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### President CJ's Letter

Dear Colleagues:

Have you ever read Article IV, Section 4 of our U.S. Constitution? If not, this is a particularly great time to call it to your attention.

Article IV, Section 4:

*The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence.*

Section 4 calls for the federal government to protect every State from invasion. Under Joe Biden's lack of leadership, we have an invasion at our border. Biden has ignored the crisis, allowing for more than 5 million migrants to cross illegally into the United States. The cartels (narco-terrorist groups) have assumed operational control along northern Mexico and our U.S. border. They are capitalizing on the situation to smuggle people, to traffic and enslave children, and to traffic drugs - fentanyl in particular. And the unprecedented surge of migration has only increased monthly. Illegal immigrant apprehensions last month totaled 205,000 with another 64,000 evading border agents. This year (2022) is becoming the worst year in history for lawlessness/imminent danger at our southern border.

Arizona Governor Candidate Kari Lake based most of her campaign message on this very crisis. And she offered a way to solve the problem. Border States have the authority, according to Article IV, Section 4, to declare this an "Invasion" in which the federal government refuses protection to the States. On her campaign website, Lake promised to create a compact with other Border States to declare an invasion along the southern border and establish

their right to secure it. This brings to the table another constitutional protection afforded to the States - defined by Article I, Section 10 of the Constitution.

Section 10 prohibits individual States from entering "into any Agreement or Compact with another State, or with a foreign Power, or [engaging] in War, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit of delay." In my opinion, it seems we have "a perfect (constitutional) storm" brewing. We meet all three criteria - we have an invasion, our people are in imminent danger, and time is of the essence.

According to The Daily Wire, four counties on the Texas border (Kinney, Goliad, Terrell, and Uvalde) have already declared an invasion at the border. A recent NPR/Ipsos poll found that a majority of Americans, 53%, believed that the border crisis amounting to an invasion was "somewhat true" or "completely true." Exit polling on November 8<sup>th</sup> delivered a similar message. Americans are defining the border situation as extremely dangerous, especially due to the resulting rise in crime.

You have often heard that "all politics is local." Local is your community but it is clearly your State. When the Founding Fathers gathered to produce the document necessary to "reign in" the evils of an arbitrary government, it was important to the thirteen colonies to maintain some degree of State autonomy (State Rights), particularly on issues that concern the State in a singular manner or as a separate entity, and clearly in matters of imminent danger to that State.

On November 15, Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced he has invoked the "invasion clauses" of the U.S. and Texas constitutions, saying it will give him "unprecedented measures" to defend Texas against an invasion. *"I'm using that constitutional authority & other authorizations & Executive orders to keep our state & country safe."*

It is now up to the States to end the invasion of our homeland. I urge your support of this constitutional solution.  
**C.J Hatcher, WAC President**

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## Virginia Delegate Nick Freitas Spoke at Our September Luncheon

On September 22, WAC members heard Delegate Nicholas Freitas speak about how to survive leftist policies and put our country on a different path. His speech was very enlightening and much appreciated by all in attendance.







## WAC Members Heard from “Free Market Warrior” Loren Spivack in October

On October 27, WAC members enjoyed hearing from “Free Market Warrior” Loren Spivack about the importance of preserving capitalism to keep America free and other topics. He also spoke about books he has written in a Dr. Suess format poking fun at the leftist media, Al Gore, the Clintons, Black Lives Matter, former President Obama, and others.





## Democracy Dies When Americans Stop Scrutinizing Partisan Election Administration

By Ben Weingarten, *The Federalist*, condensed

*Americans who remain skeptical about the integrity of our modern elections are not a ‘threat to democracy.’ They are defenders of the republic.*

As we witness the mass breakdown of voting machines on the single day of the year they’re supposed to work, cameras going down in vote-counting offices, and the endless drip-drip of ballot dumps — curiously in the most hotly-contested races and most critical precincts for political control in the country — remember that this is all commonplace and normal. And if you think otherwise, you’re not only unhinged, but you might be a domestic terrorist.

This is the gaslighting we have been getting from our political class and the media over the last two federal election cycles. It is purposeful propaganda meant to obscure the truth that our betters have fundamentally transformed voting policies and practices, and then exploited the new rules to the maximum extent.

The reality is that those skeptical about the integrity in our brave new election world are not a “threat to democracy.” They are defenders of the republic. America is in serious danger if the public unquestioningly accepts the fact that authorities made radical changes, sometimes unduly and under cover of crisis, that made less safe, secure, or at minimum trustworthy the processes by which we elect our representatives.

For decades we voted one way: In-person, with identification, on a singular Election Day, usually with rudimentary, analog tools. With rare exceptions, we received the results on Election Night. In the 2020 election, that all changed. For the first time in modern history, we had a mass mail-in election, held over the course of weeks, much of it automated. The results came in over a period of days, not hours.

### The ‘Shadow Campaign’ That Rigged 2020

In the run-up to the race, election offices outsourced their most basic operations, with hundreds of millions of dollars in private funding, a.k.a. “Zuckerbucks,” to often leftist nonprofits. Authorities made all manner of exceptions to count ballots cast that did not comply with basic legal standards — that is, to tally votes that were patently

illegitimate. When state judges decreed rule changes, as opposed to leaving it to legislatures to make law, courts up to the highest in the land permitted it. Poll workers prevented poll observers from overseeing their operations in certain precincts.

By their own admission, the wealthy and powerful came together in a comprehensive “conspiracy” to “fortify” the election against one candidate — aiding in many of these efforts. As Molly Ball spelled out in her “Secret History of the Shadow Campaign That Saved the 2020 Election:” “a well-funded cabal...ranging across industries and ideologies, work[ed] together behind the scenes to influence perceptions, change rules and laws, steer media coverage and control the flow of information.” It is worth emphasizing that the co-conspirators both pushed the changes to the way we vote, and then, as seen with the Zuckerbucks, exploited the system they had helped create with nonprofits they funded to get out the vote — arguably disproportionately to Joe Biden’s benefit.

The Federalist’s Mollie Hemingway of course laid all this and more out in stunning detail in her essential book, “Rigged.”

As voters witnessed the simultaneous stops in vote counts in swing states in the middle of election night, only to pick up in the wee hours with margins moving from Trump to Biden, and seeming statistical anomalies followed, tens of millions of Americans had questions about what they saw. This was a perfectly rational response. It would have been beyond disturbing if Americans weren’t skeptical about an election like no other in our history — and in which so many forces were literally and figuratively invested in ensuring a specific outcome.

Remote voting at the very minimum presents the potential for less safe and secure elections. And we have found myriad instances of people engaging in related fraud. It is incumbent upon voters then to scrutinize any such system. Yet those who scrutinized the 2020 race were shunned and censored. Was the ostracism supposed to instill confidence?

### It’s Happening Again

Fast-forward to 2022. Many states made permanent the temporary election practices of 2020, loosening their voting rules, with tens of millions of voters continuing to vote by mail. In the days before the election, we were told by the likes of Politico that the very vulnerabilities in election infrastructure feared by supposed conspiracy theorists and election denialists in 2020 in fact were present in 2022.

Problems cropped up in voting centers on Election Day when and where Republicans vote disproportionately.



From Maricopa County, Arizona, to Mercer County, New Jersey, electronic tabulation machines malfunctioned en masse. That is, machines with literally one job, on the one day they're supposed to work, didn't. The RNC alleged voter disenfranchisement as a consequence of the Maricopa debacle, but a judge dismissed the case.

In Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, 44 polling locations reportedly ran out of paper to print ballots. Ballot machines went down in Harris County, Texas. In Suffolk County, New York the tabulation process was reportedly "impacted" by government computers that had been hacked months ago. Chesterfield County, Virginia had a whole host of issues – apparently manual and electronic.

And then there's the fact that Arizona, in part because of Maricopa County, and Nevada, with pivotal races for the U.S. Senate and governor, as of this writing have not reported their final results. Officials in both states claim the count may take days.

How is it possible that in the most technologically advanced civilization in the history of mankind, and when Florida with a population two times greater than Arizona and Nevada combined, could report results on Election Night, that Sun Belt states can't quickly and efficiently collect and count the votes? Could it be because Florida's system hews towards more traditional, rigorous voting standards?

The Republican establishment has made little effort to forcefully make the case for, and drive legislative changes aimed at moving toward the Florida model. It is not clear whether much of the party lacks the courage of its convictions to fight for election integrity, simply thinks Democrats have the better of the arguments on the matter, or are content to participate in a system that they have refused to exploit as mercilessly as their opponents and therefore under which they are at a distinct disadvantage.

What is clear is that they are effectively normalizing the abnormal with each cycle that passes. We are the last safeguard for the republic. If we are asleep, the system crumbles because men are not angels.

Democracy dies in docility. If we fail to demand of our leaders elections of the highest integrity, we will reap what we sow.



## The School Choice Election Wave

By Corey DeAngelis, Wall Street Journal

There may not have been a red wave or a blue wave, but there was a nationwide school-choice wave.

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis was the biggest victory of the night for parents. In 2018 William Mattox of the James Madison Institute [argued](#) in these pages that "unexpected support from minority women," whom he dubbed "school-choice moms," accounted for his narrow victory that year. On Tuesday Mr. DeSantis won by more than 19 points overall and by 11 points in Miami-Dade, a county that favored [Joe Biden](#) by 7 points in 2020.

About three-fourths of Miami-Dade students are enrolled in choice programs, but Democrat Charlie Crist foolishly went all in for the public-school monopoly and picked the president of Miami's United Teachers of Dade as his running mate.

Mr. DeSantis outperformed Mr. Crist by 13 points with Latino voters, according to exit polls (Mr. Biden won the Florida Latino vote by 7 in 2020), and 38% of students using the state's largest private-school choice program are Hispanic. All six school-board candidates endorsed by Mr. DeSantis won their runoffs Tuesday. In all, 24 of 30 candidates he endorsed won this year.

Florida wasn't the only bright spot. As this is written, 76% of candidates supported by my organization appear to have won. Govs. Kim Reynolds of Iowa, Chris Sununu of New Hampshire, Kevin Stitt of Oklahoma, Bill Lee of Tennessee and Greg Abbott of Texas all blew out their opponents after making school choice a centerpiece of their campaigns.

Mr. Stitt faced a barrage of attacks from dark-money groups for his support for school choice, yet he won by nearly 14 points—a margin larger than his 2018 win. As the Oklahoman newspaper noted, his Democratic opponent, Joy Hofmeister, "made opposition to vouchers a central part of her campaign, claiming it would be a 'rural school killer.'" Ryan Walters, elected Oklahoma's superintendent of public instruction by more than 13 points, said on election night that "we are going to do more than any other state in the country to empower parents."

Unlike Mr. Crist, some Democrats learned something from Glenn Youngkin's 2021 victory in Virginia. Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania and Gov. J.B. Pritzker of Illinois both endorsed private-school choice less than two months

before the election and came out victorious. Gov. Kathy Hochul of New York also won after she publicly supported—for the first time—eliminating the cap on New York City charter schools.

Skeptics have noted in these pages that these Democrats flipped on school choice for political expediency. Does it matter? If candidates for governor who were already up in the polls felt compelled to switch their stances on school choice right before the election, that's good news regardless of their motives, and voters should hold them to account for their new positions.

After Tuesday night, it's clear that for both parties, it is now becoming politically profitable to support education freedom. That's because parents have woken up. For far too long in K-12 education, the only groups that commanded politicians' attention were unions representing the employees in the system. Now the kids have a union of their own: their parents.



## The Murdochs Think They Get to Pick the Next President

By Jenna Ellis, *The National Pulse*, condensed

After Tuesday's elections, entities owned and managed by Rupert Murdoch and his son Lachlan have lined up against President Donald J. Trump. There is now a "coordinated effort" across the *New York Post*, Fox News, and the *Wall Street Journal* against Trump.

The *Post* is running columns by longtime Trump hater John Podhoretz and gun grabber Piers Morgan bashing the 45th President. Podhoretz's piece also lashes out at Blake Masters as an "election-denier," and ludicrously asserts that we shouldn't support candidates Mitch McConnell doesn't like. Morgan, meanwhile, is urging Republicans to "dump Trump." Unfortunately for him, Americans conservatives don't tend to listen to foreigners that want to eradicate our Second Amendment.

### The Sun Wot Won It.

Rupert Murdoch has long tried to use his media empire to swing elections. In 1992, his Sun tabloid infamously took credit for the Conservative Party victory in the election with the headline '*It's The Sun Wot Won It*'. They relentlessly tried, during the 2016 Republican primary, to prop up any Republican not named Donald

Conservatives have more options than one tabloid, a Wall Street newspaper, and a television channel. The strength of

independent conservative media means unelected globalist billionaires won't decide who represents the Republican Party. It's a blessing. Rupert Murdoch supports giving citizenship to over 10 million illegal immigrants. He does **not** share our values.

### Ryan's Revenge.

The list of people lining up against Trump right now is simply an indicator of how large of a threat he remains to the globalist elite. Fox Corporation board member Paul Ryan, for example, has been actively agitating against Trump.

He attacked Trump before the mid-terms, saying he wouldn't be the 2024 nominee. He was able to make this "prediction" because a long-standing plan involving key establishment figures has been well underway for over a year. In Fox's "coverage" of Ryan's attack, they failed to disclose to their audience that he is a board member of their parent company. Fox has a bad habit of hiding their employees' and even guests' conflicts of interest. For example, Karl Rove was a panelist on Fox's Election Night coverage commenting against Trump-endorsed candidates without disclosing his super PAC spent millions opposing them. It's corrupt.

Before the results were even in, Ryan tried to blame Trump for Republican underperformance. Think about it – the RINO establishment runs bad campaigns, throws money **against** their own candidates, fails to gear up for any election fraud challenges, and immediately has a strategy ready to blame Trump? It almost all seems intentional. It's high time someone asked the question as to whether the GOP intentionally threw some of these races, just so they could have this fight.

It's also strange how the former president gets the blame for defeats when he's not the one in charge of the Republican Party's apparatuses for election senators and congressmen. Where is the talk of the poor "candidate quality" of Mitch McConnell's favorites? Just look at RINO Joe O'Dea in Colorado. He lost his senate election by nearly 12 percent. A week before the election, a longtime McConnell adviser Josh Holmes wrote that O'Dea is running a campaign that is "hall of fame material."

### A Fox in the Hen House.

McConnell declined to support Blake Masters in Arizona. His Senate Leadership Fund spent *zero* dollars supporting Masters race. Instead, McConnell spent \$9 million against Republican Kelly Tshibaka in Alaska.

Any blame on Trump for Republican underperformance also runs against the facts. Analysis revealed that in 2018 "without Donald Trump at the head of the ticket,

Republican voters were much less enthusiastic, and the total House vote for Republican candidates fell by nearly 20% from 2016.” Two years later, with Trump on the ballot “Republican turnout for House races was bound to increase significantly over the depressed levels of 2018... Republicans did better, gaining an estimated 21.9 million.”

We saw this again on Tuesday with Mehmet Oz underperforming Trump in parts of Pennsylvania. They want to blame disappointing results on Tuesday on Trump as simply a means to preemptively crush a 2024 bid, without mentioning people like Murdoch, McConnell, and Karl Rove. And that’s because those people control much of the flow of information on the political right.

If Rupert Murdoch got his say, the Republican Party will go back to the days of his board member Paul Ryan. They don’t want “Trumpism without Trump.” They want a Republican Party without any of the populist reforms brought by President Trump. We should be wary of any other candidate the establishment wants to prop up.

They are also purposefully stoking the flames of war between allegiances to Donald Trump and Ron DeSantis. Every ounce of energy directed between the two is a gallon of fuel not going into the long overdue war against McConnell and Murdoch. Getting the America First base to kill off each other is communist strategy 101.

If this News Corp/Fox Corp collusion is an indicator of what the 2024 primary will look like, then Donald Trump is back to being the outsider candidate. Donald Trump needs to seize this opportunity as the outsider to recapture the energy of the 2016 campaign. The system is aligned against him and his voters.

We don’t accept foreign interference in our elections. The Murdochs will regret sticking their Aussie thumbs on the scale.



## **We Need to Stop Calling Ourselves Conservatives**

**By John Daniel Davidson, The Federalist, condensed**

Given the state of America in 2022, conservatives should stop calling themselves conservatives.

Why? Because the conservative project has largely failed, and it is time for a new approach. Conservatives have long defined their politics in terms of what they wish to *conserve* or *preserve* — individual rights, family values, religious freedom, and so on. Conservatives, we are told,

want to preserve the rich traditions and civilizational achievements of the past, pass them on to the next generation, and defend them from the left. In America, conservatives and classical liberals alike rightly believe an ascendent left wants to dismantle our constitutional system and transform America into a woke dystopia. The task of conservatives, going back many decades now, has been to stop them.

In an earlier era, this made sense. There was much to conserve. But any honest appraisal of our situation today renders such a definition absurd. After all, what have conservatives succeeded in conserving? In just my lifetime, they have lost much: marriage as it has been understood for thousands of years, the First Amendment, any semblance of control over our borders, a fundamental distinction between men and women, and, especially of late, the basic rule of law.

Calling oneself a conservative in today’s political climate would be like saying one is a conservative because one wants to preserve the medieval European traditions of arranged marriage and trial by combat. Whatever the merits of those practices, you cannot preserve or defend something that is dead. Perhaps you can retain a memory of it or knowledge of it. But that is not what conservatism was purportedly about. It was about maintaining traditions and preserving Western civilization as a living and vibrant thing.

Well, too late. Western civilization is dying. The traditions and practices that conservatives champion are, at best, being preserved only in an ever-shrinking private sphere. At worst, they are being trampled to dust. They certainly do not form the basis of our common culture or civic life, as they did for most of our nation’s history.

To talk now of “family values” is to assume that there are enough Americans able and willing to marry and raise children together for something like “family values” to matter in the public discourse, much less in the halls of power. To talk of defending “religious freedom” is to misapprehend that the real risk today is widespread irreligion, which will leave so few religious Americans in the coming generations that the government and large corporations will inevitably — and easily — persecute them.

Conservatives are still invoking these things as if they are magic incantations that can roll back time, just as they did during the crucial decades of the past half-century when a cultural and technological revolution was re-making America before their eyes, and they did nothing to stop it.

In a recent essay for Compact, Jon Askonas argues convincingly that the conservative project failed because “it



didn't take into account the revolutionary principle of technology, and its intrinsic connection to the *telos* of sheer profit." Conservatives, he says, were too obsessed with "left-wing revolutionary politics" and missed the real threat, which was technological change so swift and powerful it fundamentally reordered society, swept tradition aside, and unleashed a moral relativism that rendered the conservative project obsolete.

Instead of questioning these technologies, asking whether they would contribute to human flourishing, conservatives acquiesced to their inevitability and focused instead on narrower issues. The result has been the transformation of society within the span of a single human lifetime, and with it the wholesale destruction of our traditions and the looming implosion of Western civilization.

While it might be necessary, as Askonas argues, to enact a serious program of technological development to build a future that supports human flourishing, it is also the case that to do so on a scale sufficient to save our country will require political power — and the willingness to use it.

So what kind of politics should conservatives today, as inheritors of a failed movement, adopt? For starters, they should stop thinking of themselves as conservatives (much less as Republicans) and start thinking of themselves as radicals, restorationists, and counterrevolutionaries. Indeed, that is what they *are*, whether they embrace those labels or not.

They might, looking to American history for inspiration, conjure up the image of the Pilgrims — those iron-willed and audacious Christians who refused to accept the terms set by the mainstream of their time and set out to build something entirely new, to hew it out of the wilderness of the New World, even at great personal cost.

Or they might claim the mantle of revolutionaries, invoking the Founding Fathers' view (or, at least, Thomas Jefferson's) that periodic revolution to preserve liberty and civil society has always been and always will be necessary.

Whatever the term or image, the imperative that conservatives must break from the past and forge a new political identity cannot be overstated. It is time now for something new, for a new way of thinking and speaking about what conservative politics should be. The fusionism of past decades, in which conservatives made common cause with market-obsessed libertarians and foreign policy neocons, is finished. So too is Conservatism Inc. and the establishment GOP it enabled, whose first priority was always tax cuts for big business at the expense of everything else. The election of Donald Trump in 2016 heralded a populist wave and the end of Republican politics as we knew it, and now we are in uncharted waters.

To be sure, there has been plenty of talk on the right lately about what should be done differently now. Some, such as Sohrab Ahmari, Gladden Pappin, and Adrian Vermeule (along with a larger cohort of conservative thinkers), advocate a conservatism that is comfortable with big government and in fact sees it as necessary not only for the common good but to tame what Ahmari recently called the "private tyranny" of woke corporations empowered by unrestrained market forces. Conservatives, he argues, should today claim ownership of a pro-worker, even pro-union political agenda that once belonged to the left, and which produced generations of Democrat-voting religious workers.

Indeed, a willingness to embrace government power has been a topic of fruitful debate on the "New Right" in recent years, as it should be. However uncomfortable traditional "small-government" conservatives might be with Ahmari's argument, it is more or less true.

Put bluntly, if conservatives want to save the country they are going to have to rebuild and in a sense re-found it, and that means getting used to the idea of wielding power, not despising it. Why? Because accommodation or compromise with the left is impossible. One need only consider the speed with which the discourse shifted on gay marriage, from assuring conservatives ahead of the 2015 *Obergefell* decision that gay Americans were only asking for toleration, to the never-ending persecution of Jack Phillips.

The left will only stop when conservatives stop them, which means conservatives will have to discard outdated and irrelevant notions about "small government." The government will have to become, in the hands of conservatives, an instrument of renewal in American life — and in some cases, a blunt instrument indeed.

To stop Big Tech, for example, will require using antitrust powers to break up the largest Silicon Valley firms. To stop universities from spreading poisonous ideologies will require state legislatures to starve them of public funds. To stop the disintegration of the family might require reversing the travesty of no-fault divorce, combined with generous subsidies for families with small children. Conservatives need not shy away from making these arguments because they betray some cherished libertarian fantasy about free markets and small government. It is time to clear our minds of cant.

In other contexts, wielding government power will mean a dramatic expansion of the criminal code. It will not be enough, for example, to reach an accommodation with the abortion regime, to agree on "reasonable limits" on when unborn human life can be snuffed out with impunity. As Abraham Lincoln once said of slavery, we must become all



one thing or all the other. The *Dobbs* decision was in a sense the end of the beginning of the pro-life cause. Now comes the real fight, in state houses across the country, to outlaw completely the barbaric practice of killing the unborn.

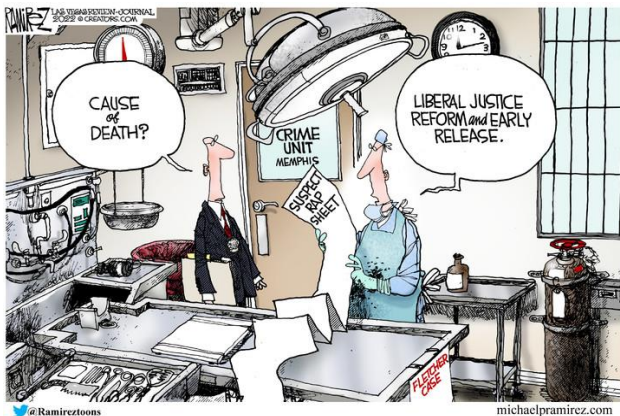
Conservatives had better be ready for it, and Republican politicians, if they want to stay in office, had better have an answer ready when they are asked what reasonable limits to abortion restrictions they would support. The answer is: none, for the same reason they would not support reasonable limits to restrictions on premeditated murder.

On the transgender question, conservatives will have to repudiate utterly the cowardly position of people like David French, in whose malformed worldview Drag Queen Story Hour at a taxpayer-funded library is a “blessing of liberty.” Conservatives need to get comfortable saying in reply to people like French that Drag Queen Story Hour should be outlawed; that parents who take their kids to drag shows should be arrested and charged with child abuse; that doctors who perform so-called “gender-affirming” interventions should be thrown in prison and have their medical licenses revoked; and that teachers who expose their students to sexually explicit material should not just be fired but be criminally prosecuted.

If all that sounds radical, fine. It need not, at this late hour, dissuade conservatives in the least. Radicalism is precisely the approach needed now because the necessary task is nothing less than radical and revolutionary.

To those who worry that power corrupts, and that once the right seizes power it too will be corrupted, they certainly have a point. If conservatives manage to save the country and rebuild our institutions, will they ever relinquish power and go the way of Cincinnatus? It is a fair question, and we should attend to it with care *after* we have won the war.

For now, there are only two paths open to conservatives. Either they awake from decades of slumber to reclaim and re-found what has been lost, or they will watch our civilization die. There is no third road.



## Democrats’ ‘Charity’ Voter-Registration Scheme

By Kimberly Strassel, Wall Street  
Journal, condensed

Senate Democrats plan to pass the Disclose Act, a bill they claim would force “dark money” groups into the light. Never mind the darkness that envelops their own epic voter-registration scam.

A recent New York Times article confirmed a political reality that Republicans have been slow to publicize: Democrats are openly abusing charities to stack voter rolls in their favor. The Times story was ostensibly about “voter registration” groups worried that donors weren’t giving enough to “democracy-related” programs this midterm cycle. Read closely and you notice the story is entirely about Democrats, confirming a longstanding scheme by which foundations and private donors funnel tax-exempt dollars into “charities” that microtarget and register Democratic voters.

Among those quoted was Nsé Ufot, head of the New Georgia Project, which the Times credits with helping “turn Georgia into a blue state” by “registering tens of thousands of voters of color.” Ms. Ufot bemoaned “an overall dip in fundraising” from the likes of George Soros’s Open Society Foundations and the Democracy Fund: “Folks who think Georgia is competitive do not understand what made Georgia competitive.”

The Ufot comments are stunning, given the New Georgia Project is organized as a charity, donations to which are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the tax code. Such groups, as the Internal Revenue Service notes, are prohibited from engaging in “voter education or registration activities with evidence of bias that (a) would favor one candidate over another; (b) oppose a candidate in some manner; or (c) have the effect of favoring a candidate or group of candidates.” Yet here is Ms. Ufot openly fretting that without more Democracy Fund cash, she won’t be able to elect more Democrats.

The left has been growing this “philanthropy” racket for decades, and as a seven-page internal 2019 memo, leaked in 2020, reveals, it is now a giant operation. The memo was from Mind the Gap, a liberal super PAC that pushes donors to give to Democratic campaigns and nonprofits. It explained that in 2020 “the single most effective tactic for ensuring Democratic victories” would be “501(c)(3) voter registration focused on underrepresented groups in the electorate.”

Mind the Gap was brazen about its partisanship: “Provided that such efforts are well-designed and executed, on a pre-tax basis they are 2 to 5 times more cost-effective at netting additional Democratic votes” than advertising. Even better, because these groups are “tax deductible, on an after-tax basis such programs are closer to 4 to 10 times more cost-effective than the next best alternative.” The group said that 90% of the donations it was recommending for voter-registration and get-out-the-vote groups would go to 501(c)(3) nonprofits.

Don’t think these are innocent charities getting “used” by cagey Democratic operatives. Among the groups the memo recommends is the Voter Participation Center, which says it’s creating “a new American majority” by targeting “young people, people of color, and unmarried women” for registration. In 2018, the most recent year for which IRS records are available, it spent 64% of its vendor money on two groups that specialize in microtargeting reliable Democratic votes: Pivot Group (\$10.5 million), which says it is “committed to electing Democrats up and down the ballot,” and Mission Control (\$3.9 million), which calls itself “the most successful direct mail firm working in Democratic politics today.”

This would be the equivalent of Republicans using “charities” to microtarget and register only blue-collar gun owners, white evangelicals, and adamant pro-lifers. Totally nonpartisan, right? Only it’s hard to find a conservative foundation engaged in such activity, given a fear of IRS consequences. Democrats, by contrast, are so confident the IRS won’t question their “democracy” projects that they are pouring ever more money into this political operation and talking about the game openly.

As liberal writer Sasha Issenberg made clear in a 2012 book, “The Victory Lab,” liberal foundations and charities have been engaged in this scam for ages, describing the Carnegie Foundation’s registration drives even back then as “a backdoor approach to ginning up Democratic votes outside the campaign finance laws.” It’s a particular win for liberal foundations like Mr. Soros’s, which can fully write off partisan vote-getting as “charitable” activity. And luckily for Democrats, charitable nonprofits don’t have to disclose their donors, and the Disclose Act—surprise!—wouldn’t change that.

America’s charitable giving laws have been an enormous force for good, but Democrats are cynically abusing the system for partisan gain. If Congress wants to keep dollars and politicking in the political sphere—and under the remit of the Federal Election Commission—it needs to change tax law to prohibit “charities” outright from taking part in voter-registration or get-out-the-vote drives. The problem isn’t “dark money”—it’s the sham “philanthropy” voter-registration racket, taking place in broad daylight.



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## Upcoming Events/Announcements

**December Bus Trip** – Mark your calendars for our bus trip this year to beautiful Mt. Vernon to celebrate the Christmas season! We will depart Charlottesville on Dec. 15 at 8:00am and plan to return around 5:30pm. A flyer with detailed information will be coming out soon. We hope you can join us!

