreview.com*

*Wilson’s comments resurfaced Monday in a post on X from LibsofTikTok after initially being posted on the site by KOMO, a Seattle-area TV station, on Jan. 7. Wilson claimed that reports of the scandal surrounding Somali scammers looting welfare programs was about making Somalis “a target.”*

*“Have you asked anyone to follow up on the fraud claims, either to the Department of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs or SPD [Seattle Police Department]?” the reporter asked, with Wilson immediately responding, “No.”*

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*United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) surged hundreds of agents into the Minneapolis area to target illegal immigrants from Somalia following the initial reports, with Democratic Mayor Jacob Frey of Minneapolis declaring during an interview that aired Dec. 7 on Minneapolis-area TV station WCCO that Minneapolis police would not cooperate with federal immigration enforcement operations.*

*Whistleblowers in Maine and Ohio have alleged that Somali scammers have engaged in welfare fraud schemes in those states.*

# Should Sheriffs Be Politically Pressured?

I've just returned from the Save Our Sheriffs Conference in Seattle, Washington, and I'm deeply concerned by what I heard directly from sitting sheriffs. Many reported ongoing political pressure and state interference simply for carrying out their duties as they understand them under the Constitution.

Washington lawmakers are advancing legislation promoted as "modernizing and clarifying" laws governing sheriffs, police chiefs, marshals, and volunteers. In practice, these bills would significantly expand state control by imposing new eligibility requirements, restricting volunteer and special commission roles, redefining the duties of sheriffs, tying service in office to state certification, and altering how vacancies are created and filled.

The effect of this increased state oversight is a fundamental shift of authority away from local voters and counties and toward centralized state agencies. This erodes local autonomy and weakens the long-standing independence of the sheriff's office—an office designed to serve as a local check against unconstitutional overreach by higher levels of government.

If allowed to stand, this model replaces independent constitutional officers with administrators expected to operate in lockstep with state priorities. That undermines the system of checks and balances meant to protect the God-given, constitutionally protected rights of the people.

What is happening in Washington should concern all of us, even if we don't live there. It appears to be a test case. If successful, similar legislation will almost certainly be exported to other states and counties across the country.

Ronald Reagan warned that we are only one generation away from losing our freedom—and that preserving liberty requires constant vigilance. Now is one of those moments.

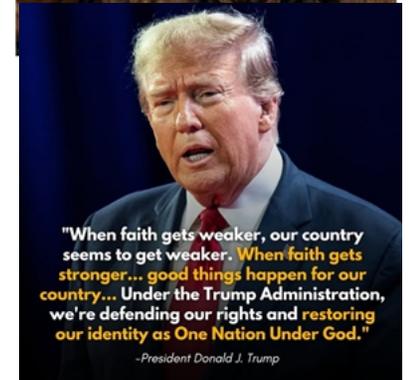
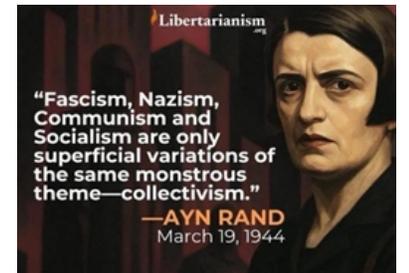
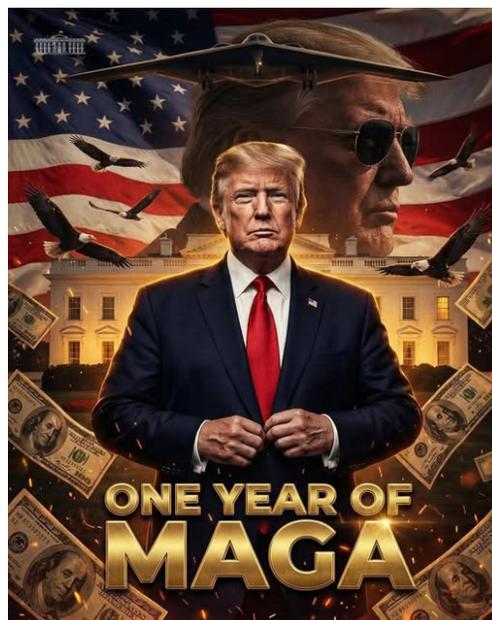
Here in Florida, we must make it clear to our legislators that this kind of encroachment on local authority and constitutional governance will not be tolerated. I urge you to join me in advocating for every county in Florida to stand firm by affirming local jurisdiction and constitutional protections through the passage of a Collier County like Constitutional County Bill of Rights Ordinance.

If you are interested in forming a group in your county to ensure your county is protected from unconstitutional overreach, please email and we will help you to organize and train your members.

Thank you for your commitment to restoring the Constitution where it matters most—locally.

— God Bless,  
Bill Mitchell

Florida State Director, CSPOA





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CLEANING HOUSE: HUD has ordered all public housing authorities and owners receiving department-funded housing to verify tenant citizenship and eligibility in 30 days after an audit flagged tens of thousands of deceased and ineligible tenants nationwide.

"We will leave no stone unturned," HUD Secretary Scott Turner said. "We are proud to collaborate with DHS to execute on the president's agenda of rooting out abuse of taxpayer-funded resources. Ineligible non-citizens have no place to receive welfare benefits."



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# Fulton County, Georgia validates Trump's 2020 integrity claims\*

Trump was right to call this out. In an early January 2021 phone call with Raffensperger, Trump repeatedly referenced concerns about irregularities and urged an investigation into large quantities of questionable ballots; estimates at the time ranged between "250,000 to 300,000" ballots. Critics seized on that recorded call, framing Trump as seeking to "find votes" unlawfully. But in reality, his concern was the lawful validation of votes already cast.

The broader context reinforces that this is not a fringe claim. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) has recently sued Fulton County officials to obtain 2020 voter records, citing "unexplained anomalies in vote tabulation" and noncompliance with federal election laws. The DOJ's involvement underscores that significant legal questions about the process remain unresolved. If local election boards willfully disregard statutory safeguards, the entire electoral framework risks becoming voluntary rather than compulsory.

Republicans and independents alike should find this deeply troubling. What happens in

Georgia does not stay in Georgia; it sets a precedent. If election law violations go unchecked, they will spread, normalizing legal disregard and encouraging jurisdictions to treat procedural requirements as optional.

Detractors will argue that post-election litigation, audits, and recounts upheld the certified outcome. But those reviews do not erase the reality that essential statutory safeguards were breached in a race decided by a razor-thin margin. Process matters as much as outcome. If election laws can be ignored without consequence, then certification becomes a formality rather than a safeguard, and the rule of law itself is weakened.

Concerns about election integrity are not limited to Georgia. The Department of Justice is pursuing compliance issues in jurisdictions across the country under federal statutes such as the National Voter Registration Act and the Help America Vote Act. These actions reflect systemic questions about adherence to election law, not isolated partisan grievances.

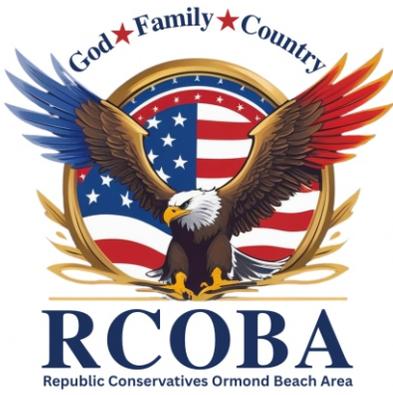
Acknowledging procedural failures is not an attack on voters. No one disputes the good faith of citizens who cast ballots. The issue is whether election officials followed the law in counting and certifying those ballots. Transparency and verification are democratic necessities, not partisan demands.

— Jorge Martinez at [breitbart.com](http://breitbart.com) from an original article by [dailycallerfoundation.org](http://dailycallerfoundation.org)

\*To read the full article go to:  
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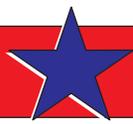
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## Supreme Court says Illinois congressman can sue over state mail-in voting laws Republicans have filed a flurry of lawsuits in recent years targeting mail-in ballot laws



The [Supreme Court](#) on January 12, 2026 ruled that federal candidates have the right to challenge state election laws that govern the counting of ballots in their states, clearing the way for an expected flurry of new lawsuits in the run-up to this year's midterm elections.

Justices ruled 7-2 that candidates running for federal office have the standing to sue state election boards over their counting of ballots – including challenging laws that allow for the counting of late-arriving mail-in ballots.

"Candidates, in short, are not 'mere bystanders' in their own elections," Chief Justice John Roberts said, writing for the majority. "They have an obvious personal stake in how the result is determined and regarded."

"We need not resolve whether respondents are right, because winning, and doing so as inexpensively and decisively as possible, are not a candidate's only interests in an election."

Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson dissented, joined by Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

The ruling from the high court is expected to be hailed as a victory for Republicans ahead of the 2026 midterm elections, even as it did not explicitly address the merits of allowing states to count late-arriving mail-in ballots. (The Supreme Court is slated to consider a case more directly involving the counting of late-arriving mail-in ballots later this year.)

But it comes as Republicans have filed a flurry of state lawsuits in recent years targeting laws that allow for the counting of mail-in ballots that arrive late, so long as they are postmarked by, or on, Election Day.

— Breanne Deppisch , Anders Hagstrom

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- 2012 Bernie Sanders praises their "American Dream"
- 2014 Opposition Leaders are imprisoned
- 2016 Food/healthcare shortages become wide spread
- 2017 Constitution and elections are suspended
- 2019 Unarmed citizens massacred by own government

It took only one generation of progressive leadership to plunge this country into civil war

**By spending hundreds of billions of dollars (or more) to import and support 8 million illegals, the biden-era shadow government not only skyrocketed the cost of everything you need to survive ... it also significantly degraded the value of our life savings. And if they EVER retake the White House, they'll do it again ... only they'll bring in so many that we'll never see another free election!**

**"Struggles only move forward when decent men and women step forward and say, 'enough is enough and no more.'"  
- Kumi Naidoo**

# Replacing Secrecy with Commonsense at Volusia County Schools

"I'm right and you're wrong, I'm big and you're small, and there's nothing you can do about it." — Narcissistic Headmistress Agatha Trunchbull in Roald Dahl's Matilda

The operative ethic in the administration of Volusia County Schools is loose lips sink ships – and shady school administrators...

Unguarded discourse outside the confines of a professional spinmeister's pap and fluff is never tolerated – and no expense will be spared when the district sees the need to defend Superintendent Carmen Balgobin's subjective edicts from external scrutiny.

In fact, controlling the narrative and silencing contrary opinions has become the overriding focus of Superintendent Balgobin and her dwindling "cabinet" of obsequious drones – a well-crafted and intensely protected storyline (with Balgobin as the heroine) that has captivated the majority of our so-called "independent oversight" on the Volusia County School Board.

Those sycophantic elected officials who prefer to rubber stamp the administration's whims and wishes rather than question their purpose, expense, or legality...

For instance, last year, School Board member Donna Brosemer was shocked to learn some IID non-instructional staff members had been directed to sign a non-disclosure agreement by the Balgobin administration – an overbroad gag order that silenced the release of information specifically made public by Florida's open records law – something many saw as a means of bureaucratically silencing those who accept public funds to serve in the public interest.

take "shut up and know your role" for an answer – and she wasn't intimidated by nasty glances and swipes from her "colleagues" – spending her own money to fight for her constituents by personally funding an independent review by outside counsel, all while being billed by the very administration she was elected to oversee to obtain

public record requests.

The attorney hired by Ms. Brosemer came to a legal determination that the NDA was most likely "void, illegal and unenforceable under Florida law."

In turn, the district used taxpayer funds to hire Aaron Wolfe, an attorney with Doran, Foxman, Sims, Wolfe & Yoon of Daytona Beach, to defend Volusia County School's Attorney Gilbert Evans' opinion that the Balgobin NDA was somehow legal and constitutional, even when employed by a tax supported entity subject to Florida's open records law...

Now, after spending untold public funds to defend the controversial (and possibly unconstitutional) non-disclosure agreements, we learn that Volusia County Schools have now dropped Balgobin's Code of Silence in favor of simply updating standards of conduct for district employees after the NDA's "sunsetting" in December 2025.

Essentially, the policy requires that employees having access to "sensitive and confidential" information are required to "safeguard such information and must not disclose it outside the scope of their official responsibilities." Anyone found to have violated the policy will be subject to disciplinary action, including criminal prosecution.

The policy was last updated in 2002...

According to a report by Jarleene Almenas writing in the Ormond Beach Observer, "I'm happy to know that," said School Board member Donna Brosemer, who was a vocal critic of the NDAs last year. "I had understood also that the purpose of this language was to accommodate the concerns that the NDA was intended to address."

Of course, there was some quibbling over wording – but it appears that after a costly fight to prove Ms. Brosemer wrong – and, by bureaucratic validation, that Superintendent Balgobin was right – at the

end of the day, a commonsense policy tweak was all it took to bring the controversy to a close.

## Superintendent Balgobin

On January 9, Ormond Beach's own Senator Tom Leek filed SB 1620, a bill which would provide members of school boards with a Bill of Rights – including the ability to review district documents, seek information from staff without begging the superintendent's permission, a specific prohibition on nepotism, and a ban on requiring or incentivizing any district employee from signing a non-disclosure agreement.

Sen. Leek's bill is among the best legislation of this miserable session.



**Donna Brosemer**

In my view, the bill validates Ms. Brosemer's concerns. More important, it protects School Board members who act in good faith to address controversial issues, provide oversight and accountability, and speak the independent truth to their constituents.

With luck, these legislative protections will put an end to the "Balgobin Way" – a terribly expensive and lopsided strategy that employs the full might of a tax supported behemoth to defend her monarchical decrees.

– Mark Barker  
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# Largest teachers' union steers millions to shady left-wing social justice causes: report

For those paying attention, it comes as no surprise that one of the nation's most prominent teachers unions steers millions of dollars to far-left activist groups, ballot initiatives and social justice organizations in FY2024.

That's according to Fox News, which cites federal labor filings from the National Education Association (NEA) filed in November, which were obtained by the North American Values Institute (NAVI).

*The NEA, which boasts more than 3 million members, sent \$300,000 to the Sixteen Thirty Fund, a liberal dark money group Fox News Digital has reported on extensively, and tens of thousands of dollars to the Tides Foundation network, which Fox News Digital previously reported has ties to anti-Israel protests and a variety of far left causes.*

*Among the largest expenditures was more than \$3.5 million sent to Education International, a global teachers federation where NEA President Becky Pringle serves as a vice president. The filing also details hundreds of thousands of dollars flowing to organizations backing ballot initiatives aimed at reshaping education policy and election laws in states, including Ohio, Massachusetts, Arizona and Wisconsin.*

Among the payouts included in the story, \$500,000 went toward ending standardized testing in Massachusetts, another \$500,000 was given in support of an anti-gerrymandering amendment in Ohio and nearly \$500,000 to a progressive political consulting firm specializing in ballot initiatives and canvassing, according to the network.

The teachers' union paid "more than \$166,000 to Imagine Us LLC, a consulting firm focused on racial equity training, and tens of thousands more to groups promoting what they describe as 'social justice education,' including curriculum materials centered on race, gender identity, and activism in K-12 classrooms," Fox News added.

NAVI Director of Research Mika Hackner called the funding "the upshot of social justice unionism."

"Instead of focusing on member's working conditions, unions spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on pet political projects completely divorced from the needs and wants of most teachers but perfectly in line with the political agenda the union has been co-opted to serve," she told Fox News.

NEA President Becky Pringle, billed as a "fierce social justice warrior" on the union's website,

vowed to transform the nation's largest teachers union into a vehicle for social justice when she first took office in 2023.

"When I became NEA president, what I articulated as a strategic vision was, we would reclaim public education as a common good, as the foundation of our democracy, but we couldn't stop there," Pringle said at the time. "We couldn't stop there. We had to transform it into something it was never designed to be, a racially and socially just system that prepares every student everywhere to succeed."

Erika Sanzi, senior director of communications for Defending Education, questioned why the union still has a federal charter.

"Their federal charter was granted because they promised to 'elevate the character and advance the interests of the profession of teaching; and to promote the cause of education in the United States,'" Sanzi told Fox News. "Seeing as their leadership — and by extension, the organization itself — has morphed into a far-left insane asylum that is actively destroying the cause of education, that charter is no longer defensible."

— Tom Tillison



## Trump: Arrest Biden Autopen Minions, Big 'Price to Pay'

President Donald Trump is calling for arrests of Biden administration officials tied to the abuse of the autopen under President Joe Biden, the type of ominous message that has preceded Justice Department action in the past.

"Everyone is asking about the Autopen?" Trump wrote [Saturday afternoon on Truth Social](#). "What was done is totally illegal, and anything signed that way is of 'no further force or effect.'

"The person who 'worked' the Autopen had no idea whether or not Biden approved of what he was doing. There was no ORDER in writing, and it was an absolutely illegal act perpetrated by the Radical Left Insurrectionists who illegally ran the Biden Administration."

Outside of having previously called the Biden autopen executive orders, pardons, and executive orders null and void, Trump is now adding a call to action for arrests and potential criminal prosecution with a "price to pay" that has "to be a big one. Every one of them should be arrested for what they have done to our Country," Trump's statement concluded. "They didn't win the Presidency but, when you think of it, neither did Joe Biden. "The whole thing was RIGGED. There must be a price to pay, and it has got to be a BIG ONE!"

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# Nothing Makes Sense Anymore

This morning, I realized that everything is about to change. No matter how I vote, no matter what I say, 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 sense of direction.

We see other countries going Socialist and collapsing, but it seems like a great plan to us. Somehow it's un-American for the census to count how many Americans are in America. People who say there is no such thing as gender are demanding a female President. Universities that advocate equality and discriminate against Asian-Americans in favor of African-Americans. Some people are held responsible for things that happened before they were born, while others are not held responsible for their actions at the present time.

Criminals are caught-and-released to hurt more people, but stopping them is bad because t's a violation of THEIR rights. People who have never owned slaves should pay slavery reparations to people who have never been slaves. After legislating gender, if a dude pretends to be a woman, you are required to pretend with him.

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 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 welcomed. \$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. 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 is 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 sinking fast."

— Dave Ramsey



## FOUR ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT Filed Against Corrupt Governor Tim Walz

The following is a tidy summary of the four articles of impeachment Walz now faces:

**Article I: Violation of Oath of Office through Concealment of Fraud:** Accuses Walz of knowingly concealing or permitting the concealment of systemic fraud in state programs, ignoring repeated warnings, audits, reports, and public indicators of abuse. This includes failures to address fraud in programs like Feeding Our Future and Medicaid, allowing ongoing theft of public funds despite evidence dating back years.

**Article II: Interference with Oversight and Investigations:** Charges Walz with obstructing or interfering with lawful oversight, investigations, or corrective actions related to fraud in state agencies. This involves allegations of ignoring whistleblowers, delaying responses to audits, and hindering efforts to probe and rectify program vulnerabilities.

**Article III: Prioritizing Political Considerations Over Lawful Administration:** Alleges that Walz placed political narratives and considerations above the proper administration of state programs, including failing to disclose known failures and prioritizing image over transparency and accountability in handling fraud scandals.

**Article IV: Failure to Steward Public Funds:** Accuses Walz of neglecting his duty to faithfully execute laws protecting public funds, resulting in weakened safeguards, ignored protocols, and the unchecked dissipation of billions in taxpayer money through fraudulent activities in multiple state initiatives.