

# an amusing ARCHIVE of POLITICAL Voices, Comments, Discourse, and NOISE

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Political Responses in Divisive America

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### Dealing with the **INSANITY** of Our Times

#### 1-5-22

Lauren Boebert: The American people deserve an honest government, not a bunch of gaslighters.

Irony, meet Boebert. Boebert, this Irony.

Does this mean you're resigning and taking many in the GQP with you. About time!!

Breaking: Lauren Boebert announces resignation

I agree, so when are YOU leaving?

This tweet is a perfect example of gaslighting

Beautiful resignation speech. Brought tears to my eyes.

So don't vote Republican.

Trying to act tough wont make COVID go away!

14000 Trumpers being admitted to hospital aday in the Us so they said on Tv karma

#### 1-6-22

#### 'This country is not your church, your CHURCH is your church."

Freedom of Religion is Freedom from Religion.

Always wondered why religious dogma is even considered in a democratic country. Is separation of church and state not a thing?

I'm pro-life -and that means in every aspect including after leaving the womb... but I'm also pro-choice, because I understand there are extenuating circumstances and, particularly being a male, it's not my damn business what decision a woman makes concerning both her body and her future. I don't think any of them who make that decision do so lightly...

Pro-Life Evangelist should start paying taxes since they are now political....We need to remind them of the difference between church and state and we could wipe out the national debt in few years if we taxed the churches.

These religious zealots can't keep their noses out of other peoples lives. The Constitution MUST BE UPHELD!

#### 1-10-22

When will Jen finally tell Doocy: Maybe if Fox News would stop spreading misinformation, we can all get our lives back to normal?

I never understood the "vaccinated can still catch COVID" talking point. It's a COVID vaccine. Not COVID repellent.

The MAGA virus can't be repelled but its vaccine is a book.

#### 1-11-22.

I remember Jan 6th and how I never thought a whole political party would go to such extreme lengths for a president that didn't care for them. Plus to see how much denial they all show afterwards is astonishing.

One of the things that many seem to forget about Benghazi, is it it was on a list of locations in an appropriations bill to get additional funding for security. That bill was not passed and in fact was denigrated by Republicans. I think this was between a year and 6 months before Benghazi I'm not quite sure of the timing. But, the fact that additional monies for security that could have significantly protected the people of Benghazi were denied by Republicans seems to be lost in the froth of pundits spewing revisionist history.

Conservatives cherry pick their values. Conservatives cherry pick their history. Conservatives cherry pick the law. Conservatives cherry pick their religion.

Rand Paul could win the award for most heinous U.S. Senator, though he has a lot of competition from his Republican colleagues.

The ugliness of Rand Paul's soul is really being reflected on his face lately!

#### 1-14-22

Klepper to Matt Gaetz: "Isn't this a little bit childish, Matt, or is that what attracts you to this?"

#### 1-15-22

Rightie: It can't be insurrection if no one has been charged with sedition.

Reality: Peeps charged with sedition. Rightie: goalpost moving sounds

The Bible actually warned conservatives against following those false prophets

#### 1-16-22

This is good news, and partisan gerrymandering should be banned. That is one of the many reforms that we need to be a functioning democracy. Other much needed reforms include ending voter suppression, statehood for Washington, DC, and the territories, and electing the president by national popular vote.

It's maybe bad news for the GQP, it's good news for everyone, for democracy, for freedom to vote without bias and without burdensome encumbrance.

Soooo important to vote on the local level as well.

The fact that getting a COVID vaccination is a political issue is insane.

#### 1-17-22

Jen Psaki: Hi there. Arlington county parent here (don't believe you are @GlennYoungkin but correct me if I am wrong). Thank you to @APSVirginia for standing up for our kids, teachers and administrators and their safety in the midst of a transmissible variant.

Imagine spending your entire life devoted to fighting disease so that people can live. And after a decorated career, face these clowns

Rand Paul fundraising at the expense of Faucci getting threats off crackpots is just despicable.Par for the course for Republicans sadly.

Rand Paul has learned well from Fox: Preface a question with a lying accusation and interrupt the answer with another.

Rand Paul would be the type of guy to hide his zombie bite during a zombie apocalypse.

Holy shit: Mitch McConnell: "African-American voters are voting in just as high a percentage as American voters." Toni Morrison: "In this country, American means white. Everybody else has to hyphenate."

#### 1-21-22

I hope this will make young people, want to learn more about race, and the way black and brown people were enslaved. You can never change history or erase it because of your feelings. Shame on the horrible people behind this that would rather lie than tell the truth. You can't stop people from talking...and truth will always come out.

Obvious fear and timidity, they shouldn't have documented their atrocities so well, you can't hide it.. Florida is trying to pass a law about white people being uncomfortable talking about race. I remember days years ago when people got along regardless of race. I grew up in Baltimore.

#### 1-24-22

The world's most deranged malignant narcissist requires applause & worship from people eating waffles in his gold leafed pimp palace. What a sick man.

Finally someone threatening violence over masks is held accountable. She sounds serious in her threats, doesn't sound like she was joking, even if she wasn't talking about real guns.

She sounds like some Republican leaders that try to excuse their own bad actions and comments with the "it's a joke" excuse. This person is acting in the example of the Republican leaders, and has become so comfortable with public threats of violence that she feels justified making these remarks. Unfortunately I believe she may be deranged enough to make good on her threats. I hope they are watching out for her with stronger security.

#### 1-28-22

Don't forget that Red states allow alternative educations. Hell, some states literally have laws requiring teachers to also teach right wing indoctrination. Tennessee has a law that Bio class MUST teach some form of creationism, and they obviously implied Christianity, but one teacher didn't take kindly and started the fake Religion of Pastafarianism.

At his confirmation hearing today, Desantis' Surgeon General nominee Joseph Ladapo is asked a simple question: Are the covid vaccines safe and effective? He refuses to answer the question. Calling yourself a Medical Doctor, being a Republican and working under Ron DeSatan is a oxymoron. He obviously slid under the door to get his Medical degree. Just ask yourself, would

you want him as your doctor.

Oh look, a "memoir" written by the alternative facts lady, Kellyanne Conway. Look for it in the fiction section, folks.

As a lifelong Ohioan, I'm thoroughly embarrassed. To be honest with you, I literally try to avoid even traveling outside of city limits unless I absolutely have to, due to the overabundance and saturation of degenerate MAGA morons living out in the sticks. These people are legitimately insane.

ProGod, Pro-dumb- Pro-trump was what I heard....and it makes sense.

#### 1-30-22

Yes..Trump said... "Vrg litf aeii puyfc ard. Pohht frf kpe jew hppg fewy hhg gr!!!! Wot get pobt dwwu pyvrx jer!!! Whh ghhh gfx!!"

This is what prosecutors call guilty knowledge. And also, intent. Predicting Trump will write it off as a) a joke or b) locker room talk and GOP electeds will shake their heads in agreement. Trump boasting in his latest statement: the goal was to overturn the election—after touting at his rally that he'll pardon Jan 6 insurrectionists. Every Republican candidate & official should go on record with their answer: Do you support sedition & pardoning domestic terrorists? I feel bad for the Drs. and Nurses that have to treat the unvaxed. But have no sympathy unvaxed or their families

I'm so out of empathy for these people.

#### 2-4-22

5 Dead. 140 officers injured. \$30 million in damages. Feces smeared on the wall. The GOP's definition of legitimate political discourse.

Let's connect the dots here: The Republican Party adopted an official position that trying to overthrow government through assault and homicide specifically in order to void votes from Black urban centers like Philly, Detroit, and Atlanta is "legitimate political discourse."

#### 2-14-22

FOX's definition of "critics are saying": Our commentators just made this up."

#### 2-23-22

Noted idiot Pete Hegseth (who thinks germs aren't real bc he can't see them) says Putin lives "rent-free" in the minds of the media. Imagine if any "reporter" or commentator had said Breshnev or Kruschev lived rent-free in the minds of the right...

#### 2-24-22

Thank God Biden is in charge! Trump would most likely have agreed with his friend Putin!

#### 2-25-22

I think because we had a pampered billionaire running our country for 4 years and, a socialist democratic senate that just about anything is possible in eastern Europe.If Putin does not stop this aggression we will see the end of the world.Poland will be the next big step. I still see this as NATO was trying to be employed in Ukraine and, Putin could not allow that. If his aggression does not stop there kiss all of out bottoms adios,

I have family in Poland, and this is a very real concern for them. There is no love lost between Russia and Poland going back several centuries. Things we'll need to wait see on include: Will Putin act in the nearer term to connect Kaliningrad and Belarus and are Belarussians willing to have war in their own country?

Will the US rebuild its military presence in Europe at least in the short term while Putin still reigns? I think the majority of Americans would support this, but it will be heavily dependent on who are next few Presidents will be.

Will NATO nations wake up and start bolstering their militaries?

How much longer will Putin remain in power and who will succeed him?

Are the majority of Russians really supportive of the direction Putin is taking the country? If not, how long will they tolerate what is happening?

A lot of variables at play and only time will tell

Let's pray for peace and sanity

How sickening it is to hear Donald Trump praise Vladimir Putin. Sickening, too, to hear former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo praise the murderous dictator who is attacking Ukraine.

More: Condemnation, Biden blame: What Ohio officials, Senate candidates are saying about Ukraine Sickening to hear congressional Republicans criticize President Biden instead of supporting him and the country.

Sickening also to have a talk show host, Tucker Carlson, to broadcast his support for Russia to millions of people.

What in God's name is happening to the U.S.A.?

#### 2-26-22

@POTUS on Donald Trump calling Putin "savvy" and "genius" amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine: "I put as much stock in Trump saying that Putin's a genius as I do when he called himself a stable genius."

More than 150,000 Ukrainian refugees have now crossed into neighbouring countries, half of them to Poland, and many to Hungary, Moldova, Romania and beyond.

Displacement in Ukraine is also growing but the military situation makes it difficult to estimate numbers and provide aid.

Godspeed to all the fighters for Ukraine. The world prays for you.

More sanctions!!!

More arms to the resistance!

The world stands with the brave Ukrainian people

Stay strong

The entire world is behind Ukraine. Stay strong.

Russia needs some Freedom. I think we should help them out and relieve them from their oppressive government.

West democratic countries, please send your army without insignia to assist Ukraine. This genocide must stop!

He is not ubalanced, he is evil! He has been doing this in other countries as well.

NOW: "Murder" painted in red paint on the driveway outside of the Russian Embassy. DC and Secret Service Police are now standing watch. Earlier, crowds supporting Ukraine had gathered here protesting the Russian invasion

Someone hacked into Russian state TV channels. They feature Ukrainian music and national symbols. UA

Internet users suspect that this may be another action by the hacker group #Anonymous, which declared a cyber war to Russia in connection with the attack on #Ukraine.

Tears for Fears' performed "Everybody Wants To Rule The World" on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert. What an appropriate song for this disheartening time! Whoever thought to invite Tears For Fears on this date was very wise. Thank-you.

The Ukrainians are showing the world what a united country looks like!

Stay strong Ukraine. The longer you last the more help will come your way.

I wish peace were possible but the realistic scenario at this point seems to be this: Russia will take over. So, support the Ukrainians with arms that they can use to resist in guerrilla warfare. Help them that way. Russia must feel pain for this kind of unacceptable, unhuman behavior.

In an interview with Yahoo News's "Skullduggery" podcast, hours before Putin placed Russian nuclear forces on high alert, Belton explains why the battle for Ukraine could be the Russian president's waterloo.

#### 2-28-22

Dee Snider: People are asking me why I endorsed the use of "We're Not Gonna Take It" for the Ukrainian people and did not for the anti-maskers. Well, one use is for a righteous battle against oppression; the other is a infantile feet stomping against an inconvenience.

Trump, who discussed pulling the US from NATO takes credit for NATO's existence in a new statement. Trump, who threatened to withhold weapons funding from Ukraine to get dirt on Biden, takes credit for Ukrainian weapons in same statement.

It was trump that undermine U.S. national security & froze military assistance to Ukraine, leaving that lion of a nation, vulnerable to attack. It was Trump's attacks on NATO that encouraged Putin to believe NATO was fragile.

July 25, 2019 Zelenskyy: "[W]e are almost ready to buy more Javelins from the United States for defense purposes." Trump: "I want you do us a favor though..."

This is the guy who withheld military aid to Ukraine, openly talked of dismantling NATO, and cozied up to Putin. Perhaps he should sit this one out.

And never forget that when donald trump withheld military aid to Ukraine to extort President Zelenskyy, 99% of republicans in Congress refused to remove trump from office.

This is an NBC News US senior correspondent near-demanding that nuclear powers enter a hot war. It is always incredible to witness how so many American reporters become champions for US militarism, without a shred of concern for the human life they purport to care about.

#### 3-8-22

I remember losing my job and being on lockdown for most of 2020 bc the trump administration bungled the <u>#COVID19</u> pandemic. Gas was cheaper bc no one was working. I wish reporters would ask every <u>#Republican</u> what their plans are for inflation, besides raising taxes on poor folks

#### 3-13-22

Trump calls on his supporters to "lay down their very lives" in the fight against critical race theory

Every time you hear "some people say" you should immediately insert the words "what the network told me to say" in their place. The "some people" are always corporate execs. This is true right, left, and center.

#### 3-18-22

It is painful to hear Candace Owen speak on any subject. Her ability to persuade anyone depends entirely on the ignorance and gullibility of her audience.

The worst part about this is she doesn't care that she's wrong, she said it, her followers heard, they believe it! There'll be no retraction or apology, she and her followers will move on to the next line of bullshit without ever looking back!

She is RIGHT only in the Political world. She doesn't need to do her homework because her listeners want to hear what they want to hear. Truth doesn't matter.

She's got quite some nerve calling other people stupid, considering the fact that she has little knowledge about this subject.

Astonishing ignorance. Scarier still, people actually listen to her and believe her. Talk about the cult of personality. She doesn't care if she's right or not...as long as she's an "influencer." Her level of righteous indignation is appalling.

I bet she couldn't even find Ukraine on a map a few months ago. And, of course she puts her one POC audience member front and center.

She talks about ignorant people.

Being the most ignorant of them all she doesn't have much credibility.

The trouble is that well dressed, well-spoken people who are in power either lie or are genuinely ignorant most of the time. Fact check everyone, even those you normally would trust.

So confident in her own ignorance. A perfect Republican specimen.

Republican word salads and she's a TOKEN. Bought and paid for, especially for the grift.

When can we expect an apology/correction from her? A 'my bad?' Staggering lack of self-awareness. Then she has the brass neck to call the Twitter user ignorant. Couldn't make this stuff up. Beyond parody.

To large sections of the radical right, it's increasingly clear that facts don't count anymore, it's which lies do you prefer. Just pick something, run with it, and cash in on their cult's ignorance. Shameless.

#### She says these stupid things with such confidence

I have friends who post her nonsence but they always have time to repeat what she says never the time to check if what she is saying is true - Thanks

Narcissistic personality disorder — one of several types of personality disorders — is a mental condition in which people have an inflated sense of their own importance, a deep need for excessive attention and admiration, troubled relationships, and a lack of empathy for others.

She's relying on the fact that most people don't fact check.

She figured out what works and she's rolling with it. I blame her "supporters". She'd have to try a different shtick if this one wasn't so profitable.

#### 3-23-22

Kid Rock. Living proof that too many drugs, too much alcohol and too much Fox Opinion Network will mess you up for life.

#### 3-25-22

I love Desi's Foxsplaining. I understand her insane rant delivery, too. Watching even 2 min of Tucker, Hannity, or Janine I'm ready to scream

As Ukraine burns, Republicans are talking about CRT and reversing court decisions legalizing interracial marriage. Very sad.

As Ukraine burns, Lindsey Graham threw a temper tantrum on national television when he got caught lying. Very sad.

So what happens when Ginni Thomas refuses to abide by a congressional subpoena surrounding her January 6 activities & the case goes all the way to the Supreme Court?

#### 3-27-22

I swear the GOP wants the Handmaid's tale to be a guidebook. Just say y'all hate women's rights. I read Jason Williams' account of the Republican U.S. Senate primary, and he nailed it. The primary is in a shambles, and it proves the GOP mindset – vicious, vulgar, heartless and afraid of Donald Trump. It's sad and unbelievable that a major party still caters to an immature, immoral, sore loser who cheats on his wives and taxes. Surely, there is a respectable, qualified leader out there somewhere – someone with leadership skills and the courage to step up against this embarrassing mess. NOW!

#### 4-5-22

Fox's Doocy on "Don't Say Gay" law banning identity discussion in K-3: "Does the White House support that kind of classroom instruction before kindergarten?" WH Press Sec. Psaki: "Do you have examples of schools in Florida that are teaching kindergarteners about sex education?"

Fox's Peter Doocy asks about "Don't Say Gay" bill in Florida and questions what age gender/sexual identity discussion is appropriate. Psaki calls out "politicians in Florida propagating misinformed hateful policies that do absolutely nothing to address the real issues."

A satirical letter circulating among Florida teachers suggests now <u>referring to all students as</u> "<u>they" and "them"</u> to avoid risky "gendered pronouns" like "he" and "she." Also "Mr." and "Mrs." would have to be eliminated for teachers, according to the letter.

Twitter wags responding to the letter also raised other issues: Will the words "boys" and "girls" have to be eliminated from school bathrooms? What happens to "female" and "male" sports teams? "If "Heather Has Two Mommies" can't be read in the classroom, then books like "Fun With Dick and Jane" (and their presumably heterosexual parents) should also be banned, noted critics.

Rep. Lauren Boebert: Next year, the woke Disney lobbyists will ask Congress to extend Micky Mouse's trademark. I think not.

M-I-C-K-E-Y There's literally a song that taught millions of us how to spell it. If these losers weren't dumb we'd be screwed.

This is not how any of this works. -Congress doesn't legislate individual trademarks. -Once the US Patent and Trademark Office registers a trademark, it can last forever if it's renewed. -It's Mickey Mouse not Micky. -Why do Republicans want to cancel Mickey Mouse?

So much for being against #CancelCulture . . .

Mickey, not Micky. Copyright, not trademark. Other than that, great tweet.

There is literally a song about spelling his name correctly.

The Mickey Mouse trademark doesn't expire like a copyright does. But you can't expect an idiot who can't spell Mickey to know that.

Spelling is hard

Micky, lieutenant corporal, gazpacho police... this is the GOP

If you find yourself going to war with Big Bird and Mickey Mouse over the course of several months, congratulations: you're the villain of the story.

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene: Murkowski, Collins, and Romney are pro-pedophile. They just voted for <u>#KBJ</u>.

The present and future of the GOP. She's the base and it'll get worse. Also, she just said her Republican colleagues are pro-pedophile. Between her and Cawthorn's orgy-gate, they're doing an awesome messaging job for Democrats who couldn't message to save their lives.

Chris Rufo's QAnon-ing of Disney is a big vindication for those of us who saw him (and James Lindsay, et al) as unhinged, bad-faith culture war maniacs back when they were still being pushed as brave muckrakers by the rational-centrist/politically-tribeless/heterodox brain trust.

Vile is too kind a word for this one

The hate is strong with this one.

Weirdest moment of the KBJ vote: Rand Paul didn't show until around 20 mins after all other senators had voted. Kept everyone waiting.

McConnell at one point looked at other GOP senators, threw his hands up. Schumer spoke to McConnell, I presume to ask if could just call it. When he voted, Rand Paul didn't even enter the chamber. He opened the door of the Republican cloakroom, stood inside and put his thumb down. Closed the door and left.

Of the 115 justices in the Supreme Court's 233-year history, 108 have been white men. Only five have been women, and three have been people of color.

#### 4-14-22

Dear God, Texas needs to get Abbott out of the governor's office. He's literally the epitome of a selfish grifter (like the rest of the GOP)

#### 4-15-22

Part of a teacher's job is to get you to think for yourself. Today, teachers must learn how to "not" teach and face punishments if they do so with regard to racial inequities and LGBTQ issues. What would the governor say to a young student who has two dads or two moms? You do a disservice to those students. You make them feel "less than," and point out your own ignorance, in a state that had the Pulse Nightclub massacre.

This is a plea to please think for yourselves. Don't just blindly accept what the governor and state are selling. Question motives behind any issue. Don't let others measure your worth only by your loyalty to them. Think for yourselves!

#### 4-18-22

Rep. Carlos G Smith: @EducationFL just announced they're banning dozens of math textbooks they claim "indoctrinate" students with CRT. They won't tell us what they are or what they say b/c it's a lie. #DeSantis has turned our classrooms into political battlefields and this is just the beginning.

#### 4-19-22

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX) slams Disney for opposing Florida's "Don't Say Gay" law:

"In every episode now, they're gonna have Mickey and Pluto going at it ... You can always shift to Cinemax if you want that."

In this 38 second clip, Ted completely makes something up (Disney is showing gay sex!) and then gets mad at the thing he's made up (my kids can't watch Disney anymore because of the gay sex).

Cruz will say he's joking, some Qanon people will think Disney is making adult content Shorter Ted Cruz: 'It's amazing how much people are misrepresenting the Florida "Don't Say Gay" law, but those groomers at Disney are going to have Mickey and Pluto having sex in every episode now to try and indoctrinate your kids.'

This man is openly fetishizing childrens' cartoon characters in public and they'll still say gay people are the ones telling your kids weird stuff

Imagine how disgusting your brain has to be that when you think of LGBTQ+ inclusion in animation you INSTANTLY think of a mouse fucking his pet dog

We really need Josh Hawley to help crack down on whatever it is Ted Cruz is dreaming up.

Do people suggesting this stuff realize they're the ones who sound sex-obsessed and creepy? Ted Cruz is the only person on earth who grew up wanting to be the dad from Footloose.

#### 4-21-22

Of course the math books contained no CRT. That's why they wouldn't give any evidence of it when people were asking why the books were banned.

Wouldn't want kids to have "feelings" like being kind and have empathy for others. What a crime that would be.

I'm beginning to think DeSantis is having a full-blown Psychotic Breakdown.

Trump University math is where you declare victory when you get millions of fewer votes.

What we're seeing is honest-to-God fascism in Florida. Scary stuff to see in America...

But ... but ... their kids are going to be too ignorant to ever succeed in, or even be admitted to, a really good college. This is nutty! You can't learn to thin critically if you are never exposed to anything you are allowed to disagree with. Ironic because de Santis went to a good school and SURELY knows better than the b.s. he is spouting. VERY insincere.

Math books for kids are banned in FLORIDA- but why? Glad to see the inside story on 8 of these Florida books where no CRT was found. Not even close. Gov. DeSantis with these elementary & high school students' book bans are despicable and manufactured grievances. Great journalism.

Disturbing how DeSantis can push these horrible laws and executive orders. He must never be allowed in the white house and needs to be votes out of office.

Dear Gov DeSantis and Republicans, The right answer is 83,000,000 is more than 74,0000,000. The question is which candidate won the election? Another right answer is 0, The question is how many times is Critical Race Theory is taught in any subject in grades K through 12.. DeSantis wants math to be relevant, like if there are 3 minority voters and they suppress 2 of

DeSantis wants math to be relevant, like if there are 3 minority voters and they suppress 2 of them, how many minority voters does that leave? Or if 10 millionaires each receive 2 million dollars in tax breaks, how much was the total of the tax breaks given?

Another nail in democracy's coffin. If this nonsense continues, ultimately, we'll end up like Russia.

CRT: Crazy Republican Thinking.

Floriduh!!!!.

#### 4-22-22

GOP, please stop using kids as a political weapon. It makes me sick to my core.

If they don't want anyone or anything to sexualize children, they should outlaw those child beauty pageants. But that's a Republican thing.....

Imagine the nerve of Disney to promote equality for all children , (just kidding of course ) I hope Disney puts a billion dollars into defeating DeSatan and his 1st amendment haters ,Go disney!! The mouse VS the rats

It's 2022 I can't believe this is a mainstream topic. Florida needs to do better, but with their reputation: it's doomed.

REPUBLICANS: "Cancel culture is WRONG!!!"

ALSO REPUBLICANS: "Disney said something we don't like! Get the pitchforks!"

#### 4-25-22

And the second that Disney sues Florida in federal court, Florida loses. This is a clear First Amendment violation of the corporate free speech rights that republicans demanded. DeSantis didn't like what Disney said and took revenge. That's against the Free Speech clause of the First Amendment. If republicans didn't want corporations to be able to say what they want, they shouldn't have fought so hard for those rights. This is the result.

Disney has a right to its opinion on issues that are important to its customers. The state is way out of bounds for taking legal action against Disney. This is where the CU ruling and "corporations are people" is going to be the death of the current florida government. More to the point, if you remove the legal construct that allowed Disney to raise bonds, they are will with in their legal right to not pay them. To stop any EMS services under their designation, etc. It all falls back on the local government. Disney in the end is going to go "scorched earth" on florida and it will be by the states own doing.

#### 4-28-22

News of the Surreal (for Real): "School library bill advances, sponsor suggests book burning." NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee Republicans advanced legislation Wednesday that would place more scrutiny over what books are placed in public schools libraries, moments after the bill's House sponsor said any inappropriate book should be burned.

The USA is going backwards, not forwards. We need intelligent and moral people in office. We don't have that in the GOP.

I was a Republican all of my life until 1/6/21. What's "age appropriate" and why is some politician qualified to make that choice for the general population? I've been married for over 30 years to a decent, law abiding, taxpaying woman who never cheated anyone. She once told me a story about how her father caught her reading her mothers copy of "Valley of the Dolls" when she was eight years old. She finished the book when her father wasn't around. Near as I can tell she's pretty well adjusted. If these politicians keep up this behavior they'll just make these "inappropriate" books more attractive to the very kids they pretend to protect. They're just looking for votes.

So which political party is pushing cancel culture? In the 1930s what party in Germany was busy burning books they didn't like?

Ever notice that the white wing crowd always wants to burn anything they don't like. Someone should remind them that they are burning taxpayer dollars using their taxpayer funded salaries.

Ridiculous! By children does he mean under 18 years of age? He is old school. young addults just go to the internet, which I suppose he doesn't know how to access or search on or use.

Confederates are panicking. This is how fascists deal with perceived problems, why there aren't any prosperous and stable fascist states in the world, and why we certainly don't want these people in government.

The Old South seems to have no shortage of poorly educated people who elect these types of reactionaries. What's next? Mass jailing of Jews and other nonChristians?

Easy way to shut down a blowhard like this. Ask him for a list of the books he'd like banned, then put him under oath and ask him which ones he's read.

Are they stuck in the 1950's? GOP cavemen. "Me burn book, make book go away". Book burning LOL with allllll the electronic devices you can read a book on and they are still hooked on book burning. I wonder if the book "Fahrenheit 451" is on the banned books list?

This is the same bunch that does not want Twitter censored, but would censor the libraries a school books. The book burning reminds me of Hitler's Germany.

#### 4-29-22

Jamie Raskin..is true patriot...MTG is a green goblin in the real world

#### 5-2-22

What does it really matter if a choice few on Fox News aren't vaccinated? The bottom line is that Fox News is the primary network spreading all the dis/misinformation about the COVID vaccine claiming how dangerous it is, yet more than 90% who work there have received the vaccine, be it willingly or by force. Are they suggesting their jobs at Fox were more important than their health

and their life?? Or is it that they know their viewers want and need the negative information about the vaccines safety to justify their own refusal to get the vaccine, so Fox is only dissing the vaccine to give their viewers what they want to hear? If Fox employees truly believed the negative reporting they've done on the safety of the vaccine, they would've walked, rather than "take any chances" solely for the sake of their jobs, just as countless other Americans have walked away from their own jobs, namely in the medical profession. They brag on their ratings but anyone with an ounce of common sense knows that ratings are always going to be higher if you give the viewers what they "want" to hear versus what they "need" to hear.

Those two also refused to get polio or measles vaccines, they feel that they have the right to take their chances.

Another way of saying "I have an IQ below 50," is "I am not vaxxed."

They make fun of being "woke" because they think it sounds much more insulting than being "enlightened" or "empathetic". Also because they can't spell enlightened or empathetic.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Supreme Court has voted to overturn abortion rights, draft opinion shows."

It's my body and my right to not have to get vaccinated, but you don't have the right to do what you want with your body. The GOP!

Welcome to the United States of Fascism!

#### 5-3-22

I awoke to a different United States of America where women's rights are taken away from them with Roe v. Wade being overturned by a Republican Supreme Court. It is utterly surreal watching a large part of the female population walking around in a daze of trying to process what this means to their lives and their dignity over their own bodies. Then there's a whole other faction that is celebrating the end of "murder".

Another politically endangered Michigan Democrat, Rep. Elissa Slotkin, sounded a louder alarm: "If tonight's news is true, Michigan's 1931 state law banning abortion would snap back into effect, making any abortion illegal in our state — even if the mom will die, or if she was raped by a family member. No exceptions," she tweeted. "My poor mother is turning over in her grave."

Rep. Katherine Clark (D-Mass.), a member of party leadership, said the court's draft majority opinion would "make the dystopian horrors of forced pregnancy a reality." Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-Wash.), who leads the Congressional Progressive Caucus, tweeted: "As one of the 1 in 4 women in this country who have chosen to have an abortion, I am outraged & disgusted by the reported draft SCOTUS opinion."

Dear Students,

Today is Election Day here in Ohio, and it's also Thrive Week at CCAD. Those might seem like completely unrelated events, but I would argue that they're, in fact, deeply intertwined.

Thriving is, of course, deeply personal, but as a community we can also do our part to help each other thrive. Many of you are undoubtedly stressed this week—I know I am. There are final projects to complete, shows to prepare for, summer internships to snag, careers to launch, and more! So, this week on campus, we're doing a little something each day to remind you that even in the most hectic of weeks, it's important to take care of yourself. To pause. To breathe. To scream. To pet an alpaca. And, to vote.

Voting is the cornerstone of our democracy. I've said this before, but I truly believe that voting is not just your right, not just your responsibility. It is your power.

And that is what brings me back to thriving. Exercising your power for collective action, for the greater good, is critical for our community but research has shown that it also increases your personal feelings of well-being—your ability to thrive.

You're here to learn how to impact culture and commerce with your art and design. Your work serves as your voice. So does your vote. Don't miss an opportunity to exercise your voice with your vote. Local elections are where we can make the most impact, so stay engaged in whichever community you call home.

You can find your polling location <u>here.</u> Polls are open until 7:30 p.m. today. If you haven't yet registered to vote, I encourage you to visit <u>vote.gov</u>, which offers resources and links to voter registration information by state. It's never too late to start exercising your power.

And, you can see all of the Thrive Week events here.

Be well & best of luck as you wrap up the year,

Melanie

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez: As we've warned, SCOTUS isn't just coming for abortion - they're coming for the right to privacy Roe rests on, which includes gay marriage + civil rights. Manchin is blocking Congress codifying Roe. House has seemingly forgotten about Clarence Thomas. These 2 points must change

I'm looking for a meaningful relationship. One where I can engage with conservative Republicans about things that really matter.

I want to discuss affordable housing for the hardworking folks in the service sector, who look after us fortunate retirees. But these newfangled Republicans have no time for that. They're too busy protecting us from nonexistent voter fraud.

I'd like an honest dialogue with an old-fashioned Republican who recognizes that the end of the Civil War, 157 years ago, did not solve any and all racial inequities in this country.

But the culture warriors are preoccupied with protecting our kids from something that has never been taught to kids, is not being taught to kids and was never designed to be taught to kids.

I'd love to debate fiscal policy with a business-friendly, small government Republican who can acknowledge the liar in Palm Beach for the liar that he is.

But I guess that just isn't gonna happen. Too bad. I could develop a genuine affection for an old-fashioned Republican, even if and when we disagreed.

But today's Republicans have no time for such nonsense. After all, times a wastin', and ere are books to ban.

If a man impregnates a Woman who wants an abortion, but no longer can get one. Then the law should be passed that those men get castrated so they can not go around impregnate other Women ensuring that they can not go around putting other Women's lives at risk.

Abortion is a personal choice. All those who don't believe in abortion shouldn't get one. Many people are against abortion even for rape of minors. or incest which often results in deformed or mentally disabled children. Will those against such abortions adopt the disabled or deformed children and take responsibility for their position, or are they just self-centured people that won't take responsibility for their positions?

George Carlin once said in his stand up... "Ever notice that the women against abortion are the one's you wouldn't fk in the first place"

This is just a quote, not my opinion.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Whole range of rights could now be at risk' if Roe v. Wade is overturned, Biden says."

#### 5-4-22

"Not deeply rooted in this nation's history and traditions." That argument could easily be used to get rid of a ton of rights.

Fun fact: racism and slavery are also deeply rooted in our nation's history and traditions.

This is downright terrifying. The fate women's rights is in the hands of NINE people! The Handmaid's Tale was meant to be a cautionary tale, not a blueprint.

A party that takes away abortion rights but refuses to provide support for pregnant women who need help with medical care including birth expenses, housing, food, child care and schooling, employment, etc, is most definitely not pro-life.

Don't forget, Susan Collins thought Trump would be chastised after the first impeachment. She believes whatever she needs to. That's how she justifies her loyalty to her party.

Banning abortions is not pro-life. It's just anti-choice. If they are really "pro-life" they would fix the foster care and adoption systems. "Pro-life" is Healthcare and housing for all.

Thanks so much for this unapologetic truth bombing. Thank you for saying what I've been feeling. I actually applauded when Trevor brought back around the privacy and violation point in regards to the leak itself. I started crying at the Elizabeth Warren clip - the pure rage in her voice was palpable, and I share it - and when Desi was talking. Women are not incubators, we are actual real people deserving of human rights.

If Collins and Murkowski actually supported a woman's right to choose, they would help the Democrats overcome the filibuster and codify Roe into federal law. The fact that they won't shows who they really are

Infant and maternal mortality will skyrocket in states with abortion bans. Childhood poverty will increase exponentially. I hope Republicans are ready for the consequences of their actions.

This is depressing and I'm someone who's privileged enough to easily leave the country to get access to abortion if I need it. This feels like getting the news of RBG's death all over again. I will never forgive anyone who voted for trump. This is so messed up! So messed up!!

As a European it just blows my mind that you have a minority like the GOP ruling over the rest of the country. I mean - politics are always broken but this is just nuts. I'm so sorry for you guys.

Amy Coney Barrett should recuse herself, because she specifically said during her confirmation hearings that she would not do this! Alito and Kavanaugh said that very thing!

Once again, the cruelty is the point. Don't accept this. Let's get mad, and let's make things right.

"It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives."

The purpose of the Constitution is to limit the power of the government such that the rights of the citizens are protected from government abuse. There is a clear problem here when someone says they are taking power from the people using a constitution that is supposed to protect them. YourBodyMyChoice am I right?

As an Australian, I'm appalled by the prospect of the US Supreme Court overturning Roe v Wade. It seems like the US is devolving.

Unbelievable on so many levels.

MURKOWKSI on if she felt that SCOTUS nominees misled her during the confirmation process: "My confidence in the court has been rocked."

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez: Murkowski voted for Amy Coney Barrett when Trump himself proclaimed that he was appointing justices specifically to overturn Roe.

She and Collins betrayed the nation's reproductive rights when they were singularly capable of stopping the slide. They don't get to play victim now

#### Maleeha Aziz, 28, Texas

"My initial reaction was shock, even though I knew it was going to happen. When you have a visual, it just hits different. I felt shock, horror and sadness.

"My ability to have an abortion is why I am a mother in the first place. If it had not been for my first abortion, I wouldn't have been able to have my daughter today, who I planned in a healthy, stable environment. Both my abortions have been very impactful.

"I naively thought getting an abortion wouldn't be hard, but I faced barrier after barrier after barrier. It was so traumatic, and the crisis pregnancy center I went to caused me so much trauma.

"I'm very grateful that despite all the barriers I was able to find a way, and I was supported by so many loved ones, to have an abortion. If I had not had that abortion, I would have been stuck in an abusive relationship and I don't know if I would be here today — that's how bad things were at one point. And I would have been forced, if I even made it that far, to raise a child in a very unhealthy environment — a child that I did not want. I would not have graduated college, I would have no money, and I don't know what kind of living situation I would be in. "I wouldn't have the life I have today without my first abortion. I would not have my daughter,

### who I love so much." Jessica Blankenship, 35, New York

"I was angry, but unsurprised. I thought that expecting Roe to fall would diminish how bad I felt when it ultimately did, so I've been a little taken aback by just how profoundly furious and sad I am today.

"Without my abortion, I'm not even sure I would still be alive. The man who impregnated me later severely assaulted me, and if I'd had a child by him and been tied to him ... I just don't know. Not to mention I never would've had the chance to build the life that now upholds the material and emotional resources I'm able to give my child.

"My experience of being his mom has been an absolute life-defining joy, and truly it just never would've happened if not for my abortion years before he was born. I also know that the option to have an abortion when I got pregnant with him was a big factor in how I mentally related to that pregnancy — I knew I chose it. I chose to be his mother. That element of choice totally reframes how you experience all the hardships and exhaustion that come with being a mom. "If it had been forced on me, enduring those same things would've felt wholly intolerable. Choosing to be a mother is a wonderful thing, and without abortion access you completely recontextualize how even pregnancies and kids that might've ultimately been wanted are experienced by mothers who had no choice.

"I think about that a lot."

#### Hannah Matthews, 34, Maine

"I am gutted. We knew it was coming, and even expected a potential timeline similar to this one. "But to see the hateful and ignorant rhetoric, the denigration of settled law and the right of Americans to bodily autonomy and privacy in their health care, and the total lack of respect for people with uteruses — physically, emotionally, spiritually, financially, and logistically — and by extension of the children they do have, and their families, was shattering.

"Most people who have abortions are already parenting one or more children, and many more go on to have children after their abortions. This means they know what pregnancy, childbirth, and parenting entail.

"My own abortion enabled me to love and care for my baby in all the ways he needs and deserves."

#### Hilary, 39, Washington

"My heart just dropped. It's disheartening, and I definitely feel emotional about it. The assault on women's bodies and our lives and our health care and our choices — it's scary to me.

"I had my abortion when I was 19 years old. I was working a crummy retail job and, thankfully, I was able to get medical coupons to pay for it. I was able to go to a clinic and get the proper health care treatment. Now I'm the mother of a 2-year-old because I was able to get my life in a place where I wanted to be a mother.

"I was also able to go to college. I got my master's degree, I met my husband and we got married. And we were together for a while before we decided to have kids.

"I have a son, so this will impact him in different ways. But this affects men as well. He may not be able to make life decisions with his partner about what's going to be best for the both of them, and that's scary. Having a kid is a huge responsibility and it's a huge commitment and it's one that you should be able to make on your own and not be forced into.

"It's a beautiful thing, being a parent, but it's also the hardest thing I've ever done. I'm just so grateful that I was able to make that choice when I was able to. I want that for my children."

#### Paige Alexandria, 31, Texas

"Hearing the news devastated me. We all knew this was coming, but it doesn't make the reality of it any easier to accept. Those of us in states hostile to abortion have already been living in a post-Roe world, and we've known for a long time that we cannot count on our government officials to protect us — we can only count on each other.

"For months, thousands of people have been forced to travel out of state while others have had to continue pregnancies they weren't ready or prepared for. And when Roe is overturned, people living in states who've enacted trigger bans are going to wake up in Texas. We know the outcome of this because we've been living it since last September.

"My abortion allowed me to be the parent I am today. As parents, we know our limits and boundaries when it comes to expanding our family — and we know that better than the old, white men passing these extreme bills. Whether someone agrees with my decision or not, no one should be stripped of their right to make an informed decision for themselves."

#### Megan, 31, New Jersey

"My first reaction was numbness, a lack of surprise and profound sadness, all at the same time. "And there's just so much going on in the world right now, so this feels like yet another layer, yet another massive thing for us to wrap our heads around collectively. It feels pretty exhausting, at this point, to hear this news, even if it felt inevitable.

"I thought back to the 23-year-old I was when I had an abortion, and feeling pretty burdened by the stigma of abortion, despite living in a state where I could very easily access a <u>medication abortion</u>. I just thought back to myself at that time, being so unprepared to be a parent. Now I have a 2-year-old, and some days I still feel unprepared to be a parent.

"The last eight years I've been able to be the professional that I am at the level that I'm at, and I — along with my husband — have been able to offer a life to our daughter that feels like the life we want to be able to give our child, and not the life we were living when I had an abortion.

"I was not sober from alcohol when I was 23, and getting sober is a decision I made three years ago. I'm really happy that I was able to enter parenthood being sober from alcohol. I was 100% not prepared to be a parent when I was 23 and still actively drinking.

"I'm in a place now where I am so happy to have a child. Back then, I was not."

#### Andrea\*, 40, Texas

"I'm an attorney, so I've been following this very closely and I wasn't surprised by any stretch of the imagination. But for some reason, actually hearing (Alito's) words was very shocking to me. And disgusting. I felt disgusted.

"I also felt a really visceral reaction, that I was somehow failing my daughters. We were given this right when we were children — we've grown up with it. And now my daughters are in danger of having their bodily autonomy intruded on in a way that I've never experienced. And it just really angered me.

"I had my abortion two days before the <u>six-week ban came down in Texas</u>. I was still really early in my pregnancy, but we had to rush to have it done. And one of the reasons why I got the abortion was so that I would be better able to take care of the daughters I have now. I was very

sick with one of my pregnancies and health issues would have been a serious concern for me, if I had carried the pregnancy to term.

"I need to be there for my 7-year-old and my 9-year-old. That was extremely important to me.

"We're getting pulled backwards in what feels like slow motion."

\*Name has been changed in order to protect the person's privacy.

Brian is right they're just getting started. Gay rights, interracial marriage, contraception are now all fair game.

As a 68-year-old that lived during a time when abortion killed my friends in back door doctor's offices, this is just so wrong and then why, why now with everything very thing else we're grappling with? Unbelievable is all I can say.

THIS will change the outcome of the 2022 midterms to the detriment of Republicans. TIME TO VOTE THEM ALL OUT!!!

As a left leaning Christian myself, I have my own personal convictions about issues in the world. But I am sick of conservatives trying to act like there isn't a separation of church and state in this country. When you're in government, you have to lay aside your religious beliefs in order to make your decisions. If you don't then you are inadvertently, and maybe intentionally imposing your own religious beliefs on other people... I would never vote on a law that's sole purpose was to restrict a group of people from making health decisions just because i don't agree with the spirituality of the law. It's STUPID!!

Condolences from Canada. Be safe America, this is only the start. My heart goes out to American women.

First, we need to vote Republicans out of any power nationally, from top to bottom. Secondly, Democrats need to legislate those rights for women into law. Third, we need to add to the Supreme Court before we become something unrecognizable. This is an atrocious act by the Republicans against the women of our nation, and they must feel the consequences beginning this November. I am truly saddened by this...truly.

The US is certainly turning back the clocks - to George Orwell's 1984. It's frightening to imagine where all this is going

Moderates and Democrats need to use this decision as ammo for the midterms. It's a wildly unpopular decision among everyone that isn't the far right.

Absolutely disgusting... I'm still speechless. I can't believe they do this without thinking about the women across the country this will affect.

As a Registered Republican Voter never again speak to me about Republican Values, Family, Law or Parenting as well as supporting any Republican Candidate again as they only care about themselves and their own political views, opinions and careers and anyone to whom they can sell their loyalty to to protect themselves. Republicans have failed to protect and defend those who have elected them into Office.

I watched FOX for a few minutes. They are pissed that this draft was released. They are afraid that this will galvanize Dems and Independents. Let's prove them right!! VOTE and get others to vote!!!!

#### **Roe Overturned Reactions**

Reading all these righteously furious, outraged, and depressed comments online about the loss of women's reproductive rights has really been triggering for me. I mean, heavily triggering. How can one not feel empathy for when someone's rights are being taken away from a minority of people with a heavily-held religious beliefs? What's worse is that many of those people are my own damn relatives! It's madness and maddening. I felt like getting into a heated shouting match if I was provoked or triggered. It's a dangerous feeling.

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Howard Stern slams potential Roe v. Wade repeal: 'If guys got raped and pregnant, there'd be abortions available on every corner'."

Stern went on to say, "How women vote for this agenda is beyond me. Who the hell wants to carry a baby that you do not want? And, again, the people who carry these babies who don't want them don't raise these kids and then we're stuck with them. Society is stuck with them. The people who are anti-abortion, they don't give to charity. They don't raise these kids. I don't know who they think is going to raise them."

#### **Justin Jason**

I'm not pro-m\*rdering babies.

I'm pro-Becky who found out at her 20-week anatomy scan that the infant she had been so excited to bring into this world had developed without life sustaining organs.

I'm pro-Susan who was sexually assaulted on her way home from work, only to come to the horrific realization that her assailant planted his seed in her when she got a positive pregnancy test result a month later.

I'm pro-Theresa who hemorrhaged due to a placental abruption, causing her parents, spouse, and children to have to make the impossible decision on whether to save her or her unborn child.

I'm pro-little Cathy who had her innocence ripped away from her by someone she should have been able to trust and her 11-year-old body isn't mature enough to bear the consequence of that betrayal.

I'm pro-Melissa who's working two jobs just to make ends meet and has to choose between bringing another child into poverty or feeding the children she already has because her spouse walked out on her.

I'm pro-Brittany who realizes that she is in no way financially, emotionally, or physically able to raise a child.

I'm pro-Emily who went through IVF, ending up with SIX viable implanted eggs requiring selective reduction to ensure the safety of her and a SAFE number of fetuses.

I'm pro-Jessica who is FINALLY getting the strength to get away from her physically abusive spouse only to find out that she is carrying the monster's child.

I'm pro-Vanessa who went into her confirmation appointment after YEARS of trying to conceive only to hear silence where there should be a heartbeat.

I'm pro-Lindsay who lost her virginity in her sophomore year with a broken condom and now has to choose whether to be a teenage mom or just a teenager.

I'm pro-Courtney who just found out she's already 13 weeks along, but the egg never made it out of her fallopian tube so either she terminates the pregnancy or risks dying from internal bleeding.

You can argue and say that I'm pro-choice all you want, but the truth is:

I'm pro-life.

Their lives.

Women's lives.

You don't get to pick and choose which scenarios should be accepted. It's not about which stories you don't agree with. It's about fighting for the women in the stories that you do agree with and the CHOICE that was made.

Women's rights are meant to protect ALL women, regardless of their situation!

Overturning Roe does not stop abortions, it stops SAFE abortions!

## News of the Surreal (for Real): "Republicans Suddenly Don't Want to Talk About Banning Abortion."

So the two justices Kavanaugh and Gorsuch self proclaimed good Catholics openly lied under oath to the Senate in hearing on their nomination in that they both said Roe was settled law. Should lying to Congress which is a federal crime go unpunished? Such action such as lying to Congress if left unpunished set a bad precedent for all future hearing of testimony under oath that there is no ramifications to doing so. These two justices should be sentured as a minimum and impeached as a maximum. But the Republican will not do anything as lying is completely acceptable to them to get their way.

If only politicians held themselves to the same standard they try so hard to implement on everyone else.

"I am going to focus right now on the leak,". Once again, for republican'ts, it's never about how awful they are. For them the real issue is that someone informed us about how awful they are. It's hard to do dark deeds when someone keeps shining a light on you.

It isn't the leak that calls the legitimacy of the judges into question, it's the fact that the judges have become unqualified tRump puppets.

So when these same justices appeared before the senate and swore they would uphold the law they lied and the GOP interested are who leaked the truth SOUNDS like we the people are not allowed to know what's going

The discussion re abortions is a religious topic. When I went to school I learned that the Constitution separates Religion from State, which is why religious organizations have been granted tax exemption. However, it seems that this little fact has gotten lost. Since there are so many people who want to create law based on one's religion, which by the way says you shouldn't have sex unless you're pro-creating, then take away the tax exempt status from all religious organizations. And it's funny because we're talking about the same people who think its OK to lie, cheat and steal their way to power and money.

IF this is about "children", someone please explain to me why we're not also talking about universal free neo-natal and maternity care, extended maternity / paternity leave, lactation consultants, free diapers and formula, etc. If it's about children, why aren't we talking about universal child-care, pre-school, etc. The reason we aren't talking about any of that is because this isn't about babies or children at all. This is about conservatives attempting to control something they will never understand, and thus fear; women. If government is going to start enforcing it's will on women, then it must also be there to support them. So if you are forcing someone to have a kid then you are going to have government help support that kid. None of this "We are forcing you to have this kid ... but once it's born we will not you help you in any way." If you are pro-life then you will support that life AFTER it is born as well. Don't want to hear anyone on the right complaining about people leeching off the government social support systems and being a drag on the system. That's what YOU wanted. You can't have it both ways ... where you protect the unborn ... and then abandon it once it's born.

Come on. They don't care about the children. Anti-abortion states have the worst child healthcare, education, maternal mortality, etc. The anti-abortion movement has never been about children. The next time you hear someone cheer the de-legalization of abortion ask them how many babies they're planning to adopt.

Conservative justices on the high court are actually increasing the possibility of Democrats retaining control of both houses of Congress.

Roe v Wade has never forced anyone to have an abortion. The decision to end a pregnancy should be private and protected. If you are pregnant and your conscience, religion or political beliefs tell you that you must have that baby regardless of the way that child was conceived and the impact that child will have on your health, future career or financial well-being, then carry that baby to term. However, if you were raped, if you are a drug abuser, if the child has severe disabilities, if being pregnant is damaging to your health then you should be allowed to make a choice.

In the end repealing Roe V Wade is all about taking choice away from women and giving it to the government.

This is the biggest government power grab in years. Prior to this, no one could make a law forbidding you from this freedom. Now they can. Government is not supposed to grant us rights. We're supposed to grant the government certain powers. Those we do not, it has no business grabbing.

I would like the author to expand on how the opinion "lets women flourish." Women who wished to be mothers were not constrained from doing so. Women who have been sexually assaulted and become pregnant have a different set of issues. How does the latter flourish? Folks if you value your health and well being never ever vote G O P

"Ashley McGuire is a senior fellow with The Catholic Association." Yes, that Catholic church that has molested, brutalized and murdered children for centuries.

When you ask the GOP how many unwanted babies are they are willing to support themselves? Crickets

What class of people. Fetuses are not people. They could be if they are born. A fetus is called that for reason. A women's life is a person and that always has more value then the potential life. An example if there was fire in a building would you save the person or the frozen fetus. I hope you have the compassion to save a breathing person.

A courageous gift to American children, right, so more can be born into poverty, go without school lunches, inadequate healthcare, marginalized educations and shaky futures - THANKS SAM, YOUR NOT AN AMERICAN HERO. .

Alioto voted his religion.

Shocking that Floridians support reproductive slavery.

this will lead to democratic wins this November. it will be easy to paint the entire republican party as hating women. you reap what you sow.....

As a woman, I hope one day to have as many rights as a gun owner.

VOTE STRAIGHT BLUE TICKET!! Enough is ENOUGH!! Time to stop these MONSTERS in their nasty, hateful tracks!!

This is starting to look like "Handmaid's Tale" mixed with "Idiocracy."

It's getting to the point where the only distinction between America and Saudi Arabia, are the attire and the geography.

Handmaids Tale was a nightmare scenario... That's about to come true... WTF America... A concerned Englishman here watching from over the pond. What has gone wrong in your country????

#### So, when are they going to swear a warrant out for God's arrest for miscarriages?

It's not pro life... it's anti woman- George Carlan

Kavanaugh and Barrett out right lied during their confirmation hearings and the GOP members know that is a fact. Both should be impeached from the bench, just as Trump needs to be jailed for his insurrection. This county deserves better.

Bad apples are political judges that rewrite the law. Trump judges making up the law. It is what I say it is.

Since this court is now political, good for the leaker. You want to be the Supreme Court then ACT like it. This is nothing more now than a politically packed court. So I guess it is time to pack it.

They are angry because the leak caused them to lose control of the narrative so they can manipulate what and how it comes out. Obviously, SCOTUS is totally 100% political so this is the game they are playing. Leaks and more to come. Ginny Thomas using her husband's position to influence federal law and attempt to stop the transition of power is a much bigger story. She's promoting the Big Lie too and no Republican seems to be concerned.

Since we are now a political Supreme Court, i guess it's time to pack it more and get rid of the 2nd amendment. I am actually a believer in the 2nd amendment, but this is the next step. If it's good for one side, it's good for the other.

Rabid Religious Republican views...it's imperative to "save" the lives of about to be aborted babies...but it's NOT IMPERATIVE to wear masks, vaccinate, & potentially save the lives of people who are already alive. Those babies won't be able to vote Republican for 18+ years...I can vote now, & I have a LONG memory!!!

"If you can't dazzle them with brilliance, baffle them with bullsh!t" – Politicians throughout the years

The really scary part is that the arguments used against Roe vs Wade can be used against a long list of decisions like; the right to privacy, marriage, environmental laws, child labor laws are not in the "original" constitution. every day I lose a bit more of my faith in humanity.

As a person raised Catholic I would just like to point out that the stain of the countless lives that will be lost due to unsafe home made abortions will now be on the souls of those who paved the way to this. I don't have to like it and it's not what I would choose, but there are so many many reasons people have for seeking abortions. Making it illegal has never stopped abortions it only makes them unsafe. Plane and simple I'm not here to make your morale choices for you, and I don't believe any law maker should either.

Remember when the Righties called us paranoid and crazy when we said they'd ban books, and overturn Roe v Wade? Yeah... Me too.

I'd suggest we use Congress to set term limits for these judges. I mean if they wish to continue creating unfair rulings..

Remember when part of the reason for America to fight in Afghanistan is to fight for women's rights there? But nothing is done about the American Taliban at home.

republicans about vaccines: "my body my choice." republicans about abortions: "your body my choice."

It's not just burning out (on the left). Rs just care about winning, no matter how. (most) Ds stop at dubious lines, check themselves (if governing requires to cheat, then it's not worth it, it corrupts your intent). Not that Ds don't do it, but Rs are orders of magnitude less ethical, always looking for a loophole to get their way, regardless if it makes sense or whoever it hurts (even them).

This is terrifying. I'm from Scotland & the number of unsafe terminations from Ireland still scares me. There are still so many women who either have to take a journey which scares them, have to take an unwanted child to term or take dangerous routes to terminate the pregnancy. This will not change a thing, it will just damage the safety of women when terminating "Every sperm is sacred Every sperm is great If a sperm is wasted, God gets quite irate" - Previously sung by Monty Python as Catholics as a joke, but now sung by republicans, purposely as an anthem...

No worries. When all these people have babies that they can't afford and need additional support, I'm sure the Republicans will be there to help get a welfare bill passed.

Look, 73% of the country support women's right to choose. Those 73% need to vote against Republicans -- specially those living in swing states. The only way to reverse this is to stop people who are anti-abortion from being in positions of power in state and federal government. The only way to do that is to vote in pro-choice candidates. For too long, people who are pro-choice, pro-books, etc... have been complacent, which has allowed Republicans to erode access to reproductive options. If the Republicans are able to do this, you can bet they will erode other rights not strictly prescribed by the constitution: access to contraception, marriage equality, etc... Remember that poem "First They Came". Well, the Republicans have come for women's right to choose. What rights will you see them invalidate before they eliminate yours?

Separation of church and state !!!!!! Supreme Court shouldn't get rid of a law on the basis of religion! If Christian's don't want to have an abortion, they shouldn't (even though they do) judges are not supposed to judge using their own religious beliefs. It is a fact. Abortion is legal. Any judge who states it isn't should be disbarred for not upholding the law.

#### It's crazy how similar the taliban and the Christian Right are.

This country is starting to feel like the early 30's in Germany. Scary stuff! Impeach Kavanaugh and Barrett for perjury for lying under oath at their confirmations. While we are at it, cap the age for House members at 45, Senate at 50, and President at 55. So every citizen has a 20 year window in which to serve. This is effectively a term limit.

#### Seven Catholics on the Supreme Court? How is this fair and balanced?

"Evil will always win, because good is stupid."

President Biden please start stacking the Supreme Court with justices

#### 5-6-22

Yet bombing pregnant women and children are OK with this same anti-choice group. This same group won't lift a finger to help women and children in need. I say, set up a registry with everybody to pretends to be "prolife" and force them to adopt every kid in the USA and abroad who need loving homes, at their own expense. I bet they'll run and hide because they've never been "prolife."

Our country and these far-right (mostly Republicans) have flipped their lids. Abortion has been legal since 1972 . . . 50 years! Even if Roe gets overturned, it will still be legal in some states. How does something legal for 50 years suddenly become a homicide? Will the next step be that the backward folks in Louisiana will try to make it retro-active? Birth control will be next. Let's hope Americans are waking up, if it isn't already too late.

It is sad watching your country slowly go insane. What happens for a miscarriage? Involuntary manslaughter?

Miscarriage is now murder? What happens if the woman falls and miscarriages? Are they going to jail and charge her until they are satisfied that it was just involuntary manslaughter? If the Mother dies in child birth did the baby commit murder? Or is that OK.

Already lost me. 20 years voting Republican. What Desantis did to Disney in a CLEAR first amendment violation and now this. I'm out. This party needs to be stopped now.

Right to Lifers believe life begins with conception and ends at childbirth.

I rest my case, pro-lifers want to end all abortion, criminalize women for choosing what is best for them and anyone assisting them. Soon you will not be able to travel for an abortion outside your state without the risk of criminal prosecution. What's next, birth control?

The problem with conservatives is they demand everyone to just shut up and comply to traditional norms. They demand the era of the 1950s to be frozen in time forever, where women stay at home to tend to the kids (just like June Cleaver).

Republicans won't be happy until they can kill women or imprison them for life when the Republican "God" Himself decides that a fetus isn't viable. Miscarriage? Death sentence for the mother. In vitro absorption of a twin? Death sentence for the mother. Stillborn at birth? Death sentence for the mother.

Good, now fight to save the lives of innocent people who can't afford health insurance and had the bad luck to be born on the wrong side of a man-mad line in the sand that we call a border.

I think these state governments have much more pressing things to do than worry about abortion and reproduction. Term limits for all including dog catcher.

Hand Maids Tale being written right now!

Xtian sharia supporters demand that you follow their religious rules.

The government needs to stay out of my doctor's office. FULL STOP.

Right to lifers are the equivalent to the Taliban.

The bill should also end the productive life for that person and the male involved by sterilizing both murder for inconvenience is never a solution but an abomination

Why shouldn't a murder be charged as murder.

Murder is defined as the death of a human being. A fetus isn't a human being until it can breathe and survive on its own outside of the womb. Scientifically, that doesn't happen until weeks 20-26, with the highest chance of survival at 90% in week 26. Anytime before that, the fetus will die

once taken outside of the womb. Just because YOU believe that life begins at the moment of conception (Is THAT the date that is on your birth certificate or the date you breathed on your own outside your mother's womb??), doesn't mean that everyone else must believe it as well, especially when your belief has no basis in facts or reality.

Women have miscarriages. Are they murders? Fertilized eggs does not always implant, so did a woman just commit murder?

#### 5-7-22

The GOP wants to restrict free speech, freedom of religion, and anything they don't like. They want a repressive country with a dictator in charge who will lead the charge against any and all enemies of their conservative views. In other words, anyone who doesn't think, act, talk and behave as they do. Sharia Law Republican style.

Democrats also hope abortion can turn the tide in GOP-leaning states.

In Ohio, for example, Democratic Senate candidate Tim Ryan began attacking Republican opponent J.D. Vance over abortion just hours after the state primaries.

"J.D. Vance and these other folks are telling a mom or a young woman that if she gets raped ... the government is going to make you bring that pregnancy to term. That's insane in a free society."

Here we go just before elections. The country is in a mess.

Good. Let the housing market in those backwards states implode. Let their economies crumble and shut off the federal funding that many of these conservative states rely on.

#### 5-8-22

Child support in the U.S. is lower (compared to GDP) than most countries now; I'm with Sister Joan Chittister: "I do not believe that just because you're opposed to abortion that that makes you pro-life. In fact, I think in many cases, your morality is deeply lacking if all you want is a child born but not a child fed, not a child educated, not a child housed. And why would I think that you don't? Because you don't want any tax money to go there. That's not pro-life. That's probirth. We need a much broader conversation on what the morality of pro-life is."

How many abortions has Trump paid for? Epstein would have known.

The saddest part of the whole abortion rights fallout is that it will be burning bridges between family members. It's that destructive and cruel.

Trust undermined

The lies before the U.S. Senate from three Supreme Court justices during their confirmation hearings, leading to a likely decision fundamentally altering life in the United States, should compel the American Bar Association to demand their immediate resignations. The justices' deceit in the face of direct questioning has undermined the justice system for which the ABA stands.

The corruption of the nation's highest court cannot be allowed to go unchallenged. Every ABA member who respects the integrity of his or her profession, regardless of political persuasion or religious affiliation, should immediately demand the ABA protest this egregious attack on American jurisprudence.

If future Supreme Court justices cannot be held accountable for their sworn testimony, then oaths in court mean nothing. Our legal system is being challenged by the very justices sworn to uphold its integrity.

Sen. Klobuchar: "Why should a woman in Texas have different rights and a different future and a different ability to make decisions about her body and her reproductive choices than a woman in Minnesota?"

It will not be overturned. Not all Democrats approve of abortion and not all Republicans are against abortion. But generally, it appears most prefer to leave such personal decisions up to the individual and their doctor.

Under Biden household expenses have increased \$5,200, we have record inflation and a net wage growth of 3% compared to inflation. The itchen table issues will be what motivates voters to reject Democrats policies and destructive agenda.

It is not Biden, but the global situation affecting ALL of US, everywhere, and corporations' greed for profit. Quit with the simple minded finger point at just one man in just one country. If you ever worked in Information systems or "project management", you would KNOW about the inter-dependence of one process or department to another process or department within an entire system. If you tickle it here, it laughs over there. All things are connected and any decision will have ramifications over the entire system, maybe the world

#### And yet, still better than Trump.

This has to do with your privacy rights.... Oh, I see, you are a male like myself but selfish. As to these extra expenses.... "Be smart and read the news!".... It is Putin & the virus that are running our economy (You'd be right about some businesses taking advantage of this though). There is very little that your government (Even if it were working well) can do about this.... "Get your vaccination? Support Ukraine? Think!

This is why Klobuchar isn't POTUS: she doesn't really understand the USA for some reason. The USA is precisely that, different states haves different laws, it's indeed a patchwork of laws! It's been that way throughout the ENTIRE HISTORY OF THE USA! From 1789 onward. It's more Democratic to have something as important as abortion to be something the people of a state can decide on themselves. Yes, we are the property of the state that we are a part of, even USA citizens are. We simply have more guaranteed rights than people in many other realms. Yes, the state has the authority to tell a woman what she can or can't do with her body.

"Yes, the state has the authority to tell a woman what she can or can't do with her body." But not a man? Therein lies the problem!! An unwanted pregnancy has TWO participants. I'm actually pro-life, but it would be nice if conservatives would at least acknowledge that women have a burden that men don't have to worry about. Men can just WALK AWAY!! If we are going to enact anti-abortion laws (which I do support), there should also be some penalties or responsibilities placed on the men who helped create the situation of the pregnancy. The point should be to get BOTH men and women to think twice about having sex when the intention is to not have baby. Also, when rape is involved, financial assistance should be provided to the women for both the pre-natal and post-natal care. As well assistance with health care, food, housing and education until that child is 18.

Roe was "overturned" in 1992 in Casey v. Planned Parenthood. It established "viability" as the controlling factor on abortion. Roe never established a "constitutional right" to abortion. You do know that it was only partially overturned then right? And the fact that this is part of an amendment to the constitution means they did decide it establish a right. Your logic makes no sense. Also, about 20 justices have confirmed that ruling over the years to about 8 dissenting, including the 5 now. Where's the respect for the other 20 justices? That's why precedence is held so highly in the court as these are MAJOR decisions that can shake things up for the country.

They have always overturned ruling to GIVE people more rights. This is the first time they ill be doing this to TAKE a right, constitutionally.

What is very annoying is that some states now have this idea that they can punish women for going to another state to get an abortion in an abortion state. This literally crosses a line and I hope even the conservatives on the court will recognize it.

No level of government should decide any personal medical issue for anyone. That is the most basic concept of this country is FREEDOM from government intervention in your personal life. Because states do so well with issues like segregation and other human rights....yes, lets trust the states lol

Women should decide...not some old white conservative man.

The GOP may have found a way to lose in the midterms....

If the Republicans win big in 2022 they will pass a law to outlaw ALL abortions in All 50 states. Republicans are going to Hell in a hand basket.

If you can't get pregnant, you shouldn't be part of this debate. Leave it up to women. What really burns me up about those who claim to care so much about the unborn is their attitude toward the already born.

While Democrats in Congress have for decades, and continue daily, to fight tooth and nail for healthcare, childcare, raises in wages and other benefits to help hardworking families survive and even prosper, people who claim to care so much about the unborn stand in opposition. They refuse to give anything for the decent upbringing of children in need and already on this Earth. The hypocrisy is outrageous.

But, take a woman/man/family trying to work 40 hours a week on minimum wage, getting their already-born child(ren) to and from school, putting a roof over their heads and food in their bellies. Now, force her and her family into a position to carry, for nine months, a burden — both physical and emotional beyond any other greater emotion or physicality.

If anyone believes that a woman's decision to have an abortion is willy-nilly they are sick in the head. It's being said that preventing the use of contraception is next on their agenda, calling contraception 'a form of abortion'. They don't even want women to be able to prevent an unwanted pregnancy? This is not far from reality, as this argument was made during the fight for ACA (Affordable Care Act/Obamacare) regulations. When some facilities refused to allow their worker's healthcare plans pay for contraceptives, they won — in the same court that is about to reverse Roe.

Justice Alito's (leaked) argument stated that he 'couldn't find in the Constitution that the Founders permitted abortion'. (The question of slavery was overlooked too.)

This is the wacky illogic that refuses to believe that the Constitution, written in the 1700s, is not supposed to adjust to the reality of the 2000s.

These things were not written into the Constitution, because at that time in history no rights for women existed at all. When a woman married, her money became her husband's. A woman's person, rights and decisions were at the discretion of the man of the household; be that husband, father, brother.

We are fighting attitudes of the 1700s, when others held sway over other's bodies and souls.

Seventy percent of Americans do not want Roe overturned. So, what can we do? Oh! Right! That other right that has been gained since the 1700s — the right to vote. Of course, the right of certain people to vote is also being chipped away at by these same people.

There's a sort of ... irony? ... bittersweetness? ... to talking about the almost certain death of Roe v. Wade on Mother's Day. In part because the increasingly restrictive anti-abortion laws proliferating in state legislatures—including our own—are so focused on the unborn that they completely disregard mothers.

These laws don't account for the woman who wants to be a mom but can't afford to now, or who wants to be a mom but not to her rapist's baby. They don't account for the woman who wants this baby so much but knows her child won't survive for more than a few hours outside the womb because of fetal abnormalities. They don't account for the woman whose dream is to become a mother, but if she carries this pregnancy to term, she'll be so damaged she'll never be able to have kids again.

There are so many faults in the pro-birth—sorry, "pro-life "—movement that we don't have the space to enumerate them all. But root fault is this: Because it is not a choice they would make for themselves, it is not a choice anyone should be able to make.

That has ironically become the hallmark of the Republican Party. The GOP touts that it's the party of limited government and individual rights, but it increasingly forces government into people's bedrooms and personal decisions, never mind that the majority of Americans support access to abortion. They are constantly and consistently rolling back individuals' rights. (Don't even get us started on the three justices who lied to Congress about leaving Roe alone.)

If Roe v. Wade is to be overturned (at which point corpses will have greater autonomy than living women), then the "pro-life" supporters need to step up.

Every pro-life politician in Washington, D.C., needs to immediately get on board with reestablishing the child tax credit and making it permanent, because unprepared people now forced into parenthood are going to need all the help they can get. Congress also needs to establish a federal minimum paid parental leave (FMLA is unpaid), because new parents and baby need time to adjust after a birth, but they need income, too. Since government is forcing virtually every baby conceived to be born, parents will need every bit of support government can give them.

While it's at it, Congress needs to require all insurances—including insurance provided through religious organizations—to cover all forms of contraception, including male birth control. If the government won't allow people to terminate a pregnancy, then it should provide them with every possible tool to prevent unwanted conception.

Finally, every single adult who supports overturning Roe v. Wade needs to immediately contact the Department of Health and Human Resources or one of a variety of private agencies to become a foster parent. West Virginia alone has nearly 7, 000 kids in the foster care system, and that number will increase as the abandoned and neglected children born in the wake of Roe's dissolution enter the system.

Consider yourself "pro-life "? Then prove it. You made sure these children are born. Now you get to make sure they are taken care of.

Ted Lieu: Justice Clarence Thomas is wrong, again. Governments are bullying women into having government-mandated pregnancies, under threat of jail. Multiple Supreme Court Justices lied during their confirmation process about their view of #RoeVWade and stare decisis. Those are the facts.

"We can't be an institution that can be bullied into giving you just the outcomes you want." - Clarence Thomas, yesterday

"Let's bully Congress into giving us just the outcomes we want." - Ginni Thomas, January 6, 2021

Women shouldn't be bullied to have babies by a Supreme Court that recognizes only one religion as legitimate, and seeks to impose their personal convictions upon the entire country, despite 70% of the country being against them.

#### 5-9-22

Listening to all five of the Supreme Court justices telling how Roe vs. Wade is the law of the land and listening to their flip flop now really pisses me off. WE THE PEOPLE cannot put anymore Republicans in office!!! They are destroying this country!

I am so sick of lying judges! I have absolutely no faith in the court in its current configuration. I want the judges who perjured themselves to be fired. They are disgraced and despicable.

This week I've been so angry. The things going on in this country scare the shit out of me. It's a small comfort at least to see someone like you using your platform to talk about these things. Neil Gorsuch: "So a GOOD judge will consider it as precedence..." Also Gorsuch: Let's overturn it anyway...

If abortion is criminalized, and a person performs an abortion, they'd be breaking the law. This guy wants anti-abortion legislation yet hedges when asked to extrapolate what that means. He won't admit that people would be arrested.

Wearing a mask during pandemic is government overreach, but involving themselves in a woman's uterus is somehow okay?????

I love how casually a Republican governor just rambles about how they were going to have to figure out what to do with all the extra unwanted children produced with all the Jesus-like compassion of someone discussing an excessive corn harvest overwhelming storage facilities. Although I am living in a socially advanced society, at the same time I feel like I am living in the dark ages. Reversing Roe is a slippery slope and you can never assume your rights and freedoms are assured.

Vote in the midterms gawd damn it~! Your rights depend on it~!

WHAT ABOUT THE HIGH PRICE OF DAYCARE!!!, RAISING MINIMUM WAGE SO PEOPLE CAN AFFORD TO FEED THE CHILDREN, AND MAKING THE MEN PAY CHILD SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN!!!

The judges who voted to overturn roe v wade should be investigated and impeached for perjury and thrown in jail.

Conservatives and Republicans (Trumpsters) tend to be pro-birth (anti-abortion) and pro-death (capital punishment and militarism/war) but they are patently not pro-life (the vast meaningful area between life and death). They usually oppose helping out struggling lives after birth and before death in terms of key areas like education, child support, health care, housing, food needs, ecology, and so much more. They also only focus on human life (animal and plant life is something to be consumed, destroyed, or ignored) and typically only value a small subset of those humans who resemble themselves. Pro-life? What an absurd and hypocritical joke for these people.

#### 5-10-22

Even though I'm in my 40s and my husband has had a vasectomy, if by some crazy reason I find myself pregnant, I absolutely would terminate. I have 3 children (youngest is 20) and I love being a mother - and I've done a fantastic job raising them. They're happy, well adjusted and successful. But I'm done raising children, the rest of my life belongs to me. I want to do things I never could do before. No I will not stop "being" with my husband and no I will not carry to term and give up for adoption. I don't care if I have to fly to France, drink rat poison, or fall down a flight of stairs. I will not birth another child and there's nothing anyone can do about that. No law would stop me. Pro life supporters don't care about women. They don't care that we have hopes and dreams and that we are more than a mother. They only see us as walking incubators. They think if we get pregnant it's our fault for "not keeping our legs closed" and we need to give everything up for an unwanted fetus. They believe the fetus' rights are more important than our rights. Our rights - the rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Our right to not be pregnant. The two sides may never come to an agreement, but I will never stop fighting for my right to bodily autonomy and for my daughters' rights to bodily autonomy.

Matt Lewis seems like he's having trouble explaining to himself why he is pro-life. Like he's fumbling through the dark and somehow hoping to make his misogyny defensible. He however does an excellent job of making the case for being pro-choice. It's impossible for Matt Lewis or the US Government to know whether a woman's pregnancy is viable or safe. Instead let us leave this decision to God, the woman and a medical professional. You know, like it's been for the past 50 years?

Then aborting for rape, incest, or even the health of the mother must be out of the question. Because mothers would never dream of ending their newborns life, most certainly because it was born from rape or incest. And quite frankly even for their own health, as many women would give up their own life for their newborns. But I don't believe a 16 week in the belly is the same as a newborn baby. I suffered 2 miss carriages and while I was sad, I know I would have been more than sad if my say 16 week newborn died. It's just not the same. And how about the fertility clinics that destroy all those extra fertilized eggs once a couple becomes pregnant. Are we to store them frozen for eternity?

Beyond the specifics of this debate is the need for civil discourse. As a society, we are far too divided. So much so that we do not engage with people of opposing viewpoints. This great country was built on the premise of respect for everyone's views - not firebombing and spraying graffiti a Catholic church when we disagree with their position.

Morals are subjective. There is NO universal concept of good and evil, only what the current group in power says it is.

The arguments for abortion are the same as those for slavery, and are based in the lack of respect for human life: 1) You have no human rights. 2) I own you. 3) I can do with you as I please. The slave is told he is a beast of burden, while the claim is made that SCOTUS determined the unborn have no rights. The slaveowner says, "I own you", while the pro-choice woman says, "Its my body." Both slaveowner and pro-choice advocate claim they can do what they want with a unique human life.

I read the article trying to understand the anti-abortion stance. The arguments were weak and trite and really did not cover anything new. And scientifically, the arguments were weak. Try again, and I'll read it again.

This is such an antiquated argument. Might as well say men can't have a colonoscopy if they think they have prostate cancer. So many reasons for abortions. Ectopic pregnancy, rape, incest, fetal illness. What about your 15 or 16 yr old daughter who finds herself pregnant. Her life is drastically altered because of one Sat nite. The real problem is Religion. Get rid of that and all of this goes away, including the Scotus judges who couldn't care less what Americans want. Let's be clear. The decline in confidence in the Supreme Court started around the time Roberts took over. No, it's not his fault. In fact he tried to stem the tide. Mitch McConnell holds most of the blame for the fact that fewer and fewer people respect the court and the people on it. The economy is strong, based on the employment numbers. Inflation is a problem, but that is not the result of the president's policies. It results from supply and demand, and the current inability of producers to meet the demand. Furthermore, inflation is happening globally, not just in the US. To blame it all on Biden is absurd.

Say what you will about Biden, he still has one all-encompassing positive feature: He is NOT Donald Trump. Nothing else really matters to me at this point in time.

Slippery slope to attack the First Amendment. Florida has already punished Disney for disagreeing with their views now this guy wants the federal government to do the same. FOX

says the radical left is going to take your rights away as the Republican are taking rights away. The Constitution only matters when politicians can get what they want.

#### 5-12-22

.@SteveDaines just compared women to fucking sea turtles and eagles. It continues to blow my mind that so many men, most of whom don't know how a basic period works, are in a position to legislate my right to have children.

You're kidding me with this misogynist shit, right?! Senator Daines on abortion: "Why do we have laws in place to protect the eggs of a sea turtle?" Women are not f'ing sea turtles We are extraordinary brilliant indomitable HUMANS who seek to be the masters of our own destiny If Roe V Wade is overturned then every man in this country should have his DNA on file. If a woman gets pregnant the father will be identified and he will be responsible for that child until it turns 18. If a woman dies as a result of complications of childbirth then the man responsible for impregnating her should be charged with manslaughter. If she suffers any sort of complication or injury due to childbirth then man will be held financially responsible. There will be no screaming about how putting DNA on file is "unconstitutional" and an invasion of privacy because we've seen that GOP has determined that states have the right to control a woman's body so states should have the same right to control a man's body. Let's see how fast the GOP would pass that kind of legislation and insist their judges uphold it.

Entitled men seem to think they had nothing to do with an unplanned pregnancy. They should not be weighing in on the discussion unless they can recognize that two parties are responsible for the creation of "life".

The Constitution is very clear. The Federal government nor any state may not pass a law that imposes religious beliefs upon others. 1st Amendment. Freedom of religion, and to separate church and state. Also no law can violate a US citizen of it's civil right, life, and liberty. No matter the moral argument, a woman's life and rights comes before an unborn fetus. Not trying to be funny but it's the what came first argument: the chicken or the egg. 9th Amendment also may come into play.

Respectfully your argument fell apart as soon as you brought religion into it. Your religion has no place in the laws that govern a country built on religious freedom.

bible also says charging interest on loans is a sin. so is eating different combos of food. the bible is not a legal document. and there has been a degree of difference even among the same religion as to if the fetus counts as a baby, so there is that.....

Unfortunately using the bible as a hammer to force women to have babies does not follow the Constitution which allows freedom of (from) religion. I personally view the bible as a document that was created to control the general population by a few men.

Last time I checked, we don't use the bible as a legal document. Perhaps you would prefer to live in a place where religion is the law? You know, like many Muslim countries? Oh, that's right ... you only think it's OK when it's YOUR religion dictating what other people do!

Most people believe in legalized abortions with restrictions on time or in limited circumstances. Only radicals believe in a full ban or unrestricted access. For instance, I have not found a single person that would be in favor of sinking a spike into a baby's soft spot as it's being push out. Nor have I found anyone that agrees a woman should be denied an abortion after being raped and still being in the first trimester. There are some for sure. But most believe in a middle ground. The problem is that these anti-abortion fanatics are pushing their Christian belief in baby souls on the rest of us. I disagree. If you set aside the religious argument, it's simply insane to say a

woman can't choose to have an abortion, it's her body, those cells are hers to do with as she so pleases. Banning abortion is tantamount to saying women are lesser beings than men and are due lesser rights. You are one step away from turning this country into an authoritarian religious state like Afghanistan or Saudi Arabia. We need MORE freedoms and privacy, not less.

#### 5-16-22

Several people who attended her event said abortion dominates their thinking about politics, and one woman suggested borrowing a tactic that's been effective in recent civil rights protests. "Women may need to kneel at the national anthem now," said Cindy Sellers, a retired teacher who just turned 68, speaking just before Beasley's town hall. "It's a very radical thing to be doing, but we may have to do that."

#### 5-18-22

How can the republican platform to take rights away work for them?

Donald Trump will keep denying the election results for as long as he thinks there's money to be made off the suckers who believe him.

#### 5-20-22

Herschel, as near as I can tell, there's NOTHING in your mind. I'm no fan of abortion, but there are many situations where it's necessary. Furthermore, it's not my business nor yours. The decision belongs to the individual in question and the medical provider.

In everything in society, we recognize life starting at birth.

We have Birth Certificates, not conception certificates. You get a SSN only after your a born.

We celebrate birth days not conception days (and if you did celebrate conception day you would be likely labelled a far left hippie by most).

When asked your age 3 months after your 12th birthday, you don't tell people you are 13 years old.

Likewise, when a person dies 3 months after they turned 80, we don't say he lived for 81 years.

EVERYTHING in society, including government documentation of life, is built around the concept that life begins when you are born. Why is it only with abortion that life is considered to be before that point? Abortions are (and should be) illegal after that fetus in the womb has a POSSIBILITY of being born. Once that fetus has a possibility of being born, we step in and say, nope, can't do it now.

Why is that not enough for people?

Why is it that on abortion and ONLY abortion, the argument is life begins before that point or the possibility of that point?

even the 14th amendment speaks of person born NOT persons conceived in the U.S.

"Fourteenth Amendment

Section 1

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."

An embryo isn't an "unborn baby" by any definition. It is a clump of cells that would eventually develop into a "baby" if everything goes right over a period of 9 months. This candidate is just one more Republican being funded by the Evangelicals.

#### 5-21-22

I guess I missed the re-writing of the Constitution that now says "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - except for transgender, gay, women, blacks, and immigrants". When are Republicans going to just stop legislating as to how people in American, regardless of sexual orientation, color or creed, have to live? Our forefathers are spinning in their graves when the lawful rights of any citizen of this

nation has their rights taken away or diminished. Simply put, how can any Republican politician tell anyone how they should live?

WoW, just wow. The GOP really is dead and is now nothing more than a cult now following a twice impeached, failed businessman, narcissist, liar whose only claim to fame was as a 3rd rate reality tv game show host that got fired by the American people by over 7 million votes for bad ratings. Oh and I guess we need to include the 'Q' people that actually believe in her space lazer theory...:)

#### 5-22-22

GOP = Greed Over People: Let's be clear, the only real issue this November is if you want to live in a Democracy or a Right-Wing Dictatorship. Republicans want to take us back to the Dark Ages, to strip us of our rights and freedoms. They will ban free speech and peaceful protests if given a chance. Save our Democracy by voting straight Democrat in your local, state and federal elections this November.

One of the founders of the modern conservative movement in the US was the late Senator Barry Goldwater (R-AZ). He said this about abortion: "it's not a conservative issue. It's a matter between a woman and her doctor." It would appear that Ms. Eubanks' alma mater; Hillsdale College; does not teach classic conservatism.

Once again someone in the white wing party that doesn't understand this is not a theocracy. It is also the hypocrisy of "my body, my choice" when it came to a vaccine they didn't want to take for political reasons but they fully want to control real medical decisions.

If birth control were not legal, it would not lead in increased chastity, but rather to increased, unplanned pregnancies, which in turn would lead to either more illegal or legal (out-of-state) abortions, or more marriages between two people who had sex, but have no business being husband and wife or parents. Sex (either before marriage or within marriage) has been around a LOT longer than these ridiculous politicians and is highly likely to outlast them. Even way back a couple of centuries people were seeking whatever form of birth control was being hyped. You can elect new politicians, but you really cannot change human nature.

#### 5-24-22

Americans and the politicians they elect don't actually care. Mass shootings and random violence are normalized in this country.

This has to stop. Schools should be a safe place for kids (and teachers).

Thoughts, prayers and unicorns. 3 things that won't solve this problem at all.

Why no metal detectors, armed guard and one entrance/exit in schools. No matter what one thinks of gun rights, why has there been no protection of children and teachers?

How sad is it that you would immediately ask about metal detectors, armed guards, etc at an elementary school. Why should we even need that? We are doing nothing about the 2 real issues, mental health resources and reasonable gun control measures.

Let's think about this... pay for and install metal detectors at every entrance at every school - including elementary school -- in the country and then staff the door with an armed guard (because obviously a metal detector itself won't stop a determined gunman). Next thing you'll be on here commenting that our taxes are too high for spending billions on school defense every year.

Why not tanks in our schools parking lots? Land mines strategically placed?

It appears that in our country gun rights are more important than the right of an 8 year old's right to life. Too many people have guns that should not. How do we fix this?

Imagine the abortion ban brining MORE unwanted, unparented kids into this world. Imagine it now.

This is horrific. Another Sandy Hook. These poor babies. Their parents are living every parent's worst nightmare.

...and we'll all tune in to The Masked Singer later on and this event will quickly be forgotten about. if the gun wasn't available those families wouldn't be mourning the deaths of their young children right now. No more guns this is beyond absurd

Mass shooting like this are horrific but about 50 people get murdered everyday in the US. The answer is bigger then another gun law. Our leaders only care if its a mass shooting. America can do better then this. What a tragedy.

Open carry, no gun licensing/permits, easy access. No wonder.

Unbelievable are kids aren't safe anymore. My anxiety is high. I am afraid for our generation. What kind of future are they going to lead. The way this world is becoming, how can I keep my children safe. I am praying for the students and their families.

If only the pro-life politicians would spend as much energy to protect the living as much as the unborn. So sad.

Let's take a moment to honor the sacrifice of our brave school children who lay down their lives to protect our right to bear arms.

Senator Chris Murphy, THANK YOU!!! for saying what we the people are feeling!!! Very sad to see what is going on in our country!! It needs to be stopped!! 14 Innocent children lost their lives ② plus a teacher !!! What are we doing!?!?!? More like what we are not doing!!! Passing gun laws would be a good start!!!

It's not our choice it's the republicans choice

Gabrielle Giffords: I'm devastated that more precious children have lost their lives after the horrific school shooting in Uvalde, TX today.

How many more children will be killed by guns? How many young lives cut short, families shattered, communities traumatized because our leaders refuse to act?

#### 5-25-22

We require training, testing, licensing and insurance to drive an automobile. We fail miserably as a society when it comes to firearms. Don't be throwing no Shade. Retired 30 yr Combat Vet., own many guns, trained many individuals. There are individuals who should never be allowed to own and operate firearms, just like there are some that should not drive vehicles or operate power tools!

Universal and mental healthcare, family support services, and reasonable firearm regulation would go a long way to raising red flags along the path of troubled and violent young people. And the so-called Pro Lifers rush to their regular Pro Murder of Children programming already in progress.

I live in Texas where the GOP's only answer is to arm teachers, not talk about gun control measures. So, they are conceding that there are going to be gun battles in our schools between gunmen and teachers. This is insanity and the entire world sees it, except for the GOP.

I guess they are only pro-life when it's in a woman's womb. Apparently, a mother's grief over the loss of her child who was existing on the other side of her womb, doesn't move them. This, in a nutshell, shows that their stance on abortion is only about controlling women's bodies and nothing more.

#### 5-26-22

Wealthy people will still get abortions. This is a concerted effort to keep the poor poor, and to marginalize women. It has never been about sanctity of life or whatever fluff terms the uber righteous use. The party that says they are for personal freedom is really only about control.

Is this politician and other "pro-lifers" truly pro-life? Let's examine it. It is axiomatic that in order to live one must have the basic necessities of life, i.e., food, water, shelter, health care, etc. It is whimsical how once a child is born in America these so-called "pro-lifers" don't want to feed them, house them, provide them with health care or even educate them. I recall when Newt Gingrich was Speaker of the House, he along with many other Republicans (most of them with excess bellies hanging over their belts) advocated abolishing the free school lunch program for poor kids in order to balance the national budget. Newt even advocated abolishing foster care and returning kids to orphanages. Apparently, "pro-lifers" cease being "pro-life" after the kid is born. The basic necessities of life should never be left solely to a capitalistic system. Every human being has a right to life. There must always be a floor beneath which no human being can fall. That floor is what separates us from animals. The basic necessities of life should be guaranteed to everyone whether they can pay for it or not!!

The Republican view . . . stay off my guns . . . don't tell me I have to wear a mask . . . however, feel free to regulate a personal medical decision all you want. Also, notice the governor said that life starts at conception. Get ready, this will become the new starting point for banning birth control. Don't believe it? Just stay tuned. Regardless of what we are taught about the political system in the United States, it is not majority rules.

They are already putting forth bills banning different forms of birth control (iud mostly I think) in Idaho, Missouri, and Louisiana. There are a few congressmen proposing a total ban on birth control (even condoms), led by a republican senator in Arizona.

Evanglelical Christian Fascist Commanders hope they will create a Handmaid's Tale society, accoording to the book which they see as a plan and guidebook for the future. Fortunately we have states where womens' rights, and overall human rights and individual freedom is still strong. I will be making a substantial donation to Planned Parenthood to help ensure womens' healthcare is preserved. It is so ironic that these defenders of individual rights against an oppressive government, are the first to use the force of government at every opportunity to impose their agendas on everybody else. There is no basis for any compromise or discussion with such people.

Such another sad sad day In one of America's schools. so sad when the teacher states "we have been practicing for this day for years". How can this be acceptable for our children to practice to keep themselves safe while someone shoots all around them. It has become as routine as learning English and Math. So sad America!

In tears with this story as a retired teacher and mental health professional. I cannot imagine the children in this classroom listening to the screams of the other children being murdered along with their teachers. The trauma regarding these children and their teacher is unimaginable.

As General Eisenhower did after WWII when he made German citizens go to the concentration camps they denied existed...I think Ted Cruz, Gov. Abbott and all the others in the back pockets of gun lobbyists should be forced to look at the crime scene photos from Robb Elementary and then attend the funerals of the children. Only when they observe firsthand what damage assault weapons do, will they MAYBE put something ahead of the money they receive from gun manufacturers. And I point out again...MAYBE. I still do not understand what is the big deal to allow a background check for anyone purchasing a weapon. Why is preventing a dangerous/unstable person buying a rifle a bad idea? Why are most mass shooting in the USA? At some point we need to sop being sensitive and answer these questions. Is the life of a human being not worth waiting a few days to purchase a gun or rifle? The NRA's false narrative that the Second Amendment is absolute and unlimited is dishonest and dangerous. The right to bear arms never outweighs the right to live. We know that more guns means more violence, and Americans agree that we need stronger gun safety laws.

I honestly think that republicans want a civil war between them and democrats. That's the only logical conclusion I can come up with for their resistance to fix the issue. They know that a decent amount of democrats don't own guns/open carry them and they want to put guns in as many republicans hands as they can so they can be ready. If I'm wrong, then I'm wrong, but this is what it looks like from an independent's point of view. Also money.

This reporter is correct. All other countries have mental health issues, they have domestic violence, they have drugs and gangs, they watch violent movies and play violent video games but what they don't have are GUNS!!!! It's really that simple.

GOP now the party of snowflakey rightwing trolls and conspiracy theories. Cruz bemoans the politicizing of tragedies, then goes on a rant about how democrats are to blame.

Minimum requirement for gun ownership should be: 1: 21 year of age or older 2: High school graduate 3: ZERO offenses on record regarding ANYTHING remotely close to domestic violence, assaults, threats of, attempts of, etc. (would need a lot of verbiage to cover this one) 4: Weapons training from authorized training facility 5: One week waiting period (unless you are purchasing last second for hunting, and can only be applied to basic shotguns, which would still require three days wait). 6: Registration of weapon upon purchase. Also, gun shows must go through ALL of the same processes that a gun store must go through. NO MORE gun show loopholes.

I grew up hunting and lived in a household with 15 plus guns. I still own guns and support people that hunt to continue owning them. But these mass shootings are a direct result of military style weapons our government allows private citizens to carry. Period. It is the guns. Reference Dunblane school shooting in England in 1996. It took one mass murder of school kids and our closest ally banned all guns overnight. Over the past 20 years the United Kingdom has averaged 169 gun related deaths. These are facts people. Not legal opinions about the 2ndA and what the Found Fathers intended. The 2ndA has the word regulate in it which is why you can't own a bazooka or flame thrower in this country. We can control guns (not get rid of them completely) just like the government can control other aspects of our life. Keep hiding behind the 2ndA if it makes you feel better about mass murder. But please stop hiding behind mental illness which is the NRA and GOP's new spin story in shootings. Other countries have the same amount of crazy people in them as we do. The difference is access to the guns. Guns. It is the guns. People don't feel safe. Not for themselves. Not for their children. With the recent efforts to demonize and defund the police, and the subsequent rise in crime, many people feel a need to take their safety into their own hands. Directly after the Uvalde shooting, the president insisted on anti-gun legislation. For most, that did nothing to curb their feelings of helpless, yet raised a sense of urgency regarding selfprotection. Where I'm not running out to buy a gun, I can understand why people are, and others are promoting it.

#### 5-27-22

And he also supports the purchase of assault weapons....so, who cares what he thinks? His idea of freedom is for everybody to live their life exactly how he does....in other words, he doesn't believe in freedom.

Boy conservative must live their lives in constant terror. They are scared of women, immigrants, minorities, teachers and LBGTO community.

I simply do not understand a lot of this gender stuff but I do understand the right's reaction to it which is why I am 100% opposed to the right.

I can't even... Of all the problems we have right now, this is his main concern? The question we must ask is why do we make it so easy for criminals and the mentally challenged to secure weapons. I blame lax government regulations and irresponsible gun owners who make it easy for their weapons to be stolen and used.

Did you know that guns if left alone, don't do anything. But that if you sell them to people without background checks and psychological profiling and without limiting the number of guns, then bad things happen.

Actually, It's the petroleum and coal industries lobby that are pulling the strings to curtail green agendas. And with the large number of "Bought and Paid For" public officials in their pockets, they have little trouble having their way.

### The GOP wants to ban abortion, so more kids are born into a world where gun and/or environmental disasters wait. Yes, they don't care about YOUR kids.

How can anyone who lives on this planet deny that there is climate-change? I understand that it has to be scary that the world wants to move on from fossil-fuels for people that make their livelihood from coal or oil, but it was also scary for the blacksmiths when the automobile arrived. It's time to come up with ways to exist energy-wise that DON'T destroy the very planet we live on! Hope you're enjoying the \$5 a gallon gas!

Yep Republican yelling and screaming about free speech that is unless it is speech that is contrary to their positions and then they are against it. Republicans invented cancel culture. The tide is turning on these gun nuts.

#### Enough!

The question is not whether we should make schools safer, but how. All the GOP gives us are goals and platitudes without explaining their actual plans. It's like saying that we have to build a house without having the materials, the blueprints, or the tools. Trained people would also be nice.

Kudos to all of these performers for being more interested in doing the right thing than padding their bank accounts. US politicians take note: This is what integrity looks like.

#### 5-28-22

That's the problem - they don't want to do anything, anything to upset their voter base - why should they support what the majority of the population wants. These elected "leaders" will do anything to stay in office - right or wrong. Sad, very sad.

There it is. Instead of leading, or governing, the majority of politicians-elected public servants-worry more about reelection and making the 'base' angry; not doing the right thing. In place of legislating there is fund raising. Doing the correct job is boring and doesn't get campaign donations. Being out there on both ends of the spectrum is what gets attention. Attention gets money. Get money out. Things need to change. Not everyone likes it, but compromise is a needed thing. Those of other parties are not enemies, but fellow countrymen and just have other opinions. Most of us want the same things. We just see different roads on how to get there. All members of congress should be forced to stay in Washington and not travel and fund raise. Talk, play cards, drink, fist fight, but don't go to the same groups every weekend and throw red meat for money. It's bad for the nation.

#### 5-29-22

Congressman Chris Jacobs goes on the record saying he would support a series of gun control measures, including banning access to semiautomatic rifles like AR-15s, restricting magazine capacity to 10 round, & raising minimum age to 21 for firearm purchase.

Exactly correct. There are countless religions, religious views and moral views within the United States and within each individual state. No religious group should impose its beliefs on the rest of the populace at the federal OR the state level. If we don't protect that basic intent of the Constitution, the results and the backlash will be devastating.

Another partisan run by "Team Republican" of SCOTUS. To undo 49yrs of precedent is partisan. Just like Justice Thomas voting partisan to keep trump records hidden while 8 other justices votes guided by the Law.

Organ donation should become mandatory in states that have "pro-life" laws. No child should ever have to die of leukemia or a young mother die of kidney disease. Oh wait, that law would inconvenience men, as well. Never mind, it will never pass because bodily autonomy should be protected even if that means someone else will die.

So, like, theocracy? In direct contravention of our Constitution? Brought to us by the folks who like waving the Constitution around and calling themselves Constitutionalists and patriots?

DANGER!

Second Amendment At Work!

You know, keeping people "safe" by flooding the country with guns with the help the NRA and their loyal servants, Republican politicians taking their blood money campaign contributions.

I have relatives that are born-again evangelicals. Up to 80% of that group overall voted for Trump despite him exhibiting just about every single moral sin they believe in - greed, sexual assaults (lust), multiple marriages and adultery, lying (OMG, the LYING!), wrath, gluttony, sloth, envy, pride. They made a bargain with the devil so that, though he is obviously, ironically faithless, they knew that in order for him to get and STAY in power indefinitely a' la PUTIN (his mentor and blackmailer), they had to vote for him and his festering group of acolytes to carry out the BIG BRIBE - indefinite power and corruption for the adoption of RELIGIOUSLY-BASED LAWS that allow them to carry out their forced indoctrinations of all Americans to their beliefs. IT'S HAPPENING AS WE SPEAK.

There is another issue here. As papists, and if Roe is overturned, Justices Alito and Thomas would impose foreign law on the entire USA, in the form of Catholic dogma as promulgated by the Vatican.

What's next with these people? Mandatory organ donation, to save a life? We have moved into a very frightening area of self-governance and bodily autonomy. Talk about big government! Anyone who is pro-life would not join the military and kill innocent civilians (including pregnant mothers and aborting their unborn babies). The same party that claims to be pro-life has engaged us in these unjustifiable corporate wars just to profit from them, politicians who only care about lining their wallets. If you are pro-life, you would not stop the beating heart of a person just because they are in a coma. I have known people who have come out of comas after their families were told there is no hope. Before the Supreme Court lifts Roe vs Wade, they should

The life of the baby begins when the baby is born, that is called the 'date of birth.' Until then the baby is a growth with in the woman; the woman has the right to determine what is done to her body. The government should stay out of a woman's body.

consider all the things that go against the "thou shalt not kill" commandment since the "Bible" is

Republicans re ok with gunning down children in schools. They are not pro-life, they are antichoice.

The real question is how many woman using contraceptives, will be charged for murder?

#### 5-30-22

our new constitution.

Yeah, it's wokeness we have to worry about, not a fifty something year old woman who thinks a petri dish is a peach tree dish or the Gestapo is Gazpacho or Martial Law is Marshall law or forest fires in California were started by Jewish Space lasers or....

It's the four horses of the apocalypse: jewish space lasers causing forest fires, gazpacho police, Fed endorsed zapping cheeseburgers, and Bill Gate with a peach tree dish.

## 6-1-22

Even with all the signs warning the visitors they get tons of people every year who think they can get close to these wild animals for photo shoots. This woman is dead because she ignored safety warnings and probably because she wanted a cool photo for her social media. And the 2022 Bison Darwin Award goes too......

Been to Yellowstone a few times. There are people constantly trying to win Darwin awards it's mind-boggling.

That selfie cost her life

Trump's repeated praises of his buddy Vladimir Putin should have made everyone's skin crawl, as it did mine. It's impossible to know how different things would have been, had Trump been reelected. But we know Putin hates NATO, and we know that Trump was seriously considering leaving NATO. Put 2 and 2 together, and it's likely that Putin would still have invaded Ukraine, if Trump was in charge, except that NATO would have been without its strongest member, just as Putin was hoping. This is why Trump was who Putin was trying so hard to get reelected.

According to John Bolton, Putin was waiting for Trump's second term to invade Ukraine because he believed Trump would withdraw the U.S. from NATO. Trump didn't get a second term, so Putin invaded anyway.

I love the blind loyalties to Trump from these so called god-fearing Christian people. The same people who put guns before life, and only care about a baby until it's born. They are so blind in their loyalty they cannot see that with every ounce of praise they give Trump they are being Idolaters by putting him on a pedestal only reserved for God. They preach their Christian beliefs yet do not follow a single principle of the bible. Hypocrisy at it's finest. I am a reformed Catholic and I haven't attended church in over 25 years and yet I am more Christian than they are... FYI people Love Thy Neighbor doesn't just mean love the people who lives next door. Every human being is your neighbor (black White, Asian etc). So stop preaching Christianity until you actually practice being a Christian

Hey Russia. When almost the whole world is against you. YOU are in the wrong! We are living in a War Zone as Americans. Anywhere you go is there is a threat of instant death at the hands of a Suicidal Active Shooter.

That's why terrorists from other countries don't have to do anything to U.S. We're doing it to ourselves.

## 6-2-22

The Constitution was written a long long time ago when times were different and people were different. We are a modern society now. There is no need for guns anymore. People want to hold onto the past, but we need to keep moving forward, before the rest of the world passes us by.

Conservative's don't mind living in a world where mass shootings are an everyday occurrence. So much for all that pro-life, Jesus mumbo jumbo.

The insanity is reaching new heights.

The answer is 'yes'. The republicans do not have hearts. They stand by, doing nothing, while people, children and adults, get slaughtered. They have no serious proposals as to how to stop it. No one is proposing taking guns away from responsible, law abiding citizens. What is being proposed are measures to keep guns, particularly assault weapons, out of the hands of people who are neither responsible nor law abiding. Political trolls like Gohmert can protest all he wants. The facts and statistics speak for themselves.

My wife was a teacher in a school where half the class had ankle monitors and were previously expelled from other schools. It was already high security and she could be mouthier then they were..

There is no way in heck she would still be teaching there if she knew one of the other teachers were carrying. They are controllable without weapons and not really a life threatening danger. Adding a gun to the environment of a class of already troubled, unstable students that could easily team up to take control they wanted is the absolute worst idea EVER.

They for sure are not thinking of all types of schools and classrooms with this bill. This is insane. A teacher is not law enforcement. Putting more guns in schools is a recipe for disaster. You're surrendering to an imminent danger and allowing it to continue rather than trying to find ways to prevent it from happening in the first place. Fail.

This is the dumbest law being passed. Educators should not have additional responsibility in this area. I can't wait until there is an accidental discharge from a gun or better yet a kid finds the way to the gun and kills his or her fellow classmates. This solves nothing, I live in Ohio and now do not feel good about sending my kids to school.

Ohio, America's Twilight Zone.

How is a school teacher's gun going to compete with an automatic weapon? Are they supposed to carry it with them at all times in the cafeteria, hallways, gym?

So the republicans answer to try to make school shootings even more common by arming teachers so they might shoot someone if they get riled up.

How about, instead using the laws the other countries do to COMPLETELY STOP ALL SCHOOL SHOOTINGS?

My daughters are teachers/professors and none of them want to have to carry a gun to school. I think it would be better to have a system so that classrooms had automatic locks that would bar entry and other protective measures within the classrooms, while the school's protective officer responds, maybe 2 or 3 officers at each school.

## 6-4-22

""If you're a Republican, you can't even lie to Congress or lie to an FBI agent or they're coming after you," Gohmert said during a Newsmax appearance.".....Well,yeah. That's how it works. But republicans don't know anything else but lies,deceit,paranoia and fear,so that's why he's so surprised. Just normal behavior,so what's the problem?

According to the Rolling Stone report, Trump officials targeted certain senators to rally support for Kavanaugh. However, they believed that a pressure campaign against Collins would backfire, and the best approach was to leave Kavanaugh's stance on abortion law vague.

A former top Trump aide told Rolling Stone that the belief was that Collins would decide to vote "yes" on her own as long as she got the correct responses from Kavanaugh.

During mock hearings and prep sessions that the Trump administration held for Kavanaugh, the then-prospective justice would avoid revealing how he would vote if an opportunity to overturn Roe arose.

Instead, he would give "lengthy, detailed monologues on dissents, opinions, and precedents," Rolling Stone reported.

"It was instinct," a person familiar with the matter told Rolling Stone. "Everyone in the room knew that when a [Trump] nominee says something about 'precedent' [in regards to Roe], prolifers know what that really means. If someone else [such as Susan Collins] wanted to interpret that differently, that's their choice."

#### 6-5-22

This is great. You all say Trump wasn't impeached because he acquitted. Now its impeach Biden, but it doesn't mean anything because he wont be removed. Oh, do research and check other countries they are paying more for gas. Biden doesn't decide. But we can go back to covid days. No work, gas lower since no one working.

The LAST thing I want for Christmas is a Trump. He had his chance and BLEW it. Thanks Trump, that little Virus you said not to worry about only killed a MILLION US citizens. Biden is doing the best he can with what he's got to work with, give him a chance.

Pete answered that question with both heartfelt humanity and keen intelligence. Bravo "When stupidity is considered patriotism, it is unsafe to be intelligent". -Isaac Asimov. Until money and politics stop sharing a bed, we will continue to fight the fight.

The saddest thing is that nothing will change and more people will die. The fact an 18-year-old civilian could buy freaking TACTICAL gear...but he can't buy a drink until he's 21.

Sacrificing 2nd graders in the name of the 2nd Amendment. The party of "Life" indeed.

Pete Buttigieg for President 2024

Pete is awesome, clear, concise answers to tough questions. Logical and factual.

# 6-6-22

The best remedy is to hold Trump accountable for his role in Jan 6, insurrection. This country will not see closure until Trump is severely punished for this infraction. Our best hope of getting Trump imprisoned is the current investigation by a Georgia District Attorney for election interference, fraud and racketeering. I will like to see him banned from ever holding office, endorsing or holding rallies.

First off, thank you for helping people make their voice heard for 30 years. Second, the reason why is because these are the typical low information voters. They do not understand how many different voting standards and ballots and systems are in place all across the country. If they did, they would know while there will always be individual instances of voter fraud, widespread efforts will not work.

## 6-7-22

Amazing how these very people cried wolf, saying the dems, BLM and Antifa were behind the attack on the Capitol to make Trump look bad. Yet, when it came time to find out why it happened and who was behind it, now all of a sudden, it's 'why are we wasting our time on this'. Something to hide perhaps? I would love to know how nervous they are right now...

Sedition. The GOP (who I used to vote for) has become a cult against democracy. No real way to argue against that chilling statement.

It's hilarious. The GOP wanted to send to the committee those who were actually involved in the planning and organizing of the attempted coup. Then cried foul when those members were rejected. Then cried foul when 2 conservative Republicans, not RINOs like Trump and his ilk, actually wanted to get to the bottom of this matter. Then are attempting to defend themselves by gaslighting the committee, which is in fact bipartisan. You can't make this stuff up. They live in Trump World now and facts be damned.

Something has to change. What will it take?

Holy Sh\*t! I wish politicians cared this much about the constituents they claim to represent. This was powerful! He actually proposed common sense solutions too. Mind blown.

## 6-8-22

What is the GOP platform moving forward? What positive and creative policies does the GOP actually promote for America besides building a wall and attacking Dems policies? Infrastructure? education? health care? social security? Anything? Seriously. Anything? If the coup attempt had occurred in the EU, many of the Trumpsters would have been killed by their police and military, with mass arrests including Trump, his family, and most of the GOP leadership. They would be tried in a court martial by their military for committing sedition and all sent to prison for years. No wonder our democracy is in danger. The GOP can never be allowed to be in power again.

Blaming the committee for showing the truth of what happened that day and trumps INACTION. Anyone watching and listening will know the truth. They are basically saying, "these are NOT the droids your looking for".

The Republican Party has no respect for Democratic principles. They know if elections are fair, they lose. The GOP has devolved into an authoritarian movement.

I watched the GOP and its rabid followers try to destroy our country's form of governance in real time on Jan. 6th. I'll definitely be watching them being held accountable in real time when these hearings start.

No wonder Stefanik would like to keep these hearings secret. If Republicans can weather this investigation by deflection and stalling they stand to be successful overthrowing the government with their new soft attack of election fraud and voter suppression.

Unfortunately, even if the committee airs Trump himself testifying live that he tried to overthrow the government, it won't matter. Democrats tend to talk tough but lack follow through, Republicans are enablers and always turn the conversation into how they've been victimized, and the American public as a whole are not intelligent enough to think for themselves. So, at the conclusion of this investigation nothing will happen.

"If people want to hear from Fox News personalities there will be plenty of their texts read aloud from during the hearings". It's funny because it's true.

Of Course not! the last thing Fox wants is to have it's audience hear FACTS!!!! Fox's Lawyers Erin Murphy, of the firm Kirkland & Ellis, said that Fox is registered as an entertainment channel not a news channel, and they are not obligated to tell true facts.

Unfortunately, they have a big audience and they are not going anywhere. Blind faith is all too common in our World. The majority of Humankind subscribe to some sort of religion and are unwavering in their belief. Trump, Fox News and Religion are all part of the same fabric. When faith blinds us to facts and reason you end up with hysteria like McCarthyism, The Salem witch trials and Jan 6 insurrection.

But they sure covered Benghazi. If it was an insurrectionist group of protestors organized by the Democratic candidate that refused to accept the election victory of a Republican, you can be sure FOX would be covering it from dawn to dusk non stop.

From Yahoo viewer comments, FOX does have its MAGA followers. MAGA people deny that 2020 election results & January 6-2021 insurrection ever happened. So sad for American Democracy with MAGA people & alternate facts cheered by FOX.

How can Republicans read this and listen to her account of smearing classmates blood on herself and not be pushed to do something, anything on these weapons of war. They are cowards to hide behind the second amendment like it is set in stone like the ten commandments. It's not, it was an amendment to the Constitution at a time before anyone could even imagine an AR-15 or a high capacity magazine. There is blood on their hands and we need to put people in their place that are willing to stand up to the gun lobby and make some sensible changes that even responsible gun owners are behind.

Rep. Katie Porter: "I respect that we have different opinions on Representative Cicilline's assault weapons law, but we cannot have different facts..."

If Katie Porter ever runs for President she has my vote! She's absolutely incredible just for doing the job that she's elected to do.

I give to her campaign and I live on the east coast. I just love her demeanor. All business armed with facts. What's not to love? Enraging republicans is just an added bonus.

This is why Katie Porter is the best. She doesn't pull punches and calls a LIAR a LIAR! Thank you, Congressperson Porter!

Can we just have an army of Katie Porter clones run our government?! Please! She's fierce and smart.

Katie Porter is for America Justice and Sanity If you want to go toe to toe with Katie Be Prepared and do opposition research on yourself She will see ALL the BS Porter/Raskin 2024.

Sane, compassionate people love Katie Porter!!!

Representative Katie Porter always brings the receipts.

Mass shootings were reduced by 40% when assault rifles were banded in 1994.

If you played the second clip, you would notice how the Right Wing nutjobs start trying to derail Ms. Porter's line of questioning. They go crazy when someone starts to get close to the truth. Also, all three people break rules and norms. The GOP never let witnesses respond, and Right Wing witnesses never let Dems ask questions. The witness talks over the congresswoman and attempts to get sound bites by being "indignant and righteous" just like so many in the past. (Total BS by the way) The first congressman, dumbest man in congress Gohmert, simply interrupts and the second one claims to raise a point of order, but instead just makes a speech. Until the Dems learn that they are playing a game where their opponents never follow the rules, things will not change. Chaos will reign in government, and the bullies will continue to decide what happens in our country even when 75% of the public want something else.

Super Katie! She is the real Wonder Woman

## 6-10-22

I love the way that Liz Cheney put a bullseye squarely on McCarthy's back, right out of the gate. It was richly deserved.

The footage was real. People should be ashamed of this horrific act!

Republicans are like an abused spouse that say "oh nothing happened" to the police. And stay for more aduse because their to weak and scared to leave.

I believe Rep. Thompson and Rep. Cheney both NAILED it!!!! And yes, this is just the opening day of the hearings but I believe that this will be the standard of how they will be handled in their entirety. They laid out cogent, linear facts. And if Attorney General Garland doesn't act on this case, then there is NO hope for America. And this is coming from an optimist like no other.

"I just want to find 11,780 votes, which is one more than we have." Trump

Cheney put country and justice before career and party loyalty. Don't you wish others did this? The GOP has rotted before our eyes And you are feeding the govt what they need to heal.

#### 6-25-22

Any level of government shouldn't be able to decide medical decisions for people. People being able to make decisions about their life that effects nobody else without government interference is steeped at the 'tradition of this country'. This person trying to impose these beliefs on others instead of trying to convince people to come to her side is the problem. The forcing of your views through laws and legality needs to stop. Leave people to their own decisions!

I also want to see the numbers on "Her PLAN" that she claims will pay for everything from medical care to housing for woman and child up to 2 years. I'm calling baloney, and I guarantee if every abortion stopped goes through "Her PLAN" it will bankrupt in a week, or she'll get GOP leadership to saddle taxpayers with trillions more in debt to keep it afloat.

She is the Religious Right but doesn't want to reveal it. Americans are moving towards a religious state the likes of Iran and Pakistan except these leaders wear a tie. American Voters need to decide whether they want to live in a religious state or secular one.

Really the choice is between abortion or raising the child without family. I think it is safe to say most abortions are done by people who are not in the position to raise a child and likely not in a marriage. We already have enough child poverty and dysfunctional adults in this country, and we don't need to add to it with children raised by a parent who is unable to provide and be present.

As America protests, let remember how we got here, Mitch Mcconnell, held up a democrat SC nominee for almost a year, then rushed through a Republican nominee in a few weeks, which gave Republican the 6-3 majority.

I think if a woman is forced to have a child by the state the state should pay for the upkeep of the child. In today's economy; say \$2000 per month per child. Its only fair.

Because of this, I can see babies/children being left at hospitals, dropped off at social services, being abused, neglected, and not wanted. I am not seeing those people who are against abortions standing in line to adopt the many unwanted babies and children and I am sure there are many.

They are not pro-life; Republicans are Forced-Birthers. If they cared about life they wouldn't cut all the funding that baby will need after it's born

I expect antiabortion groups to step up their protests and vigils outside of abortion clinics in blue states. I also expect pro choice groups won't be as passive as they have been. The gauntlet has been tossed and this summer is going to be much more interesting than I would want. Some talking head said overturning Roe would bring a sense of peace and unity because now that the standard has been set and states free to do what they want all the uncertainty is gone. Yeah, right. The fuse has been lit the only question now is how big the explosion.

"The sanctity of life." Coming from the people who all campaign with guns and explosive devices in their ads. That is rich.

Time to start Taxing the Churches. Without the overreach of the Fundamentalist Christians this would be a non issue as 66% of Americans support Roe. Enough is enough...and I am tired of a bunch of people who believe the Earth is only 6000 years old and sit on 400 billion dollars of tax free real estate making policy in America.

Churches don't want to pay taxes, but they want to dictate laws about women and gender. Republicans, want the freedom to keep their guns, but deny women the freedom regarding their own bodies. The Right Wing wants smaller government, unless, they can wield big government for their own self-serving ends. Why would anyone trust these people?

The GOP may have found the ONLY way to lose the midterms....and I'm kinda happy about that. No one is down with their Hand Maids Tale BOLOGNA

I thought conservatives hated welfare babies. Why did they just create 100s of thousands of them?

If Mike Pence doesn't want an abortion, he shouldn't have one.

So it's not a state's rights issue? That only took 24 hours to expose that lie.

Women will always terminate their pregnancies if they want to. The supreme court just outlawed safe abortion. They will not stop one single abortion but they will create a thriving black market for them. Just like the war on drugs.

# 8-5-22

The Supreme Court Catholic Justices have made Americans realize that our freedoms are definitely at stake due to overturning Roe. The fact that the next overturning case could be LGBTQ+ marriage equality, contraception, interracial marriage makes me very nervous. These freedoms could end with extremists on the right in the Republican party and no one wants to see that happen. Inflation can be fixed, the economy can be fixed but these big issues may not be without voting blue.

I have always been fiscally conservative and socially liberal, and I will continue to be; however, I will now not vote for any candidate who believes it's ok to limit a person's freedom: freedom to have an abortion if one so chooses, freedom to marry the same gender, freedom to marry a different race, freedom to practice any religion of their choosing, etc. I've lived through the prior

high inflation periods (early 80s through the early 90s) so I can do it again. It's time to stand up and say "no!" If politicians won't support your personal rights, it's time to vote them out of office.

Whether Democrat, Republican, independent, or apolitical, we are all Americans. Regardless of race, religion, creed, or lot in life, there is one thing Americans agree on; we do not appreciate being told what to do. Kansans clearly saw the writing on the wall and opted to take the decision-making out of legislators' hands, much to the shock and dismay of out-of-touch political strategists. The GOP can expect a repeat performance in other right leaning states.

#### 8-6-22

Trump lost the GOP the House, the Senate and the presidency, not to mention racked up two impeachments, did nothing to stop an insurrection, and he's still their champ. How utterly surreal.

# 8-8-22

For a Federal Judge to approve a search warrant on a former President is huge, they have something special they are looking for.

I'm part of the country, Fox, and I'm cheering, dancing, laughing and so relieved that something is finally happening to address this criminal person's actions.

I just cringe how FOX covers this like it's some big tragedy for America. These people are out of their f'n minds. Justice is being done and they react like Trump is some kind of hero being treated so unfairly. OH BOO HOO.

Fun fact: August 8th was the date Nixon resigned. Kinda ironic for Trump to mention Watergate. HALLELUJAH TO THE LAMB OF GOD!!!!!

Trump's complaining that the law applies to him?

Drain The Swamp?

FBI doesn't conduct raids like that without due cause and legit warrants.

Finally, the good stuff is happening.

Totally unfair, it's not like he has a reputation for stealing classified documents and storing them at maralago.

PRAYER WORKS! Thank you Jesus!

why people are crying? no one is above the law. not even one time presidents.

I can't stop smiling. There is literally no one more deserving.

Let the good times roll.

Nobody is above the law. Including the president. Or an ex president. He should be in prison, not contemplating another run. We have nothing if we don't have truth and rule of law for everyone. You forget Republicans are Shameless. They will deny everything even when faced with cold hard facts.

## 8-9-22

We've never had a U.S. President lie about a pandemic. We've never had a U.S. President mocked by world leadership We've never had a U.S. President impeached twice in the House of Representatives We've never had a U.S. President disregard the new President's swearing-in We've never had a U.S. President lie about election results We've never had a U.S. President incite insurrection against the United States. We've never had a U.S. President remove sensitive and classified documents from the White House We've never had a U.S. President allegedly commit sedition against the United States AND We've never had a U.S. President's home raided by federal authorities!

"When you're attacking FBI agents because you're under criminal investigation, you're losing," Huckabee Sanders wrote in Nov. 2016, in reference to the FBI's probe of Hillary Clinton's emails, which was ongoing at the time.

Two questions for Republicians, why were the documents there in the first place and why did Trump not return them when requested.

If you or I had classified government documents at our house I do not think we would be suprised to see the FBI.

But Trump thinks he is above the law, well he just found out he isn't!

But what about! That is all they have in response. It is funny how the law and order party doesn't like it when they are the target of the law.

So nearly 50% of Americans are extremely upset that the FBI and DOJ are doing their job. They believe it is a political attack and nothing else. I'm seeing tweets and comments about a civil war. So what happens if trump is indicted and convicted? It should happen but it won't be good for the tinder box that is America right now. Maybe trump's "perfect" health will give out permanently so we can move on.

He'll either be running for office, or running from the law. Either way, he'll be running.

It was a beautiful raid. A big, tremendous raid. Some people said it was the best raid they had ever seen. Lots of people said that. ...someone came up to me and said, "Sir, I don't think I have ever seen a raid of this size and quality." Everyone is saying so.

#### 8-10-22

I really have no problem with a defendant invoking the Fifth, the right exists for a reason. But if you consistently claim that only guilty people invoke it and then invoke it yourself, that's a really bad look.

Seriously, what do details, truth have to do with the GOP these days. They make up thier own reality. The DOJ needs to do its job, trump is not above the law. He need charged for any/all crimes he committed before being the POTUS,, while he was POTUS, and all illegal activity after leaving the White House. It is about time the DOJ started doing their job!

Warning Signs of a Cult

The leader is always right;

Criticism of the leader or questioning of the leader is considered "persecution;"

Anything the leader does is justified, no matter how harmful it may be;

The leader is the only source of truth, everybody else is lying;

Disciples must be devoted to the leader and never question him.

Yeah, that sounds like Cult45.

Sounds like a lot of religions, too, come to think of it.

# 8-12-22

Meth dealer after search by cop, "that meth is not mine; it must have been planted". Murderer after being caught with smoking gun, "that gun is not mine; I never saw it before". Bank robber caught with money whose serial numbers were recorded, "I don't know where that money came from". Trump after subpoena, and multiple requests to turn over classified documents to the archives, "It must have been planted".

The story stays the same, but the cast of characters changes. Seems we have heard this story over and over and over.

Has Trump ever explained exactly why he took 27 boxes of documents in the first place? The Presidential Documents Act forbids a president from taking anything, classified or not. Why did he do it?

Planted evidence? Did he knowingly remove boxes and boxes of documents from the Whitehouse to his personal home? Yes. Did he cooperate when asked to return them? No. Does he enjoy being the victim? Yes, so much so he should be in a movie on the lifetime network. First off, if he didn't do anything wrong or hide anything he would've been like " oh yeah the documents are here and here" I'll hand them back over. Sadly that was not his response and he chose to play the victim and say evidence was planted. Well, seeing as how he destroyed some of said evidence, you get what you got and deal with it.

What is wrong with GOP? Trump took classified secret nuclear documents to his home in Florida, so that he could sell them to Putin? They knew Trump had these documents in his possession, that is why they sent him a subpoena first. Had he complied with the subpoena, he wouldn't have been raided. Plus, good thing Trump signed into law making it illegal to mishandle classified documents and punishable up to 5 years in prison. Wouldn't it be funny if he sentences himself to 5 years in jail?

### 8-19-22

Imagine using your vote because of gas prices, which have already gone down. As if only Dem's cause gas prices to go up. Meanwhile, abortion isn't in the same place. Whether one believes in abortion or not, how many believe in contraception, because no doubt that's next on the Supreme Courts calendar of events. In fact, what's on their calendar should terrify all of us.

Republicans embrace the concept of personal freedom, unless it is something that offends their idea of a utopian society. That would include drugs (except for alcohol and cigarettes), abortion and nowadays they are banning books all over the country - something an authoritarian government would do.

DeSantis sent his army of Karen's to verbally attack and often threaten the teachers for masks, vaccines, and what they are teaching even though it was never taught (CRT) so they would quit. This way he could militarize our schools with uneducated teachers.

With all those older residents, Florida is probably short of doctors. Why not let veterans fill those vacancies in hospitals, and give them "temporary" medical licences good for five years while they go to med school. What can go wrong?

DeSantis is delusional. Not only is his proposal extremely insulting towards teachers (we can replace you with the uneducated and unemployed) the idea that ex-military is a good fit would be laughable if it weren't frightening.

## 8-21-22

Whenever there's an irreconcilable disagreement on what constitutes a fundamental constitutional right, we should default to the position of personal liberty. Meaning that women should have full control over their own bodies, and gay people should be able to marry. No one is forcing you to have an abortion or get gay married. If this somehow conflicts with your personal religious beliefs, who cares. Your religion is yours and your right to impose it stops with you and your family - no one else. Fat chance of the GOP winning Congress or even keeping their 50 in the Senate. RoeVWade polarized voters like nothing else. Even McConnell said the chances were slim for either scenario based on the quality of candidates the GOP is offering. Now, prepare for the whataboutisms to follow this comment.

Pence was the perfect politician until he lost his courage and did not do the right thing and invalidate the corrupted electoral vote. That moment of weakness cost him his political future.

You believe that: a foreign country, a satellite company, many states, a computer company, and what must have been hundreds, if not thousands, of people conspiring together, corrupted the election for the President of the United States without one ounce of proof being discovered despite multiple lawsuits filed in many states, not to mention the Supreme Court of the United States packed with justices appointed by Trump refusing to even hear the case, and yet you still think it wasn't a valid election?

If anyone is that clever and can get away with it, those are the folks we need in charge. We have never had a group of people that brilliant in charge and we should put them in office ASAP!

#### 8-24-22

Forgive student loans, add judges to SCOTUS, get rid of the filibuster, legalize weed.

THIS is the road to a second term. DO IT!

What happened to the Republican Party? oh! that's right Donald Trump. Good Luck getting the majority of intelligent voters to believe every time you lose an election it is voter fraud. I have always voted for the most qualified candidate for AMERICA. I remember during the 2016 primary Trump screaming to the crowd "if I don't win, the election was rigged" well we know how 2016 turned out. Now all the extreme right wingers are losing and screaming the same thing. I wonder why Liz Cheney isn't screaming voter fraud, because she is a true American who believes the process is legit.

#### 8-26-22

2020 was the highest Voter turnout in US History and still 1/3 of the Country did not Vote. Watch what happens in November. The Qrazy Qhristians trying to FORCE their 'beliefs' upon everyone is going to Backfire Bigly. There will be a record number of new Democrat Voters.

#### 9-3-22

Whoever explained to the Republicans that Taliban type abortion laws, permissive gun laws and hatred for every group of people that doesn't fit the Republican mold needs to be thanked by the Democrats. They have taken the Republican Party from the Minority Party to the cellar dwelling Party. The big Red wave they predicted is now as toxic as Red Tide and will be washed away in November.

Those trying to eliminate abortions are sentencing countless women to suffering and death. Girls/Women are fighting for their lives here.

radical dems: make health care more available, fair pay, equal pay for equal work, voting rights for everyone, improve public education, strong military, police and national security. radical magaRs: soon, only white christian males get to vote, women are now just vessels, go ahead and starve or die from virus containable with a vaccine. censor teachers, ban books, leave the nation's top secrets in boxes accessible all over a private country club, oh, and beat on cops and try to off the VP and Speaker. THIS is what the GOP is afraid of !!!!!!!! A enraged, Motivated electorate that oppose them

THIS is what the GOP is afraid of !!!!!!! A enraged, Motivated electorate that oppose them !!!!!!!!! November draws near !!!!!!!!!

With this votership surging, I think the GOP machine may have shot itself in the foot. We all know eventually, even if it takes years, Roe will be overturned (as if it'll matter in states where abortion is legal). So not only will Dems be able to use this to their advantage when running for any office, but the sleeping giant (women's votes) has been awaken.

#### 9-4-22

I really don't like Trump. I don't think his supporters are, how do I put this, thinking people. They hear "let's build a wall" and think ok, and get Mexico to pay for it, ok good idea and that's as far as they think about it. Then blame everyone else when it doesn't work. Not the fact it was impossible to begin with.

## 9-6-22

Every day it's a different excuse but one thing Trump never does is explain his illegal action in taking what is not his to take. It's a violation of several laws. Classified documents are never displayed in a library and they must be returned to the Government, period.

Donnie keeps throwing more and more "excuses" against the wall hoping one of them will stick and none of them have so far. He had no right to those documents and that is a fact. They belong to the government and that is, also, a fact. And even if Donnie "declassified" them there would be a paper trail and the documents would have declassification stamps on them and neither are present. Donnie stole them and should be held accountable for not only stealing them but, also, for the obstruction of holding onto them w3hen he LIED and said he had returned them all. I think we need to be looking into Jared as well considering how cozy he is with the Saudis and how much blood money they have paid him.

Biden is not a great orator, and bubbles along, but things have been more peaceful, his cabinet are professionals, his supporters are not trying to overthrow the democracy, he is trying to get good things accomplished for the country. If just a handful of Republicans would cooperate with his goals, we could reverse 4 awful years of Trump skinning America.

By developed world standards, we are behind in education, health care, infrastructure, sensible gun laws, energy conservation.....

I remember when debates were honest, but at the end of the day, sides came together and passed legislation that helped all people.

Taking a negative position based solely on party is terrible representation.

Trump believes in only that which benefits him.

# 9-7-22

"What else has trump done?" The very worst that you can imagine

No. Trump DOES take seriously national security secrets. He knows they are seriously valuable. ACCOUNTABILITY is on the ballot CHOICE is on the ballot DEMOCRACY is on the ballot Vote BLUE Daily Reminder: "Tonight, I say this to my Republican colleagues who are defending the indefensible – there will come a day when Donald Trump is gone, but your dishonor will remain." - 06/09/2022 Elizabeth Cheney (R) Wyoming

# 9-20-22

Republicans: It's not fair our states have to deal with migrants.

Democrats: OK let's set up a program to help you.

Republicans: We don't want any solutions because then we can't leverage it with our base.

# 10-4-22

I remember when the Republican Party tried to encourage people to be better than what they were. Now it's all about hurt feelings, laziness, and tax cuts for billionaires.

## 10-6-22

You cannot claim to be Christian, you cannot claim to be a patriot, you cannot claim to be a human if you're willing to give up your beliefs, convictions and morals for political power. It's beyond shameful that republicans are admitting to this: that they are ready to sacrifice everything they believe in just to have control over one chamber of Congress. It's bad enough that the GOP decided to forgo a platform in 2020 to literally state they'd go along with whatever DT wanted, but to actually go against EVERYTHING republicans claimed they stood for.... JUST for political power?

A lie is not a lie because I don't lie, therefore if I lied, I didn't lie because I didn't tell a lie. Hershel Walker next Senator for the good people of Georgia.

I'm Aussie, not American, but I can't look away from this train wreck going on over there. Is it totally normal for a GOP candidate to continually rant about "family values" and morality before it turns out that they don't actually have any themselves?

## 10-7-22

The GOP is now anti-character, anti-family values, anti-law enforcement, and anti-IQ.

## 10-8-22

GOP, Lie, Distract, and when you have no out, admit it and act like all is forgiven. Business as usual I never did it, I could have done it, I may have done it, but, I likely did it, I did it but, but but. Walker is another graduate of Trump university.

For the Republicans, abortion rights is a political issue where they feel the need to curry favor with the evangelicals to secure wins in mainly rural, less educated voting districts. They couldn't care less about the life of the fetus.

## 10-9-22

When "Reality TV" took off I said America will never be the same. This simply proves what I suspected. Just like those shows were all about ratings and making money, despite moral degradation; politics is now all about winning. Morality, truth and honor, right and wrong, family; nothing matters anymore except winning and the possibility of making money. How sad we have become as a nation. Our children are watching, watching and learning. So is God! I don't care if this guy paid for 10 abortions. I care that he is committed to taking this choice from the rest of us. Plus, he seems to be a bit nutsy. This guy wants to represent his state? How is he qualified? I can't believe he will actually win but here are the candidates the REPUBLICANS choose as worthy of their family values campaign. Four kids by four women, at least one abortion and child born while he was still married to another woman.

#### 10-11-22

Right-wing buzzword drinking game, go! Cabal, drink! Elitist, drink! Wokeness, anti-white racism, God-given, drink! Drink! Aaand I'm dead from alcohol poisoning.

#### 10-13-22

Why do you want power if values don't matter? What's your plan for the country since morality doesn't matter? How do you expect someone to respect leadership if you're picking people with no integrity. Power at all cost.

When we start knowingly electing unqualified, placeholder legislators for the simple purpose of raising their hand at the right time (because we don't want thoughtful legislators), our mindset is wrong, and we are what is wrong with our nation.

Walker has no conservative values but yes the senate control is important for conservatives to do nothing for the next two yours.

## 10-15-22

News of the Surreal (for Real): "GOP Senate candidate demands schools notify parents if their kids identify as chipmunks." Republican Senate candidate J.D. Vance appears to agree that it's "crazy" that schools are putting out litter boxes for students to defecate in and that kids are being allowed to act like chipmunks in schools. Vance is just the latest Republican to publicly say that he believes in one of the most bizarre urban legends to gain popularity this year: that students who call themselves furries are demanding that schools provide them litterboxes and let

them act like animals in schools. Vance was on The Bill Cunningham Show - a Christian talk radio show - this past Wednesday when the host brought up student-furries.

The GOP have made me seriously consider that in order to join the party, one has to sacrifice intelligence, integrity, and empathy. But I see it's even worse than I imagined.

The present GOP will support any candidate, no matter how poorly qualified that person is, as long as that candidate can help win control of Congress. The party of "family values, the party that supported "the rule of law", and the party that supported "law and order" died several decades ago when it allowed the extremists (The John Birch Society and the Tea Party folks) to take over the party. In my opinion.

It's simple. The Republican Party wants control and power at any cost. There are few ironclad rules in conservatism beyond 'crush the libs' and 'seize power at all costs'.

Over in Pennsylvania, the Republicans are hammering on John Fetterman's candidacy after his stroke, claiming he is unfit to serve. Such criticism is absent in Walker's case in Georgia, even though Walker has a documented history of mental illness. The arguments presented by the Right have no consistency. They just judge it on a case-by-case basis, with the sole component of that decision being, "Will this get us more power?".

## 10-16-22

Distortion, misinformation and outright lies are the mainstay of repuplican propaganda.

#### 10-17-22

The economy fluctuates. Good times turn into bad times, and bad times don't last forever. But once our democratic system is gone- it' gone for good. Some things are more important than money.

American voters don't seem to get that the current inflation is worldwide. The entire planet is trying to recover from a pandemic, national lockdowns that toppled economies, and now a war in Europe, which is affecting oil prices. Yet Americans want to blame it on one party or another. Knowledge is power. (Which is why our education system has been under attack for decades.)

So the Democrats have caused all of the World having inflation? Every Country in the World is fighting the exact same issues, Republicans are not going to change the World's economy anymore than the Democrats. Quit with the same scare tactics that Republicans use every 2 years. Tell me what the Republicans have planned for a better economy. Oil and coal only go so far if every Country besides the US are not using it. Maybe start by taking the steps to control alternative energy, look to the future.

the Democratic Party is so out of touch with reality, wokeness, defund police, redefine human nature, cancel culture, as well as their view of what makes a healthy economy, that men and women alike are not so in love with the GOP vision, but are more repulsed by what the Democratic Party has become. There are things about the GOP that I hate, but the Democrats are a whole different level of insane that I'll vote against them just to keep them out. Fox news tells you Democrats care about those things. Why don't you ask a Democrat what they really care about because that isn't it. And if Fox news is lying to you about what Democrats want, guess what, they are lying about what Republicans want for you. Have you felt one dime of that money billionaires are hoarding trickle down in the last 40 years? No? Maybe prices are rising because industries are being owned and controlled by fewer corporations under the guise of "capitalism." The super rich man (.01%) knows that having the lower classes

fighting is a sure way to distract from the fact that they are to blame for their ills, but they keep them busy arguing with each other.

When people start whinging about "wokeness" or whatever, I stop listening. Name one Act of Congress passed - or even brought to the floor for a vote - since the Democrats took control of the House in 2019 that addressed any of these so-called "concerns." You can't. Because those are not the priorities of the Democratic Party.

I care more about democracy than about the price of a loaf of bread. Inflation will be automatically corrected by business / economic cycles. A fractured democracy may never heal. So, obviously, vote Democratic.

You wouldn't know a communist or a socialist if they walked up to you and offered you ownership over the means of production. You don't have a clue what they are. They're nothing but "boogeyman words" to you. There is NO Democrat espousing actual socialist or communist economic policies. NONE. Oh sure, the yelling heads at FOX Noise are spewing out "scary" nonsense about "radical leftists," but it's nothing but bull to try to frighten you. It see34ms to be working...

#### 10-19-22

So the party of personal freedom and self-determination is not content with pushing their religious views on everyone, but now they want to make rules for eating ice cream? Remember when you vote everyone. The GOP doesn't care about you or God or doing what it right. They are only concerned with being in power and controlling others.

It's so nice when the biggest controversy about the president is eating ice cream and not mocking the handicapped, or making fun of a gold star family, or insulting our allies, or telling people to drink bleach, or trying to overturn the will of the people, or bragging about sexual assault, or mocking the death of a war hero, or threatening people exercising their 1st amendment rights or,

Nothing wrong with enjoying an ice cream cone . . .

Re: Inflation - - - It is Global - - - Many of our food prices are

Re: Inflation - - - It is Global - - - Many of our food prices are affected and effected by the droughts, floods, fires, Various Avian Flu's, COVID19 Pandemic, that we have been dealing with . . . Putin's illegal invasion of Ukraine (wheat and sunflower oil) . . . interrupting our supply chain, creating shortages and overages . . .

ALSO - - - Historically we have had much larger Prime Interest Rates that we have clearly recovered from . . . The Prime Interest Rates ranged:

In the 1960's: from 4.5% to 8.5% In the 1970's: from 4.5% to 15.75% In the 1980's: from 7.5% to 21.5% In the 1990's: from 6% to 10%

Question now is . . . Can we all stop whining about inflation, knowing that it is temporary? . . . And that Interest Rates are the direct response to help combat inflation? . . . and Just like Americans did in times of The Great Depression in the 1920's/30's , WW1 and WW2 , Korean and VietNam. . . We can pull ourselves together and work together?

The Billionaires are desperate for something to criticize.

Face it people, gas is dead. It will take time but crossover on price/range has been reached, batteries have improved 8%/year in lifetime/volume for the last twenty years. Gas puts us at the mercy of the sheikhs or, what is probably worse; Exxon and Chevron. The electrical load is manageable, estimates are no more than 4% additional power required if everyone owned an electric car. Maintenance costs are drastically reduced, no more oil changes or engine rebuilds. It is happening whether we like it or not.

She lost her job for giving the Super Rich a massive tax break like Trump did. But, in the USA, we are passive when the ones on top get more breaks but we get violent when the bottom gets a break, like the college debt relief.. Brainswash!

Another "conservative" failure on a global scale. And half of this stooooooopid country is still thinking about voting for Republicans. At this point, we deserve what we get.

If people of Georgia want to stop abortions, they should turn to methods that actually do work! These include comprehensive sex education and safe, affordable/free contraceptives. Unfortunately, as illogical as it sounds, the people who are most against abortion are also often most against these preventative measures. If they truly wanted to reduce the number of abortions that occur, they would embrace these methods. But since they do not, one must conclude that the so-called pro-life movement is not about saving babies. It's about punishing women for having sex. That's why they oppose birth control. That's why they want to ban abortion even though doing so will simply drive women to have dangerous back alley abortions. That's why they want to penalize women who take public assistance and then dare to have sex, leaving an exemption for those who become pregnant from rape. It's not about babies. If it were about babies, they would be making access to birth control widespread and free and creating a comprehensive social safety net so that no woman finds herself with a pregnancy she doesn't want or can't afford. They would be raising money for research on why half of all zygotes fail to implant and working to prevent miscarriages. It's not about babies. It's about controlling women. It's about making sure they have consequences for having unapproved sex.

Don't forget, these same people usually vote against affordable health care and services that would help single mothers with children.

Well then, it sounds like welfare and child support would start then too. So should the woman's ability to claim a dependent on her tax return as well as ride legally in an HOV lane. Republicans will cry about that but they started the ball rolling.

Republicans don't want welfare. Republicans don't want universal health or child care. Republicans don't want public schools. Republicans don't want assistance for the poor. And yet, Republicans want to force women to have children and bring more poverty to the US. And pro-lifers agree with them. What kind of sense does this make?

You must ask yourself why Republicans want to create more poor people in the US. Maybe forced military service? Poor people can't fight back. And without public schools, they will be uneducated and more likely to vote Republican.

GA voter. Did my part yesterday. Hope to put an end to this madness.

This absolutely terrifies me. So now the law will be used to enslave pregnant women? Let's just round them up and place them in camps where they can be monitored 24/7! Where does this end? I think women everwhere need to wake up and pay attention, because when rights are taken away, it is doubly hard to get them back.

This is the goal of the forced birthers having national fetal personhood laws and prosecuting women for murder for terminating their unwanted pregnancies...be scared...be very scared and vote Dem

Forced birther anti-abortion clods are the greatest threat to this nation, Imagine the USA overrun with hundreds of millions of unwanted children, their children, and their grandchildren since Roe v. Wade.

Overpopulation is the greatest threat to our way of life and unwanted children wreak havoc on societies.

The ultimate repugnant creature is the forced birther who somehow finds it possible to support our endless line of proven sham profit wars, for, of course, unjust war is the ULTIMATE CRIME. What, EXACTLY, is the exchange rate between Iraqi children with homes, bonds, dreams, fears, and loved ones and an American fetus the size of your pinky fingernail? How is it possible for both of those positions to exist within the same brain? It's mind-boggling.

A fetus is not a child any more than an egg is a bucket of fried chicken. Don't believe me? Try diapering, bottling, and burping one. Should you choose to accept that challenge, please upload the video somewhere, for that would be quite a sight.

The American people agree a fetus is not a baby. The Bible agrees. Even Israel, with their SOCIALIZED health care including FREE ABORTION, largely made possible by USA taxpayers, agrees.

We have politicians who actually seek to prosecute Americans involved with reproductive freedom, yet they force us, under threat of asset forfeiture and imprisonment, to pay for Israeli abortions using money borrowed with future sweat of our children and grandchildren as collateral.

INSANE

I wonder if Georgia also considers a pile of building materials as a house.

And yet they celebrate their birthday on the day their mother actually gave birth. I see another Hallmark card on its way, Conception Day.

IF a fetus or embryo is a "person", then... we must be, as adults, the equivalent... which of course, makes absolutely NO sense. Only the faith-based and their delusional thinking could "believe" such an absurdity. A fetus is NON-sentient, has NO awareness of either itself or it's amniotic environment, not to mention, wholly dependent upon the maternal utero-placental circulation, via an umbilical cord. A person? Really? Seriously? So animals, like your pet dog, must be what?... geniuses, because they are emotional, with personalities, thoughts, interacting in a purposeful manner with their surroundings, etc.. Politicians in the GOP should just stay the heck out of medicine in general, and Obstetrical issues, completely.

Getting tired of a few people making decisions for a lot of other people.

Here's a tip for all you lady criminals in Georgia. Be sure to get pregnant just before you report to prison. They won't be able to keep you there. Since the fetus inside of you is a person, that "person" can't be locked up in jail without due process. If they don't let you out, your fetus "person" could sue for being improperly imprisoned since they are an innocent "person". So if a wife is the main bread winner of the family get pregnant and dies in childbirth, the father

So if a wife is the main bread winner of the family get pregnant and dies in childbirth, the father can sue the kid.

A life time of future earnings from the kid comes the fathers way in a judgement. Starting with state aid when child is a minor.

I see a whole new legal avenue in GA.

Recommendation-> ALL Women leave Georgia before it's too late. Let's see how Georgia stands when it has no women for anything(jobs, relationships(marriages or pregnancies)). They want to treat women like cattle, then let them suffer consequences.

I miscarried at 10 weeks--it was my second miscarriage (the first was at about 6 weeks). Under this law, I would have been investigated as a potential murderer and if convicted, my 2 year old daughter would have been left without a mother. If it had been brought to court even if I weren't convicted, the legal fees would have bankrupted me. Even if it hadn't been taken to court, I would have been so traumatized by the experience, that I would have been too scared to get pregnant again and my son would never have been born. I would never suggest any woman get pregnant in a state with these laws, there are far too many things that can go wrong in a pregnancy.

a fetus can't live outside the womb by itself. -- the world is laughing especially the taliban and iran. -- usa abortion issue is worst than iran hijab issue.

Georgia has declared a fetus is a person, and a woman (or girl) is the property of whoever wishes to use her as a mobile incubator.

A fetus is not a person. It's not capable of survival outside the womb. These men have too much time on their hands and their religion is dictating what they do. They are no different than the morality police in Iran or the Taliban. They seek to control women. They don't care about the

baby. If they did, the social safety net would be much wider and much more secure for low income families. This is honestly just a perverted and disgusting targeting of women.

Republicans no longer want to just CONTROL women, they now want to OWN us! Our lives, our health, and even our freedom are at high risk with the threat of these archaic laws. Vote Democrat and stop authoritarian Republicans from dictating our lives!

Genesis 2:17..."The Lord breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person."

Yet all the "Pro Lifers in the Bible Bible Belt keep insisting that life begins at conception. But the book they insist is the infallible "Word of God" says that life didn't begin until man took his first breath. So who's wrong...the word of God or the Pro Lifers?

The people who didn't pay attention in school (when they even went) are now suddenly experts in science. The same people who mock those who are educated. Place your trust in scientists, not these jokes, and, for crying out loud, stop voting for dumb people!

And here we have women being sentenced to second-class people just for being women... This is insanity.

Ugh. Women better be paying attention. Their dignity as independent persons is under attack. I first want to say that I am actually pro-life, and believe abortion should be illegal. However, if you look at this passage, the Bible treated a fetus more like "property" than a "person". And I'm only pointing it out since this relates closely to the issue at hand.

"When men have a fight and hurt a pregnant woman, so that she suffers a miscarriage, but no further injury, the guilty one shall be fined as much as the woman's husband demands of him, and he shall pay in the presence of the judges." Exodus 21: 22

So, pregnant women get TWO stimulus checks and a prison sentence if she miscarries????? USA!! USA! USA!

Are miscarriages subject to state reporting laws like preterm births and still births? Who has a right to know I've miscarried in my own home? Some early spontaneous losses are just "bad periods." Why do stats even have to be maintained on uncomplicated losses?

If abortion is illegal, miscarriages and stillbirths will be investigated and the women have to prove they didn't do something to cause them. In other words, those women will be presumed guilty until proven innocent.

So if a woman drinks alcohol before she knows she is pregnant, can she be arrested for assault?

Will doctors refuse cancer treatment to women because a hypothetical fetus could be harmed in the future?

If a woman can be arrested for harming a lump of cells with no brain function, what does a woman do when that lump of cells harms her?

If a woman is dieting and has an erratic period normally, so she doesn't know she is pregnant for a couple of months or more, can she be arrested for harming a lump of cells with no brain function for being under weight, or deficient in vitamins or something?

If a woman dies in childbirth, who does her family sue? The infant? As a person, it killed its parent.

A lump of cells with no brain function is NOT a person. Just as a person is dead if they have no brain function - even if they have a heartbeat thanks to machines.

Why is a lump of cells with no brain function more important than the living, breathing person carrying it?

The party of "Freedom" taking more of it away......

Can the fetus survive outside the womb without massive intervention? Then, no, it is not yet a person.

It seems that we have laws that apply to a portion of humanity by those who could care less about them otherwise. It is all about power and control.

Think about the results of the past seven election cycles (Whiplash alert!):

In 2008 Americans elected Barack Obama because they desperately wanted change. Two years later, they elected a tea party Congress to stop Obama's changes. Then, in 2012, they reelected Obama to stop the tea party Congress. Two years after that, they expanded the Republican House majority to check Obama. In 2016, they elected Donald Trump to stop everybody. In 2018, they elected a Democratic majority to stop Trump. In 2020 they chose ideological consistency by electing Joe Biden. A year later, they revolted at the polls by choosing Republicans in state and local elections because they wanted to constrain Biden.

Dramamine, anyone?

On the surface, it appears as if the electorate swings wildly back and forth. But a deeper dig reveals a perfect consistency in the electorate: It has acted as a guardrail, nudging its leaders consistently away from the far left and far right lanes.

# 10-21-22

You will, of course, be expected to do something to help Americans outside the top 1% with that majority. Passing a bunch of culture wars "show bills" does not count. If you're going to complain endlessly about gas prices and inflation, you will need to produce solutions that will actually solve those problems.

wait I thought the narrative has been that the polls are always wrong? can't someone just assert that the dems could also be on their way to 55 seat majority? Ohio is in play, Wisconsin is in play, PA will likely flip, NC is in play and even florida might flip. heck we could even have an independent win in Utah. I am not saying any of this is true or likely but for Scott to suggest this is going to happen is a bit delusion. for once I agree with Mitch, this will very likely be a very close series of races and control of the chamber will be more likely a 51-49 or even just stay 50/50. of course this is Scott's job so he is looking to keep his job i guess. For those that believe life begins at conception, if you went and ordered a 12 piece bucket of chicken and they gave you a dozen fertilized eggs you'd be the first to complain.

Until the fetus is capable of surviving outside of the womb, is it really "alive"? Most pro-choice ppl aren't pro abortion while the opposite side is more pro-forcing the woman to carry a fetus that, in some cases, isn't even viable.

# 10-23-22

And the crowd cheers. What is wrong with America? When did something like this become funny to people? This is what supposed Christians stand behind?

# 10-24-22

Well, Biden has reduced the deficit TWICE in two years, while Trump increased the deficit in ALL FOUR YEARS of his presidency. In fact - his increases WERE RECORD SETTING. And while I name Trump as being responsible for this - truly, republican leadership is just as responsible if not more so. They are the ones that passed the legislation. And now - what - they're claiming the OTHER guys are responsible for "reckless spending"! Give me a break.

Yahoo's lengthy article on Lake seems to take a balanced approach to Lake's career and politics. Having been in Arizona recently and watched the political commercials, I was put off by the ugliness of her campaign. It's not always the news reporting that seems biased, it's more often the reporting on the offensive hyperbole of the candidates themselves who use the shock effect of their ugly words to draw attention---and of course the media reports that.

## 10-26-22

I'm a Democrat and already voted and NOT regretful! He will recover in the coming months and if you have watched his interviews before having the stroke, he's pretty sharp. I voted my conscience, my principles and not for the guy who is trump's puppet who is out there destroying our precious democracy.

No, openly being an arm of the far right and hand picking settled law so you can overturn it (abortion, the voting rights act, the clean water act, etc.) are why.

I can't believe this race is basically tied!! Apparently, many have decided that the more lies told, the more conspiracy theories spouted and the more someone is corrupt are the character traits they want in a candidate to lead our country.

It won't matter to republican voters. It won't matter that he is supremely unqualified (like tRump was). They'll vote for him anyway. Any one of Walker's many issues would have disqualified him as a democratic candidate. But as a republican candidate, they just don't care. If it wasn't for double standards, republicans would have zero standards.

So Georgia voters don't mind voting for Walker, a prolific liar who doesn't know the difference between Congress and Senate, a bill vs amendment, because they just want a republican. Pennsylvania voters, on the other hand, can't vote for a good honest, hard working politician who had recently suffered a major stroke because he's still having health issues. Something is very wrong with the current state of affairs.

The "party of family values" doesn't care about family values, honesty, morality, or truth. Herschel gets a pass.

#### 10-28-22

Remember folks, the GOP wants to save every fetus but the moment they are born they can die a brutal death being shot to pieces and the GOP doesn't care.

trump thrives on CHAOS, it confuses small minded people and doesn't allow them to see through all the misinformation. They then rely on him to tell them what they want to hear, which of course is a lie.

He was such a downgrade from Barack Obama. With Obama, you had an excellent communicator who routinely (with a few exceptions) worked to find common ground. Not easy when some hate you because of your race and others because of your political party. With trump, it was always an attack. Day after day, he refused to cross the aisle to find a way to represent the interests of a greater America. He had so many opportunities, but instead sought to divide - it's such a mess.

Trump did unite the country in a way. More people came out to vote against him than any candidate in history.

I do not understand how anyone can like Trump let alone think he can unite people. A leader brings people together not put a wedge between them. He is no leader. It will be many years before this country will recover from what he did to it.

He is such a piece of dirt. I'm sorry he was attacked, The attack on Pelosi was political motivated was the one on Pauls or was it a dispute between neighbors. Doesn't make a difference in the overall, but the hatred in political ads have not helped. What would have been

the reaction if Nancy Pelosi had been attacked or for the matter what if Pence had actually been attacked during the riot Our country is out of control and I blame trump and the conspiracy theories that people are using to make money as well as the greedy politicians who only want to advance their wealth and power

If the mob had actually hung Pence, would Trump have been impeached rather then acquitted? Just wondering how high the bar actually is with republican senators. you are right patti, just look at all these hateful replies to your comment,, all are on board the trump conspiracy train ,, and just spewing what they hear on fox & hate radio . they would not know an actual fact if it was handed to them ,, and is has been,, they choose to bury their head in the sand

No one in the GOP so far condemned the awful and violent rhetoric that's leading to the assault of Paul Pelosi. The right continues to claim election fraud and silently endorses QAnon conspiracies. The well-wishing stuff is just a hypocritical ploy to show empathy, while they continue to brainwash their gullible flock with so-called conservative and christian values that trample on the rest of us. I'm not a Democrat, but a former Republican who can see through the right's cruel hypocrisy and elitism.

F Rand Paul! The GOP and the various far right media outlets are egging on the less stable geniuses on that end of the spectrum to assault those they repeatedly say are responsible for thwarting their American Greatness Again. What do you think this GOP minion was going to do with Nancy if he found her there??!?!

It's clear there are clowns who support this violence. An 82-year-old man had his head smashed with a hammer and clowns are justifying and celebrating. You're not conservatives. You're not patriots You're cult members!!

# Fox... the deplorable megaphone

News of the Surreal (for Real): "GOP candidate wants to ban books about divorce because they'll cause "unnecessary anxiety" for kids."

News of the Surreal (for Real): "Fox News Blames Biden for Conspiracy Theorist Beating Nancy Pelosi's Husband with a Hammer."

# 10-29-22

The lack of critical thinking skills in America is massive and appalling. Add all the social media nonsense and we are basically pouring gasoline on a fire. The cherry on the sundae is little mental health services available for those in need. Hopefully we can right the ship before it capsizes.

This guy is smart. He can turn chaos into opportunity. Trump says, "Throw him out! I'd like to punch him in the face." Obama says, "Don't get distracted, stay focused."

A poignant reminder of what we've lost as US politics descends into factional chaos. Good for former President Obama in making his measured, positive and inclusive messaging heard again in our turbulent times.

Me...I had that hope too. Family members glared at me....literally....when I told them of my valuing of Obama years ago. I still value him so greatly. Grateful for his service. Scary....how closed, arrogant and decisive people are. Can they not see??

"We get distracted instead on focusing on what is important." Tell 'em, Mr. President. Have you EVER heard Trump in his rallies treat a person who disagrees with him in a civil manner?!?!?! EVER?!?!

Not that BO is charismatic, intelligent, smart, somebody the US can show of with to the world. He is a real democrat the way he handles this man screaming into his speech. You should be

proud. I would be if BO was my former president. I cannot say this about DT, he's dangerous, vicious, dividing and has little knowledge about important stuff. I am sobbing. I miss sanity.

#### 10-31-22

Obama says Republicans are 'not interested in solving problems,' but they are 'interested in making you angry'

One would think he'd be rushing to prove he's done nothing wrong. This is what I don't get about Trump supporters, he claims to have all of his proof that he did nothing wrong but when asked to present it, he pleads the fifth, won't comply or files appeal after appeal after appeal to do whatever he can not to prove he did nothing wrong. I don't get it. He wouldn't have to spend millions and millions in attorneys fees if he would just present the evidence of his innocence instead of fighting so hard not to prove it.

It's because Trump knows he has committed tax, bank, and insurance fraud for many decades. The reason the entire Trump clan sold all their homes and took up official "residence" in Florida is because Florida shields the primary "home" from seizure. In New York, the Trumps would have lost everything once the convictions became final. Your primary residence in New York is not shielded from seizure for taxes and penalties due. The Trumps tell on themselves by their financial moves.

It's a cult. No matter what evidence you provide, Trump cult members will continue to make excuses for and support him. Trying to talk to Trump cult members is like arguing with flatearthers.

The Supreme Court should uphold the rulings of the lower courts. For the Supreme Court to impede an on-going investigation by our elected Congressional representatives by siding with the former President will only enhance the notion that the Court no longer acts independently of political influence. If he has nothing to hide, what's the problem?

It's funny.....Trump wants to keep HIS information and documents confidential, but doesn't really care about keeping OUR country's top secret documents confidential.

I wonder why?????

They need to vote that you can only serve on the Supreme Court no more than 10 years. what IS it about you righties and "wha' 'bout"?? is that all you ever have?

#### 11-1-22

Funny how the GOP cared about a consensual affair with the president and a woman that was not his wife. YEP it only matters when it is on someone else's foot.

Walker is not well-informed on any of the issues you claim to care about. Let's focus on electing some well-qualified legislators.

Inflation is high all over the world. Corporations are raising prices that's called capitalism. Republicans never want to vote for immigration reform and crime is higher in republican states. Republicans don't have good ideas. Most voted against the infrastructure bill, but will now take credit for all the good projects coming into their state. So don't complain about inflation, crime, border..... why don't you find out the truth.

I heard some of Walker's supporters say he's a good guy and he's allowed to make mistakes because nobody's perfect.

You shouldn't necessarily judge someone for their past however you should for their present. When you lie about the things of the past, it doesn't speak to good character. It says you still have the same issues you did back then and later, when you were threatening a shootout with police officers.

The guy in my opinion is a liar and that's more than enough for me. Because if he lies for you, he'll lie to you.

The very idea that Walker is still in this race, and could possibly win, is testament to the fact that Republicans have lost their way.

#### 11-2-22

Here's what we know:

- 1. Trump is dead (died badly)
- 2. @elonmusk has suppressed this news (or has he?)
- 3. Donald Trump Junior is now just plain Donald Trump please like and share.

#### 11-3-22

Hannity: Not a single Republican has ever said they want to take away your Social Security.. Mike Lee: It will be my objective to phase out Social Security. To pull it up by the roots and get rid of it.

I guarantee Kilmeade knows better. He's just spinning it as Fox often does, to be more appealing to their delusional viewers because if they accept reality, Fox bears the burden for so much of the violence today from Depape to 01/06 insurrection and MTG threats and on and on

Laura Ingraham, a talking head on Fox Opinion and Propaganda Network made the comment that Dems never name names when claiming that the GQP advocates violence. Enter The Daily Show. Who interspersed Laura Ingraham saying no names with other FOPN video clips of several Party of Trump politicians from Trump on down advocating violence, specifically against Democrats

Fox has become the enemy of our country....fueling hate and conspiracies.....now Fox has convinced republicans that turning our republic into a dictatorship really isn't so bad.....and now republicans are ready to go to the polls and vote for pro-dictatorship candidates who will hand Trump the presidency in 2024 no matter what the voters say.

## 11-4-22

Another what would Jesus do moment from someone who apparently didn't understand New Testament teachings of love thy neighbor and judge not teachings. These aren't Christians, they are people who hate everyone not just like themselves.

#### 11-7-22

The saying cannot see the forest for the trees comes to mind after reading some of these comments. The MAGA Republicans have convinced a big chunk of the GOP electorate that there is no way an election is fair or just if their party doesn't win. They are perfectly comfortable in attempting to overthrow our democracy to get the outcome they want.

Derogatory speech. Hmmmm, I don't recall any Democratic politician saying a Republican should be killed. I don't think any Republican's home has been broken into and their spouse attacked with a hammer, do you? The GOP has allowed the crazies to take it over and then rationalized their unhinged, destructive behavior. I'm sorry if you got your feelings hurt when fascist behavior is called out for what it is-FASCISM!

If lawsuits were water, Donald Trump would have drowned decades ago. 3000 plus! There is nothing remotely presidential about the man or his followers. He has set a mean spirit loose on this country.

every Repub I know hasn't been to college and wants to have it be 1950 again . There are real Repubs then there are you MAGA folks . Unhinged

it will bring a christian nationalist one-party rule. That's not our democracy.

There are also people who believe the Earth is flat. Election deniers are a tiny (but obnoxiously noisy) minority of the population.

The "new" Republican party has fully embraced the Trump way of narcissistic egomania, manipulation, bald-faced lies, and have adopted fascism ala Hitler as their banner of choice. And for the kicker, they twist it around via projection to claim that the "evil" liberals are the ones trying to destroy America. I'm not sure how many are actually delusional enough to buy all their tales of some kind of vast, complex conspiracy or how many play along because it suits their own political agenda. But between all of that and the MAGA crowd's refusal to accept anything that doesn't mean a win for their candidates, I think it's safe to say there are even darker times ahead.

Is that right? Interesting, considering I have actual friends in Europe who tell me they are worried for the US over the radical right rhetoric. But I guess when you get all of your "information" from right-wing media sites... 'nuff said.

The Divisiveness in this country is just sad. I dont care what side of the fence you are on. They the "Establishment" Should never be able to divide the people like they have done. whatever happened to "WE THE PEOPLE". Just sad that it seems like we have forgotten that.

It's not the Dems calling the election illegitimate. Fact check your sentences.

My Dad had this philosophy. He never liked to see one party have all of the power and he'd vote both Republican and Democrat - he was pretty moderate. I used to think this way too - but that's when the two parties could manage to work together.

That's just not true anymore. What we get is GRIDLOCK. Nothing gets done.

What are the MAGA values?

- 1) It's the immigrants's fault, they're stealing handouts that belong to me. They're the reason I'm under educated. They're the reason I'm incompetent. They're the reason I envy the coastal elites.
- 2) People of a certain color are evil. I don't care if people who actually live in NY tell me it's prosperous and safe, Fox News cherry pick minority crimes in liberal cities every day and that's what I choose to believe.
- 3) Let's give the corporations billions and defang the IRS so they can't capture the tax cheats, as long as they bribe with me like \$20/paycheck that'll expire by 2025. When inevitably this causes inflation years down the line, can blame it on the next administration, hopefully democrats anyway.
- 4) I don't care how OPEC works nor even understand why US is both an importer and exporter of crude oil and that oil refinement and supply chain is complex logistically and subject to global forces well outside the control of the US. Unless someone points out oil reached a decades low of \$26/barrel under Obama and tripled under Trump before Covid hit, in which case magically I agree US policies have little impact on oil prices. In the meantime, Biden bad, I don't care we kill the environment as long as I can blame someone that he must be the one costing me \$2/gallon.

What else are deplorable values?

I agree, the values are not the same, but if abortion and the right to vote, and the freedom for our marginalized and politically weakest citizens isn't part of the voters' values, then it's a voter's values issue, not the Democrats running. The Republicans offer ZERO plans to help the economy, so what good does it do to vote for them? Especially when all of the "Culture War" nonsense baggage comes with them? Which no one is going to like?

## 11-8-22

Thank You Trump for opening the Pandora's box. Its now an insane unsafe world. Now there's war, pandemic, famine, inflation and there's Marjorie Taylor Soylent Greene. America is doom.

## 11-9-22

This is good...one reason for the underperformance this time was young voters showing up...and they will again in 2 years, and even more will show up. The Trumpers are aging out, the Gop is getting smaller.

Yet he's passing legislation, his party pretty much had a very good midterm, after having obviously a great election last cycle (the one he got elected, and they took a majority of both houses)..... mock away, but if he's as bad as you folks want to say... what does that say about the opposition who keeps losing to him?

They also had an interesting discussion that focused on why in a way that isn't often discussed by Republicans. The normal discussion criteria is crime, inflation, the budget.... Partially yes, but it was pointed out how important the abortion issue is and that it won't go away and the other was the toxicity of Donald Trump - "the sheen of radicalism" that he taints everything with. The Republican Party needs to take a hard look at itself, find a way to completely divorce itself from Donald Trump and select better candidates who are not part of that radical sheen. Many people in the Republican establishment would love to rid the party of Trump, but the party can't get non-Trump candidates through the primaries. The crazy Trump endorsed candidates who spread election lies and other Trump nonsense garner much of the media attention and taint the reputation of the Republican Party with moderate voters. If Trump cared for anyone or anything other than himself, he would fade away, but we all know that's not going to happen. Still tepid criticism. The "sheen of radicalism" is what Rick Scott is when he puts out a platform to make social security discretionary spending that has to be renewed every 5 years. The "sheen of radicalism" is a AOC's green new deal. But those are policy prescriptions. Denying that you lost a presidential election and spending 2 years sending your acolytes around the country to undermine democracy isn't "the sheen" of anything. It's outright authoritarian and it seeks to destroy the greatest democracy the world has ever seen. The Republican Party doesn't just need to abandon trump, they need to apologize for him. They need to beg for forgiveness for indulging him out of fear for 6+ years. But they won't. He will be up for president in 2024. It warrants a strong rebuke from the people, and I hope to God he and the republicans

Yet many who support the right or are Republicans seem to want this kind of nonsense. Republicans must know that they need to get rid of him. High inflation, high gas prices should've been the death knell for the Democrats, but the lack of a Republican agenda and their constant histrionics about how bad liberals and the woke mob are, backfired. Many Americans, including independents like myself, voted Democrat because I feel the Republican party as it is will bring the United States into a fascists and authoritative regime.

Agreed Trump hasn't been good for Republicans. They need to get more center same with the Democrats. This Country will only move forward if that happens

Scott, THANK YOU!!!!!!! No truer words could be spoken. The only problem is finding candidates in each party that reflect the values of the majority American public. Reagan worked with Democrats, Clinton worked with Republicans. No one singular political ideology is better

than the other. Stringent Ideologists are typically blind to reason and truth. That's why nothing gets done and the American people lose.

True James. If trump and his acolytes would disappear so many of us R's would come back and vote for the "normal" Republicans. As it is, I voted a straight democratic ticket for the second time in my life. Maybe this election will do the trick.

Few things you missed. Republicans typically have a higher turnout rate then Democrats do during mid terms. Not to mention inflation and gas prices. This should have been a blow out for the Republicans. It wasn't. I can't help but think maybe all the dead anti vaxxers played a large role in this as well. If Democrats can fix gas prices and inflation before 2024 I predict they're gonna have a huge election year.

Well, he's right. Republicans could have won a 30-40 seat majority in the House and probably a 4-5 seat majority in the Senate based on the poor economy alone if it weren't for Roe v Wade being overturned and republican's embrace of extremism and conspiracy theories. It will take decades to over come the damage trump did to this country. What we are experiencing now is the first effects of the damage.

"We have the worst inflation in four decades, the worst collapse in real wages in 40 years, the worst crime wave since the 1990s, the worst border crisis in U.S. history, we have Joe Biden who is the least popular president since Harry Truman, since presidential polling happened, and there wasn't a red wave. That is a searing indictment on the Republican Party. That is a searing indictment of the message that we have been sending to the voters. They looked at all of that and looked at the Republican alternative and said, 'no thanks.'"

One potential takeaway from tonight is that the US is a center left country with a gerrymandering problem. If republicans are going to turn in a historically poor midterm performance now in this moment, a lot of talking heads need to re-evaluate their priors on this stuff.

This is not so much an embrace of the Left as a rejection of the Big Lie. Note that many of the victorious Republicans are moderate candidates of good character (e.g., Brian Kemp), not Trump's choices. This is a vote for integrity, moderation, movement to the center, and government that functions. If we have to put up with some inflation or a review of abortion laws, that's much better than a constant threat of civil disturbance caused by extremism and LYING. To think more people are concerned about the erosion of human (women, voters, POC, LQBTQ, Ukrainians, and elderly) rights than a transitory phase of inflation, which is worldwide. And if crime is such an urgent issue, let's look at the red states. McCarthy's district is the murder capital of the USA.

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It doesn't take that "really deep, introspective look" to figure out why the expected red tsunami turned into a red puddle. All you have to do is look at the bloated, grifting, orange tainted occupant of Mar-a-Lago and you'll have your answer.

## 11-10-22

As a lifelong Miami-Dade resident I can confidently say this is because they easily confuse basic U.S. social welfare policies like affordable healthcare, housing assistance or welfare programs as the same kind of "socialism" and communism that Castro brought upon many Cubans lives. Sadly due to this confusion many Latin Americans vote for the candidate who talks the tough anti socialism game. And most Democrats are so far behind the game on responding to this or grasping this issue in any rationale way it'd as if they just gave up the entire state. They just let the narrative play out and take a beating. it's as if they don't even understand this dynamic at all to try and address it.

Yes. It's painful to see the people being disenfranchised by the GOP, vote for the GOP. The words "conservative" or "socialism" are triggers for them. You know what I don't see at

Republican rallies? Blacks and Latinos. The rare few that show up are continually shown on camera so it looks diverse. It isn't.

I still don't understand what any voter likes about this man. Every time they're asked, the answer is total nonsense and/or delusional.

TRUMP IS TOAST! Today we see most of the "Trump Won" signs have been taken down, the "Trump Won" posters stuck on P.U. trucks and old cars have been ripped off, even American flags that cover the yards that used to have Trump 2024 banners next to them are gone. Yes, even the MAGA is moving on. The MAGA movement has turned into a whisper. OH, sure, there are some diehards and of coarse the white supremacists still running around but even they are abandoning Trump and taking on different causes. TikTok anyone?

#### 11-13-22

Memo to the GOP: Trying to overthrow an election is not popular with US voters.

Yeah, they were al giggling when they stole that Supreme Court seat from Obama and packed the SCOTUS with these religious zealots. It's not so funny anymore, eh? This Court is going to be albatross around the GOP's neck for a long time, LOL

Mitch should be embarrassed. He made this mess. He convinced the GOP not to impeach Trump twice and looked the other way when Trump did or said outrageous or unethical things. He helped Trump stack the SCOTUS with unqualified ultraconservatives that will haunt this nation for years to come. Yes, he should be embarrassed.

## 11-14-22

The science on the causes of rising global temperatures has long been well established. Simply put, emissions from automobiles are anything but "good" for the planet. In 2021, more than 99.9% of climate scientists agreed that mankind's burning of fossil fuels is causing the global climate to warm.

Yes, conservatives really do hate the US enough to vote for this man. I really think that conservatives are frightened by intelligence.

## 11-15-22

Kari Lake: Arizonans know BS when they see it.

One of the greatest concession speeches of all time. Simple, succinct, self-reflective.

One (1) unintended Kari Lake self-own, please. This is Art.

Self-ownership perfected.

A rare moment of self-awareness here.

Pretty sure that's why they voted against you.

Now, now. Don't be so hard on yourself.

This has to be the most impressive self-own ever.

Give her credit--this is an unusually honest concession.

Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to introduce you to the latest inductee into the Twitter selfown hall of fame, @KariLake

Just as the transition from horse to auto took time, so will renewable energy. Taking all the fossil fuel away and making the country suffer is a bad idea. I wish the Elite would live in our shoes for a week- if they could take it that long.

The evidence clearly shows that Trump has lost control and influence over the majority of the GOP, however, he has no concern over the losses, and only cares about preventing the law from prosecuting him for the many improprieties he has committed.

Oh, really? If Trump doesn't get the nomination, he'll claim it was stolen from him (sound familiar?) and go third party just out of spite, taking about 10 percent of the Republican vote away. He's as predictable as the sun rising.

That would be great if he'd create a third party and weaken the GOP even further. It's one step closer to eliminating the MAGA GOP.

MAGA: We stand for nothing, we lie about everything.

The Republican Party has been crooked, corrupt, and morally bankrupt for decades at all levels of government. But now that they have been taken over by religious zealots, gun nuts, and right wing extremists, they have become the biggest danger facing America. Trump didn't change the Republican Party, he simply epitomizes it.

Dear Trump,

We hope you run for president again.

Sincerely,

**Every Democrat** 

Remember when Trump got elected and people - half kidding - said he'd ruin the GOP? We'll here it is.

Some infections that are hard to get rid of

### 11-16-22

I predict DeSantis will win the GOP nomination after a bruising, scorched-earth primary season. But I doubt Trump will accept defeat. His ultimate 'in your face, Ron' will be to run as an independent where he will split the GOP ticket. In the 2016 debates Trump was the only candidate who refused to commit to supporting the eventual winner. He also threatened quit the GOP on his official flight out of DC on January 21, 2021. Trump has never shown loyalty to anyone, but expects absolute devotion from the GOP.

I wish Catholic bishops were as concerned about rampant child molestation as they are with abortion.

## 11-17-22

White people wait in line it's a goddamn outrage. Black people zoned into districts that dilute their vote or prevent them from voting due to harsh procedures... not a problem, perfectly normal. Got it. #QAnonCult #Vote2022

# 11-18-22

Our DOD budget is 800 Billion to protect us from hostile foreign adversaries, and Ukraine is defeating Russia without any American troops. Sounds like money WELL spent.

Agreed! Russia is depleting their military resources and they are becoming demoralized. They may not have another chance to occupy another country for decades to come.

Since we're not spending 320 million dollars a day in Afghanistan, we should be able to send that aid to Ukraine and American soldiers aren't coming back in body bags or all shot up either. Retribution, not governing. Tearing down, not building. Fomenting anger, hatred, and divisiveness, not reaching across the aisle in unity to improve the lives of the American people. Not my country.

# GOP Agenda:

- 1) Run out on friends and allies check
- 2) Blame others when things go to heck soon

3) Claim to be the only ones that can solve the problems they created - 2024 Glad to see they are making an early run at their priorities.

Why isn't the economy the main focus of the Republican controlled House at this point? One of the main complaints they harped on over and over again during the campaign was the price of gas, high costs at the grocery store, etc., etc. I should be hearing about what they are going to do to reverse the trend. Maybe they should come up with a plan to help their constituents, instead of worrying about causing gridlock in the government. How does that help those that put them in office?

When GOP had a majority in the Senate, Mitch's platfrom was to make Obama a one-term President. They have no plan to govern (will trot out the same disproven plans, but never really push to pass them), but simply use fear to get elected to prevent progress for Americans by the Democrats

## 11-19-22

These "christian conservative judges" have been caught in more lies. It is like the republican congress, do whatever, say whatever to win for your side. No morals. No ethics. Just selfish self interest.

It's weird that we end up with more senators of one party than the other, statewide election, executive branch gets more votes... but the house doesn't reflect that.

It's almost like the districts aren't drawn without bias

## 11-21-22

Lol enjoy your conspiracy theorist echo chamber truthsocial platform. All you nut cases can continue to make each other paranoid

## 11-22-22

For everyone chiming in about protecting free speech, please note that the First Amendment was created to allow the citizens the ability to openly question and criticize the government without fear of prosecution or persecution, nothing else. It has been twisted and bent over the years by fringe groups to justify their vision of what it should be. Much like the Second Amendment was created to allow private citizens to own weapons in case they needed to mobilized into Malitias to aid the American military in defense of the newly formed union, and now perverted into a free for all gun-fest by extremists and big money groups like the NRA.

The extreme logic free decision making by the SCOTUS is the problem. Money (corporate or otherwise) is free speech?! Money is influence, it always was and always will be. Well funded special interest groups dominate our society.

Just like to add that freedom of speech also does not give you freedom from consequences over what you say

The ironic thing is that Trump and MTG whined about getting kicked off Twitter, now they are back on and it will cause the end of Trump's Truth Social.

# 11-23-22

Be sure to find the erection center near you.

Georgians, you may not care for the politics of Democrats but seriously, is this a person you want to represent your whole state in Washington? Seriously?

The only thing we know for sure is that the DEMOCRATS ARE THE PARTY OF SATAN..

Quite the opposite. I for one am NOT a satanist; but I'm also NOT for your brand of hateful religion. I have my beliefs and I have my relationship with God. Keep your religion out of politics; and we'll keep our politics out of your religion.

He meant to write "party of SANTA".

#### 11-24-22

THIS is what happens when you give the highly sensitive a soapbox on which to stand. Now, they want to complain about everything and inject their insecurities everywhere. We're not going to be able to tell jokes at all. Because, in their rawest form, a joke is making fun of something or someone. And when lots of people are allowed to be offended by the tiniest things, then nothing will remain.

## 11-25-22

students aren't being groomed or taught about sexuality at an inappropriate age. there is room for rational debate over curriculim but having one's religious opinion take over what kids learn is unacceptable

The only ones obsessed with sex are those fundamentalist excuses for parents. If they want to know who the real groomers are, they can check their fundie churches or the mirror.

# 11-26-22

Freedom of speech is important however spreading disinformation, lies and conspiracies damages the Country.

Benghazi 2.0. Reruns are so boring, especially when gas prices and inflation is what they really should be working on since that's what they campaigned with and the base actually believed them. They shouldn't make their voters look like sheep and be laughed at even more than they are now.

Republicans have been working hard at voter suppression in every Democrat strong hold they can. It is now comical that they claim voter suppression in an election where the election officials are Republicans.

# 11-27-22

I'm fine with it if the GOP just wants to make sure that the money is being spent wisely and soundly. I have zero problem with accountability.

Problem is, that's not the GOP I've come to know over the past decade. They're just going to sit there and complain nonstop as these bills get passed without anything to point to as the reason they're complaining. It's just gonna be an attempt to engineer some sort of Benghazi to tank Biden in 2024, like it was for Hillary in 2016.

#### 11-28-22

President Biden has quietly and effectively organized a powerful western response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, yet it is amazing how few people give him credit for it. The fact is that sort of behind the scenes work is what real international leadership is about -- I'm reminded of how George H. W. Bush put together the alliance for the first Iraq war in the early nineties.

It's sad that a lot of people seem to be more impressed by the volumes of hot air produced by the likes of Donald Trump.

Nobody is going to delete Donald Trump from their minds or mouths when he's actively running for President again. No.

Also, glancing in the rear view mirror has vast benefits. I totally disagree with your statement. People who do not look back are avoidant in nature and are stunting their growth in any forward or present movement. We learn by mistakes and reflection. We stay aware by referring to the past. It does not mean we LIVE there.

"Moscow Marjorie" Taylor Greene will do her best to help Putin by stopping U.S. aid to Ukraine. Thanks to President Biden, working with our NATO allies and other civilized nations, Russia's aggression against Ukraine is being rewarded by the collapse of its economy. All those who stand for stability, peace, and order praise Biden for his leadership in bringing this about. Most Republicans seem to stand with Putin, though most are too cowardly to say so.

# 11-29-22

It really doesn't matter at this point. Herschel Walker will derail any chances of the Republican party winning the Senate seat for Georgia. When you have a candidate who is incoherent, and lacks the type of acumen needed for a political career, then you end up with voters recoiling in response. Even Trump lacked a level of coherence and political acumen. However, he had a large backing initially because he tapped into an already weary portion of the electorate. Outside of that, he was never fit for public office despite having served. Now, voters who are rational see Trump for what he is. So, in this case, Trump or not, Walker will end up losing due to his own inability to connect and be a viable candidate.

## 12-1-22

Here is the problem with the Pro-Life philosophy which is mostly Republican. They want to do everything possible to make sure that child is born, but after the child is born they want to do as little as possible to make sure that child has a good life; no financial, emotional, or psychological support. So that child that they made sure was born now lives a life full of struggles, and more than likely ends up incarcerated, a drug addict, raised in foster care, molested, and or physically and emotionally abused.

## 12-6-22

News of the Surreal (for Real): "(Republican) Sen. John Kennedy Urges Georgia to Pick Herschel Walker Instead of 'High IQ' People."

I can't believe that an actual sitting Senator would make that statement. As someone that has voted for both parties over the years, depending on the candidate, I am definitely not voting for the GOP anytime soon. It seems like they have just went off the rails since donnie got involved. I remember the Reagan era, and there is no way he would endorse what is going on with his party at this time.

# 12-7-22

I found the vote count. Walker has 49.2% of the vote with 96% counted. Warnock has 50.8%. It is still disappointing that almost half of Georgia voters voted for one of the worst candidates in US history.

The thing that amazes me even more is that even with a candidate as utterly horrifyingly bad as Walker, he still gets 49% of the vote. A win for Warnock is nice but this just shows how divided we are as a nation, and how deep the hatred is in half the population that they'd willingly vote for someone who just the other day openly admitted he doesn't even know what a pronoun is. I just hope we can start doing better in the coming years. Whether it be Republican or Democrat, it would be nice to have more centric people instead of opposite spectrum choices.

Christian Walker: Don't beat women, hold guns to peoples heads, fund abortions then pretend your pro-life, stalk cheerleaders, leave your multiple minor children alone to chase more fame, lie, lie, lie, say stupid crap, and make a fool of your family..

And then maybe you can win a senate seat.

CW: Suicide

It's infuriating to know that Ted Cruz has now seen his child attempt suicide and he will still, no doubt, continue to perpetuate the hate that pushes LGBTQ+ people to end their lives.

I'm white and working class but that doesn't mean I don't have ethics and morals and it doesn't mean that I don't love my country. I am fiercely independent politically, but the GOP has become immoral, unethical, and is dancing with treason. I couldn't in good conscience vote for them as they are today. As far as I can tell they want to overthrow the government, install themselves as the governing party (China anyone) and get rid of or suppress anyone who doesn't look or think like them. Y'all can focus on the son of the president and make that your platform, myself I'm much more concerned with losses in individual rights, the disappearing middle class, the failings of our educational system, climate change, and yes, ETHICS. So incredibly tired of the lying and the manipulations and the blatant lack of morality. When I die and face my maker I want to know I stood up for what was right for everyone, not just me.

## 12-9-22

As an Arizonan and republican - I do not always vote by party and am glad to see this. - More of our politicians need to be independent vs Democrat or Republican we would get more accomplished. However, the monies never come in for the Independent keeping us a 2 party system which is sad for us all.

Imagine not wanting gay people to get married so bad you bust out crying Imfao

#### 12-10-22

I don't always agree with Democrats...especially those progressives, but it seems to me that the republicans concentrate on just two things. Taking rights away from people and giving huge tax breaks to super wealthy individuals that really don't need it. Who ever thought a billionaire could understand what it was to live paycheck to paycheck. Did they really think he had their backs?

# 12-12-22

Those trump supporters did have weapons therefore they did have arms. greene is once again spouting anti government rhetoric and should be removed under the 14th amendment. Crazy extremists used to be irrelevant and easily dismissed. Now they are running one of the country's two major political parties.

MTG is just like Trump and Musk, a malignant narcissist with an affinity for a strong daddy figure. She needs constant attention and adulation because like the others, she is weak. She can't articulately debate policy because she has zero policy knowledge, or the vocabulary to sustain a debate. Why do American conservatives need such narcissistic bomb throwers as leaders?

MTG is talking about armed insurrection. Tell me again how the GOP is the party of law and order?

13 republican Senators and 143 republican Representatives aided Trump's Jan 6 insurrection and until they are held accountable for their crimes there is no reason for them to stop forcing their fascism on Americans.

"Those kinds of lifestyles," she added, shouldn't "be forced down the throats of families who don't agree." Wow, libraries in Texas must be a lot different than the ones where I live. Where I

live I can go into any library and decide which book I want to read. I've never been forced to read one I didn't want to read.

Ban the books, but give your kids a phone with access to everything the world has to offer, good and bad.

Most of the people posting in favor of banning books would have called Jesus "woke" today...Jesus Christ hung around with prostitutes and tax collectors. He was nailed to a cross because he spoke on behalf of the most marginalized people in the Middle East.

The best way to make people uninterested in a book is to not only constantly talk about it, but then ban it.......How about if conservatives show us the proof their angry, judgmental, childish created God exists? I can read the quotes from Jesus in the Bible and can't seem to align his words with anything the right wing focuses on.....

I am 64.

I have Autism and Cerebral Palsy.

I got my "Sex Ed" from my classmates in Jr. and Sr. High School.

Banning the books will never stop kids from figuring out what sex, gender expression and sexual orientation is all about. Except for in those Christian Madrassa Ideological

Grooming/Indoctrination Centers, peer-to-peer Sex Ed is a completely normal part of growing up. Mommy and Daddy did not teach me the meanings of the 4-letter words. I learned it from my classmates.

My Mommy was angry that I figured this stuff out "on my own".

My Dad was okay with it.

That is how he learned his Sex Ed in the 1940's.

Nowadays, kids can find the Sex Ed info they want to learn and figure out over the Internet. "The bill's supporters, however, say local tax dollars fund the school system, so all residents have a right to influence how that money is spent. They're the ones that pay for it." That's right. But are all tax-paying residents having the right to influence how that money is spent? This one very vocal group of tax-payers are not the only tax-paying citizens supporting the public schools. There are tax payers who are being out-shouted by this small group. I believe that those who protest the loudest probably have a gay person in their family and they are looking for someone to blame for what they consider an abnormality. Their obvious fear and hate of those who are different is being taught to our youth as our nation moves backward in efforts toward equality for all.

# 12-18-22

Many religious leaders have made it their mantra that it doesn't matter how sinful the person is, if they can get us what we want, we'll support them. The end justifies the means. I have read that clergy actually told their "Christian" congregants to overlook Trump's immoral behaviors and vote for him because he was willing to do what they wanted done. I believe it was the same with Walker. He was a republican and they could tell him what to do, and he would do it; therefore his morals didn't matter to them. It shocks me that they are willing to set these people up as an example for our youth. How do these religious leaders expect to bring people to God by giving youth immoral leaders to emulate?

Saying that President Biden "supports abortion" is gross misinformation. Pro-choice groups believe one main thing: In this secular society, women should have the CHOICE of what to do in a case of unwanted, risky, or forced pregnancy. In many occasions they choose not to have it. I am a pro choice Catholic that would never have an abortion but that has to be my choice, not

because the government tells me what to do. We also believe that the FATHER should be held accountable, it takes two to tango. How about that, "pro-lifers"? The media needs to stop parroting right wing lingo and presenting it as journalism.

The GOP would fight to the death to force a raped 10 yrs. old to give birth, only so they can then tell her to pick herself up by her own bootstraps because they don't want no "welfare baby" And "church leaders" wonder why many of "us" have left the church.....

# 12-20-22

The Republican plan of investigating Hunter Biden and impeaching the already resigned Anthony Fauci turned out to not be an adequate policy for fighting inflation

Even Mitch knew what would happen with the over turning Roe V Wade. It's the infamous the dog who catches the car. The fact is, Roe V Wade was great for fund raising for the GOP. The over turning set a mob against the GOP. It's out of touch with the majority of americans. But republicans are determined to listen to their base instead of the general electorate. For many elections they have been told to start becoming more inclusive in order to broaden their base. Instead they double down on christian fundamentalism which while great in the primaries does nothing for them in the general. Until they bring back more centrists, I don't see things changing much for the GOP. They need to unburden themselves of the current GQP moniker.

## 12-26-22

Perhaps the worse thing Trump did to this country was divide the people, as so many supported him, regardless of what he did. I had so many arguments with friends over him-he was so smart, he was right to stick it to the various groups, he brought out hate in so many people, and he was right about that, this country needed him to straighten it out, as he knew better then anybody else how to do it, etc., etc. Trump is a self centered man, who cares for nobody but himself, and every act he does, has no consideration of anybody but himself, regardless of what he does to others. Every act he does is to enhance himself financially, with little regard to fairness-if he can cheat anybody out of money, he will do it, including the government. Trump is the worse person in American History because he was such a Con Man, fooling so many people into thinking he really had their best interests at heart, and tore families apart and friends with disputes over him. Hopefully, in time, people will realize this, and our country will settle down, and work together to better our future!

## 12-27-22

Her own party is beginning to turn on her as well. It seems "sticking it to the Libs" as the one and only policy in your entire platform isn't working out very well. The repub clowns better figure something out before 2024 if they ever expect to be in the WH again.

## 12-29-22

There should be no argument on abortion. If you don't believe in abortion, no matter what your reason is, then don't have one. It's your life. If a woman chooses to have an abortion it's not up to you to tell her she can't have one because YOU don't believe in them. This is what the GOP doesn't seem to be able to grasp. Pro-Choice is not about believing or not believing in abortion. It's about letting a woman choose what is right for her. There are a lot of people who do not believe in abortion for themselves and are still pro-choice. We don't believe that anyone else has a place in deciding what you do.

# 12-30-22

Trump 2024! Ultra MAGAGA! Promises maid, Promises Kept! Build the Wall! Lock Her Up! Investigate Hunters Laptop! His crooked dealings in Ukraine! That ol crooked Hillary! Proud Trump supporter hear. 1.

America take back your country! Support the one true president Donald Trump whose election was sto len from him by fra ud! Don't support or back anything from these fraudster globalists and antichrist one world government democR ats that seek the absolute subjugation and destruction of America and our way of life. Vote only GOP! 2. Here, not hear!