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"We will walk on our own feet; we will work with our own hands; we will speak our own minds ..."



SECRETARY'S NOTE FOR July 7, 2023

By Mary Sears

Dear Patriots,

As another Independence Day comes and goes, I am reminded that our founders were extraordinary men. All were educated and successful. Most were wealthy, landed and titled.

They didn't have to create a government that freed the common man. It certainly did nothing for their personal gain. But they saw something beyond themselves, they saw a country if the common man was free, creativity, prosperity, and liberty would abound.

They didn't have to but they did anyway.

The Declaration of Independence ends with these words,

"...with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Little did they know that all of that and more would be asked of them before America would be born into the world stage.

Over the next few issues, I would like to take the time to explore with you the background of our founding documents, what was the driving force behind them, and who were these men that gave up their land, titles, money and some their very lives for the American experiment.

Since it is the week of our Independence Celebration, let's start with the Declaration of Independence.

I think you will find interesting the issues that drove our founders to separate America from the Mother Land are eerily similar to those things being forced upon our countrymen today.

Will we have the same conviction and courage to separate from a

despotic and tyrannical government or will we continue to as the authors of the DOI noted of the colonists in their day, "...that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed."

Have we become so complacent and so tolerant of evil that we, like the people of the revolution, would rather quietly accept the fate given to us by globalist and humanists than to stand on Truth and fight for a better life for our children and grandchildren?

Who would you have been during the revolution?

A Loyalist? Supporting the current regime and their pursuit of a globalist agenda and destruction of Christian family values.

A Neutralist? Someone who un-plugs from confrontation and chooses to bury his head in the sand hoping that some politician or some new legislation will save us from destruction.

Or,

A Patriot? Pledging your life, fortune and honor for the good of future generations, actively pursuing the freedom of a people?

John Adams wrote that the colonies were broke up into these groups, each holding about a third of the population.

If that is the case then, 30% of the colonists drove the revolutionary war and freed a people from tyranny and taxation.

Conservatives in America make up 50% +.

We have the numbers to take back our country.

The only thing we seem to lack is the will to do it.

It has taken this creeping cancer of liberalism a hundred years to usurp the will of a God-fearing nation. They did it with intent, with purpose, and careful planning.

The first thing they did was to discredit and remove God.

To fix this mess we must honor Him and put Him back in the public square.

That one move would turn this ship around. The very idea that you were created by a loving God and not through a series of cosmic errors, would lift this chronic state of depression hanging over our country.

But I digress...

I hope you enjoy our little history lesson. You will find its start below.

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THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

In Congress, July 4, 1776

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America, When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

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Be Prepared For Emergencies



KEWEENAW EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ALLIANCE (KEPA)

No meetings until autumn! Be safe and vigilant!!!

NARA Chalet in Houghton

FBI CONDEMNED: Idaho GOP Unanimously Passes Resolution Condemning the FBI — Calls For “Abolition” of “Corrupt Government Agency”

Written By [Johnston Meadows](#) | Jun 24

(Challis, Idaho) — In a surprising and unprecedented move, the Idaho Republican Party has taken a strong stance against the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), by passing a resolution a condemning the “corrupt government agency” and calling for its abolition if it is deemed that the agency cannot be reformed.

The resolution passed unanimously out of the body which is comprised of 216 elected Republican representatives, contained a laundry list of excesses, abuses, and unconstitutional overreaches which the resolution alleges has “undermined the trust that the American people have in their government.”

The resolution outlines some of the most egregious of these abuses, [COINTELPRO](#), a counter intelligence program carried out by the FBI between [1956 and 1971](#) which “illegally surveilled, infiltrated, and disrupted civil rights activists, political dissidents, and other individuals considered a threat to national security.”



Even the [ACLU](#) has condemned [COINTELPRO](#), saying “intrusive surveillance tools originally developed to target Soviet spies are increasingly being used against Americans.”

The FBI is also responsible for the escalation of racial conflict in the 1960’s and 70’s, when *paid* FBI informant Gary Thomas Rowe Jr. instigated a shootout between the KKK and the Freedom Riders, murdered civil rights activist Viola Liuzzo, and blew up a church in Birmingham Alabama which left 4 African-American children dead.

At the same time as the Church Hearings, the FBI struck up a working relationship with notorious Boston crime boss James “Whitey” Bulger.

Bulger’s relationship with the FBI led to his total monopoly on crime in the Boston area, as the Bureau essentially took out all of Bulger’s competition for him.

Hitting even closer to home, the resolution discusses “the FBI siege of a cabin in Ruby Ridge, Idaho in 1992, which resulted in the unnecessary deaths of Vicky and Sammy Weaver as well as a U.S. Marshal due to excessive use of force and [revised rules of engagement promulgated by the FBI.](#)”



FY 2023-24 GENERAL OMNIBUS BUDGET Summary: Conference Report House Bill 4437 (H-1) CR-1



Mary Ann Cleary, Director

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BY BUDGET AREA

Budget Area [Summary Page]	FY 2023-24	
	Gross	GF/GP
Agriculture and Rural Development [2]	\$168,612,700	\$92,781,800
Corrections [9]	2,086,250,000	2,029,495,900
Education [22]	647,380,900	130,652,500
Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy [29]	1,051,611,900	245,952,100
General Government [41]		
Attorney General [44]	142,798,400	75,726,000
Civil Rights [49]	31,710,000	28,741,900
Executive Office [53]	8,905,400	8,905,400
Legislature [54]	192,343,800	186,734,100
Legislative Auditor General [56]	29,750,200	20,406,700
State [58]	304,209,500	13,324,700
Technology, Management, and Budget [63]	2,056,657,600	832,699,500
Treasury [72]	2,641,068,600	392,670,200
Subtotal: General Government	5,407,443,500	1,559,208,500
Health and Human Services [79]	35,734,583,000	6,464,135,400
Insurance and Financial Services [100]	74,147,900	0
Judiciary [104]	355,928,200	250,218,100
Labor and Economic Opportunity [111]	2,869,264,800	1,303,508,000
Licensing and Regulatory Affairs [139]	627,940,900	271,331,100
Military and Veterans Affairs [151]	248,340,400	98,889,300
Natural Resources [161]	572,248,100	88,054,500
State Police [171]	893,341,100	607,564,000
Transportation [181]	6,626,549,900	288,100,000
TOTAL	\$57,363,643,300	\$13,429,891,200

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also here: <https://www.senate.michigan.gov/sfa/FY24HIGenOmni.pdf>

Bequeathing And Inheriting Guns: What To Do With Firearms When Someone Dies

Map out a smooth transition because it can get complicated.



When you die, your assets go to the people named in your [Will](#) or [Trust](#), right? Sure — except if they're guns. Then maybe not. With firearms, inheritance gets complicated. Whether your wishes can be followed depends on where you live, what types of guns you own, and the individuals who would inherit.

Laws and procedures for transferring ownership of your firearms — whether you're alive or dead — differ depending on the type of gun(s) and the state where the decedent last resided.

From a legal standpoint, broadly speaking, guns fall into two classifications. Some firearms, along with certain accessories, are [subject to the National Firearms Act of 1934 \(NFA\)](#) and its revised version, Title II of the Gun Control Act of 1968. These include fully automatic weapons, short-barreled rifles, short-barreled shotguns, and silencers. They must have serial numbers and be registered with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

[Unregistered NFA weapons](#) are contraband. They can't be passed down to an heir and can't be registered after the fact. If the executor of the estate discovers unregistered NFA firearms, they must contact the local ATF office to arrange for them to be "abandoned" — in other words, turned over to law enforcement.

Firearms not covered by the NFA include revolvers, hunting rifles, shotguns, and semi-automatic pistols bought for personal or home protection.

For those firearms that are not covered by the NFA, as well as licensed NFA weapons, the best way to transfer to an heir is to go through an entity with a Federal Firearm License (FFL) such as a licensed gun dealer. After assisting the executor and the heir in filling out the required forms, the FFL will hold onto the firearms while completing the background check. Upon passing the background check, the heir can collect the firearms after 10 working days. You can find local FFLs by searching online at sites like [FFLGunDealers.net](#) and [Gunbroker.com](#).

Gun Trusts

A [Gun Trust](#) is a way to avoid the transfer process described above. The Trust is an entity you create that holds the title to your firearms. You can name multiple trustees, who then share the right to possess and use the firearms covered by the Trust.

Since the Trust stays in effect after your death, the executor of the estate isn't involved, and the firearms don't have to go through probate.

Trusts are not intended to circumvent the law. However, some gun owners believe a Trust might help get around any future laws prohibiting transfer or inheritance of certain weapons.

While a simple [Revocable Living Trust](#) generally ends once your assets are distributed after your death, a Gun Trust can be designed to last for multiple generations, and it must take federal and state gun laws into account. To create a Gun Trust, it's essential to work with an attorney very familiar with the laws governing the use, possession, and transfer of weapons in your state. For example, you wouldn't want to name a trustee who is prohibited by law from possessing the firearms.

Gun Trusts are useful for people who want to share the use of their weapons with others during their lifetime. But [ATF rules](#) have removed some of the advantages of a Gun Trust for inheritance purposes. Carefully consider the advantages and disadvantages before setting up a Trust; don't fall for aggressive lawyers' sales pitches without doing your own research or getting a second opinion.

Crossing State Lines

Let's say that in your Will you leave a collection of non-NFA guns to your daughter, who lives in another state. Federal law doesn't prevent her from picking them up and driving them home across state lines. But she must comply with the laws of both her own state (or city) and yours pertaining to registration and transportation of firearms. For example, if her state requires a firearms permit, she will need to get one.

It couldn't hurt to research this yourself ahead of time and let her know the rules, since there are transport procedures to follow no matter where she's driving.

Keep in mind, though — and this is good advice for any transaction involving guns — that laws are changing all the time. Do your research, stay informed, but if you have any doubt at all, consult a lawyer with knowledge of firearm laws. The last thing

you want is someone you love getting pulled over for a routine traffic stop and getting booked for transporting firearms.

Prohibited Persons

Federal and state laws forbid certain people to possess firearms. You can bequeath firearms to anyone you choose, but they will not be able to take possession of the guns if they are a ["prohibited person" as defined by the ATF](#), or if they fall into certain additional categories that may be specified in the laws of your state.

Prohibited persons under federal law include unlawful users of a controlled substance, people convicted of serious crimes or domestic violence misdemeanors, those judged "mentally defective," and others. State laws impose additional restrictions.

A record of specific felonies, violent misdemeanors, or mental conditions may disqualify people from owning guns. Some states restrict alcohol abusers from possessing firearms. Age requirements vary too; for example, minors (people under 18) may not possess firearms in California. If you're in doubt, check with a lawyer who is familiar with your state's gun laws and rights.

Sell Or Surrender

If you have no interest in owning any of the firearms passed down to you, and the guns have considerable value, you can sell them to a licensed dealer — the same type we mentioned above to assist in transferring ownership. If you don't care about the money and just want to get rid of them and make sure they don't end up in anyone else's hands again, you can surrender them to your local police department.

While the rules for this vary depending on where you live, you should contact the station to find out the proper procedure before just driving down there with a bag of weapons. If you're worried that you could get in trouble for even possessing or moving the guns, take a wild guess as to what we suggest you should do. Yep, check with a lawyer first.

Have we said "check with a lawyer" enough times? That's because when guns are concerned, it really is a good idea in almost all situations.

Editor's Note: This topic came up during a training session from an inquiry from widows who inherited firearms, some of whom did not want to keep them. If you inherit firearms and do not want to keep them, contact your local sporting goods store; they often know a licensed firearms person that has the necessary paperwork to sell them on your behalf.

We hope you have been enjoying our newsletters ~ m
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'Discrepancies and Irregularities' Still Plague Michigan Election Practices, Group Says

By [Steven Kovac](#) | June 1, 2023 : Updated: June 6, 2023

Thousands of names of dead people remain on Michigan's voter registration rolls, and the public, through ballot initiatives, has embraced mail-in voting, ballot drop boxes, extended early voting, election audit restrictions, and a weakened photo ID requirement.

The election reforms took place even as an invigorated grassroots movement sought to tighten election security. Election Integrity Force (EIF), one of the grassroots groups, has been recruiting and training poll workers and watchers in order to put more eyes on the election process.

EIF is also asking citizens to file criminal complaints against the Michigan Secretary of State's office and the Michigan Bureau of Elections for allegedly altering voter registration and voter history records in violation of the law.

A little-publicized partial recount by EIF of the results of two 2022 statewide ballot proposals, Proposal 2 and Proposal 3, surfaced recently, showing that serious irregularities continue to bedevil election administration in Michigan.

Problems Ignored



Michigan election integrity activist Braden Giacobazzi addresses a crowd in St. Clair, Mich., on May 22,

Recount participant Braden Giacobazzi told The Epoch Times in a May 31 interview: "We are not about trying to change the outcome of an election. The purpose of the recount was to verify the accuracy of the original vote count and to verify that all procedures and processes were conducted lawfully. As it turned out, we could do neither, and nothing has been done to fix it."

The group discovered that 59 percent of the precincts where it looked at the results of Proposal 3 were either uncountable or the recounted totals didn't match the original official vote totals.

According to state law, during a recount, an entire precinct is declared uncountable if it's discovered that the seal of a ballot bag has been broken or there are holes or rips in the bag.

"Eighty-six percent of the 43 counties had at least one precinct which was either uncountable or had recount totals that did not match the original official totals," Giacobazzi said.

During the recount of the results of Proposal 2—which was to require absentee ballot drop boxes in every community and allow affidavits in lieu of photo ID—in 47 precincts spanning four counties, EIF recount challengers found that 70 percent of those precincts were either uncountable or had recounted vote totals that didn't match the original official totals.

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Negligence or Malpractice?

"What we found was sloppy administration amounting to gross negligence at best or systematic malpractice at worst.

"Regardless of how it happened, it is illegal to have holes in ballot bags and have broken seals.

"When we asked for an investigation, our multiple requests were denied."

Giacobazzi told The Epoch Times that state election officials add insult to injury; not content to just do nothing, they actively work against election integrity activists.

As an example, he said that the state's initial estimate of the cost of a recount, which it's legally required to furnish, was \$76,000.

The price soon escalated to nearly half a million dollars.

"The prohibitive price was used as a deterrent. They never thought we could raise that much money. When we did, the bureaucracy really had to scramble," Giacobazzi said.

A Tangled Legal System

He said that EIF has more than 20 election integrity lawsuits it could take to court, but the group has been hindered by a lack of money.

"And, even if we had the money, there is a lack of attorneys willing to represent us because of fear of retribution.

"Local officials tell us to take our complaints to the Attorney General. The irony is the Attorney General [Democrat Dana Nessel] is the lawyer for the Secretary of State's office and the Bureau of Elections."

Is Local Law Enforcement the Answer?



Citizen activist Scott Aughney speaks at an election integrity rally in St. Clair, Mich., on May 22,

Activist Scott Aughney spoke to a crowd of about 120 concerned citizens gathered at a church in St. Clair, Michigan, on May 22, about the legal strategy of using local law enforcement, county prosecutors, and citizen grand juries to

go after state election officials for violating the law.

Aughney encouraged the audience to go to their local municipal or county clerk and ask for their own personal voting history and personal change history records.

When the local voting records are cross-checked with the state's voter registration list, many voters will be amazed to learn the two databases don't match up, he said.

Discrepancies Abound

Some of the most common discrepancies are differing voter ID numbers for the same person, a person listed as having voted absentee when, in fact, they voted in person, and people recorded on the state list as living in and voting from an inaccurate address.

A number of voters have discovered that the state records list them as living in a county in which they don't reside or as having voted in a municipality they were not living in at the time of an election.

A woman in the audience from the city of St. Clair Shores in Macomb County named Ellen Smith told The Epoch Times, "What is shocking to me is people don't see Michigan as one of the worst states in the nation for imbalances between state and local records."

"Why are the records originating with the local clerk being changed when entered into the state's database? It is illegal for anyone to alter official records, which are meant to reflect an accurate picture of reality at a point in time," Macomb County resident Michael Butz said in a May 30 interview with The Epoch Times.

Recently, Butz was astounded to learn that Bureau of Elections records showed that he voted for more than 12 years in Bruce Township, a Macomb County community he first moved into in December 2022.

Taking Action

Butz has since filed a criminal complaint against the Michigan Secretary of State's office and the state Bureau of Elections, alleging that they have violated state and federal laws by not accurately preserving his personal voting records.

The complaint is currently being evaluated by the office of Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney Peter Lucido, a Republican.

Lucido didn't return a phone call from The Epoch Times.

On May 31, The Epoch Times emailed the office of Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson asking for an explanation of the discrepancies between the state voter roll and local voter rolls regarding different voter ID numbers, addresses, voting histories, and methods of voting.

As of press time, no response has been received.

Butz told The Epoch Times that he first became involved in the election reform movement after the 2020 presidential election.

"I just knew something was not right," he said. "I started trying to make a difference as a volunteer post-election door-to-door canvasser in Armada Township."

Using official state voting records, Butz and other volunteers knocked on the doors of thousands of homes throughout Macomb County from which people were listed as having voted absentee in November 2020.

"I found that one-third of the dozens of households that I personally visited said that there was nobody living there by that name. The percentage was about 5 to 8 percent in the wider vicinity that we worked in."

Butz told The Epoch Times that he sees himself as "an agent of truth in a world of deception."

"This isn't political. This is the future of our country," he said. "Free and fair elections [are] all we have."

Editor's Note: To read articles on The Epoch Times, you need to sign-up with e-mail.



The Preponderance—March of the Piss-ants

By Jim Hafeman

Much like a network of the Democratic Party, *Piss ants* are the most persistent type of ants that frequent our homes. They are known for their ability to produce a urine-like odor when crushed, hence the name "piss ant" emerged.

Following one another as if in a cult, leftists are inclined to blindly submit to a [Camelot](#) built on the sands of deception in hopes that a strong, over-bearing government will be the answer to their [godless solicitations](#).

Psychology Today, a once scientific journal of the study of human behavior, has a so-so handle on the term "[Cult](#)":

- No one joins a cult; they are recruited by systematic social influence processes.
- Destructive individuals and cults use deception and undue influence to make people dependent and obedient.
- Not all influence is bad. There is a difference between due and undue influence.
- Cult leaders are typically malignant narcissists and want people who will be obedient to them.

The most interesting phenomena in all of the history of the U. S. is the current level of the lefts' unified single-mindedness.

There is a shared belief by that the left that because an individual, although human with overt character flaws, is leading a wave of voters not buying into the lefts' nirvana of a all-knowing and all-powerful government are victims of a cult called Trumpism.

There are two distinguishing characteristics of [Trumpsters](#): (1) their unconditional support of whatever Trump decides to do to "make America great again"; and (2) their refusal to tolerate or countenance any criticism or disagreement with Trump's courses of action. What drives [Trumpsters](#) is what can be called the *Great Leader* concept.

The venom of pro-establishment globalists is embedded in their own psychic. In an article titled [The 'Shared Psychosis' of Donald Trump and His Loyalists](#) Forensic psychiatrist Bandy X. Lee explains the outgoing president's pathological appeal and how to wean people from it - The auto-assumption of leftists and their alphas was the hope of [Giovanni Gentile](#), the lefts' Mao-lite.

[Gentile](#) went so far as to declare "Fascism is a form of [socialism](#), in fact, it is its most viable form." One of the most common reflections on this is that fascism is itself socialism based on national identity.

While the left is glorifying and embracing [corporatism](#), they are admonishing both the ideals of [capitalism](#) and those who are providing goods and services at a more localized level. This self-determination by individual investors has no place in their leftist-world.

[Capitalist Adam Smith](#) was surmised; that wealth was not gold and silver in Smith's contrarian view. Precious metals, though reliable as media of exchange and for their own industrial uses, were no more than claims against the real thing. All of the gold and silver in the world would leave one starving and freezing if they couldn't be exchanged for food and clothing. Wealth to the world's first economist was plainly this: *goods and services*.

A modern apostate will often invoke the wisdom of Jesus to meet their desires, but Jesus said "If you have two coats, give one away," He said. "Do the same with your food."—at no time did Jesus suggest our charity begin within in the glands of an [abhorrent government](#) through taxation.

So, how do we cleanse the mind of those in the leftists-cult, especially when their most sacred alphas are remain convincing and [repetitive within their superstructure](#)?

First is acknowledging that leftists have a very strong attachment to cult leaders, especially those providing economic and job security, such as [unionization](#).

[Attachment](#) is the emotional bond that forms between infant and [caregiver](#), and it is the means by which the helpless infant gets primary needs met. It then becomes an engine of subsequent social, emotional, and cognitive development. The early social experience of the infant stimulates growth of the brain and can have an enduring influence on the ability [or inability] to form stable relationships with others.

Second is liberally utilizing [Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy \(REBT\)](#), which is a type of cognitive therapy first used by the renowned [psychologist Albert Ellis](#), focusing on resolving emotional and behavioral problems. Coddling leftists and trying to empathize with them is like trying to pet a porcupine—guess who gets hurt?

Third is simply stating a fact here and there to plant the seed; reasoning with a psychopath that has no human conscience will have no effect, but those that learned their sociopathy may have hope for some form of redemption and repentance.

Fourth, when you see someone doing an ignorant or rude act say to them, "You must be a Democrat." You do it indirectly but loud enough to be heard when they cut in line, drop trash, or complain at an unreasonable level thinking they're more important than a regular citizen.

Lastly is to map-out where leftists live with a pin so when the [corporate-globalists](#) start to kill off the population you know where you and your family can get extra food and supplies without firing a shot, or if the Chinaman wants to know who their loyal friends are just show them the map; after you're offed, perhaps they'll learn.

Michigan House passes bills to ban LGBTQ+ 'conversion therapy' for minors

by Gabrielle Dawson | News Channel 3 | Thu, June 15th 2023, 9:54 AM EDT



Small pride flags sat on the desks of House Democrats in the Michigan Legislature on March 8, 2023. (Raymond Hole/WWMT)

LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan House of Representatives voted 56-53, passing House Bills [4616](#) and [4617](#) Wednesday.

The Democratic-backed bills could ban conversion therapy for minors, or any practice or treatment by a mental health professional that seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity, according to the Michigan Legislature.

[House Bill 4616](#), introduced by Rep. Felicia Brabec (D-Ann Arbor), looks to prevent mental health professionals from engaging in conversion therapy with minors.

If signed into law, professionals who are in violation would be disciplined.

House Bill 4617, introduced by Rep. Jason Hoskins (D-Southfield), defines conversion therapy as "any practice or treatment by a mental health professional that seeks to change an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity, including, but not limited to, efforts to change behavior or gender expression or to reduce or eliminate sexual or romantic attractions or feelings toward an individual of the same gender."

More information: [Michigan bills look to end conversion therapy for minors](#)

The legislation would not apply to religious institutions due to concerns over the infringement of the First Amendment, Tracy Hall, executive director for OutFront Kalama-

zoo, said.

However, Hall said religion is often a motivator for the practice.

"House Bills 4616 and 4617 change the law, not the child. There is no cure for one's sexual orientation or gender identity. So-called conversion "therapy" refers to dangerous, harmful, and discredited practices that attempt to change a person's LGBTQ+ identity. Data indicates that 15% of Michigan's LGBTQ+ youth report being threatened with or subjected to conversion therapy, and over 58,000 LGBTQ+ youth seriously considered suicide this past year, according to The Trevor Project. House Bills 4616 and 4617 are suicide prevention bills," Erin Knott, Equality Michigan Executive Director said.

Rep. Neil Friske (R-Charlevoix) criticized "the broad definitions that the Democrats have inserted into these bills" when defining what a mental health professional is, according to a statement.

Opining on Patriotism by Charlotte Seppala

This world is a crazy place, and it's a wild time we're living in. Misery and fear and sin and brokenness are rampant.

It sure seems like the author of confusion has been loosed, and is working feverishly in this season. Why?

Is the end of time and the beginning of eternity just around the corner?

The confusion is simply mind-blowing. From the people of these days who can't tell what a woman is, and who clamor to congratulate the "father" that gave birth to twins on Father's Day, to the white house proudly flying rainbow flags and our political leaders who are over their heads in crime.

What can explain this blackout curtain of delusion suffocating out nation other than the feverish working of Satan and his cohorts?

God be merciful to us and our country. It's a dark time, for sure. But the darkest hour is just before the dawn breaks.

These are the hours where God shines the brightest.

I've been reminded countless times that these are the times where you have to be thankful that you're on the winning team.

God doesn't ever lose. This particular war against sin and evil forces has already been won at the cross: "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us." (Romans 8:37 KJV)

What an awful day it's going to be, for those ones who are on the losing side, when God says enough is enough. When He reaches down and pulls away these shades of night and anchors them securely with those long crucifixion spikes.

The glory of Jesus is going to break through and that long awaited day will finally dawn. What a horrific reality it will be, for all of satan's terrified followers when they get rolled up with these curtains and they see the stark contrast of God's triumphant children raising up their arms and joyfully soaring up to welcome this King.

So, what scrimmage is worth throwing in the towel over and giving up this good fight? What is a more encouraging battle to fight than one that has already been won? "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few..." (Luke 10:2 KJV)

Don't be one of the workers who will be caught leaning on their hoes taking a water break when the Master returns to the field.

Don't try to conserve some of your strength so you can cross the finish line fresh and eager. That wasted energy is going to be useless in eternity.

To use a description of one of my favorite podcast hosts, at the end of life I want to be like a used washcloth. I want God to have squeezed and drained every drop of energy out of me that He can use.

So don't lose heart. Don't let your circumstances dictate your faith and commitment. This country that we're struggling to regain is kind of the last frontier. Always before in history, God has had a place where He could move and place His people.

There are no more far off lands to discover and start over on. We have to continue on here, doing what we can and praying for God to bless those little bits of loaves and fishes to start a wildfire of revival in this land to feed the many five thousand.

In Matthew 13:58 we read, "And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

Like the father that was recorded in the 9th chapter of Mark, we can whisper through tears, "...Lord, I believe; help thou mine un-

CITIZENS OF MICHIGAN FEEL THREATENED BY HOUSE BILL NO. 4474

By Jim Hafeman, an elderly, pro-life, gun-rights, Christian conservative who has yet to force his heterosexuality on others

[Michigan HB 4474](#) is a direct assault on the 1st Amendment and is threatening to most Michigan citizens, countering anti-bullying laws.

So, if this bill becomes law, who's going to arrest the legislators and the ultra-fascist Governor that signed it into law?

The actual or perceived characteristics of another individual referenced under subsection (1) include all of the following:

- (a) Race or color.
- (b) Religion.
- (c) Sex.
- (d) Sexual orientation.
- (e) Gender identity or expression.
- (f) Physical or mental disability.
- (g) Age.
- (h) Ethnicity.
- (i) National origin.
- (j) Association or affiliation with an individual or group of individuals in whole or in part based on a characteristic described under subdivisions (a) to (i)

It would appear that the culture modifications are intentionally aimed at subverting God, as we seen with Proposal 3 and the direct attack on [minority voters](#) throughout the State of Michigan and the rest of America.

Indoctrination through other efforts has demonstrated the lefties pack-mentality and cultural deficiencies:

[Michigan Civil Rights Commission Resolution in Support of Civil Rights, Academic Freedom, and in Opposition to Censorship.](#)

A joint statement on the [Freedom to Read in Michigan](#) by Michigan Association for Me-

dia in Education (MAME), Michigan Council of Teachers of English (MCTE), Michigan Reading Association (MRA)

We believe that parents and caregivers have always had and should retain the right and responsibility to guide, select, and monitor their own children's reading material; however, parents and caregivers do not have the right to limit or prevent other children's [group illiterates: children's] reading, even when those materials may contrast with their own personal beliefs. Parents and caregivers do have the legal right to review and/or petition texts — through their local school's board-approved processes and established library collection development procedures — or to ask for alternative selections for their own children.

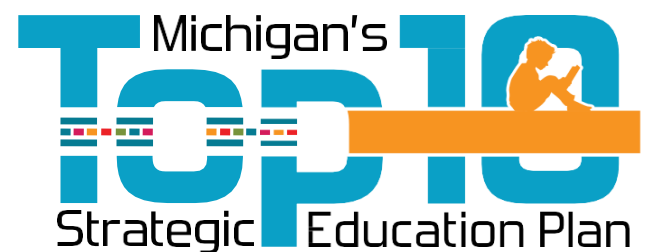
[Michigan Education Association \(MEA\)](#) also has material advocating the [Freedom to Read](#): For one, the would-be censors claim the issue is one of "parental rights," but parents already have the right to opt their children out of reading any book — "even if it is assigned, which these are not," she noted.

Authorizes running [amok](#), like the [State education board resolution supporting mask mandate](#), are strong indicators that regardless of the facts, it is more important to follow the [intellectually-challenged](#).

[MICHIGAN'S STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MICHIGAN'S LGBTQ+ STUDENTS, STAFF, AND GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCES OR LGBTQ+ CLUBS](#) and [MICHIGAN'S STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FREEDOM TO READ](#)

[Zager and Evans](#) were profound: "In the year 2525, If man is still alive If woman can survive", but they were perhaps off by 500-years — the song should begin "In the Year 2025. . ."

The Michigan Department of Education [Top 10 Strategic Education Plan](#) for Michigan's schools and students is yet another leftist's masterpiece of ignorance.



The numerous collective disparities found in the lefties' policies regarding education, safety, sovereignty, taxation, regulations, laws, economics, and equality prove that they are determined to bring-back their [Jim Crow laws](#) as they multiply the [lynchings](#) of minorities in the womb and their attempt to return to [Black Codes](#).

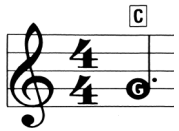
The legal system was stacked against Black citizens, with former [Confederate](#) soldiers working as police and judges, making it difficult for African Americans to win court cases and ensuring they were subject to Black codes.

Perhaps more disturbing than white supremacist agitating minorities to do their bidding is the voluntarily stupid minority members like [Whoopie Goldberg](#), who evidently likened Justice Thomas to her Democratic Party.

For people like those on the View who don't really know what diversity is they need to just [look around](#)—The United States of America is perhaps one of the [most diverse nations on earth](#).

Until Obama, most Americans had learned to not give a crap about a person's skin color, no matter what they did to get themselves killed by [police](#) or a [neighborhood gang](#) or by a person with [no social value](#).

And, only an extreme idiot would think that the United States was [founded on slavery](#). If the US was just-now beginning its founding, then that could be an argument, but that would once again be an [argument](#) against the Democratic Party, lawyers, departments and agencies of the US, but not the citizens.



Where have all the Patriots gone?

Why is attendance dwindling at the UP-Patriot meetings? This is something that I've been noticing for some time.

Have we forgotten so soon the choking feeling during Covid that sent people out in droves to protest the lockdowns? Have we forgotten so soon the feeling that we could have possibly been reported for gathering in worship, or for celebrating

Thanksgiving dinner together, should our numbers exceed 10? Have we forgotten the helpless rage of feeling our voice mugged off, and seeing our vote stolen, as our clearly chosen candidate was shoved aside to be replaced by a sham of a leader?

There is an old saying, "Fool me once shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me." Many times we have felt helpless in these times—Drop in a bucket, needle in a haystack. So alone. But that is so unnecessary. It doesn't have to be that way.

Do you think Elijah felt alone or scared when Jezebel was hunting him down? The story is recorded in the Bible in 1 Kings chapters 18 and 19. When Elijah had come to a state of despair, God reminded him, "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal."

But, in this modern day, we are effectively divided. Everyone off BBQing or swimming or working last Tuesday and Wednesday when two excellent, encouraging speakers were called to speak to our group. Forty-five people does not accurately represent the UP Patriots. We can do better.

I was personally encouraged by some of the points that Bill Johnson brought up. He reminded of Little Bear Wheeler, a speaker that we were blessed to hear twenty-some years ago at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Hancock, during a homeschool conference.

Richard Wheeler, AKA "Little Bear", was leading the charge back in the day; challenging people to jump to their feet, stand, reach the proverbial hand high, and do something, rather than fulfilling the prophecy of letting evil triumph by good men doing nothing.

I realize that likely none of the non-attendees meant to leave Mary holding an empty bag, inviting speakers to travel to the Upper Peninsula to speak to a mostly empty building, but sadly that's what happened. Evil goes on to triumph as good men stay home and do nothing.

We feel the loss, as the chains around our freedoms cinch ever tighter. I wonder along with you what can be done. But, as we addressed postcards about Proposal 3 (and laughed and talked and actually had a really good time at Mary's) something was done. No, we didn't win the election regarding Proposal 3; we won the satisfaction of knowing that we dug deep and did what we could. Thank you, Mary.

Did our little stunt in front of the courthouse do any good? I don't know.

I do not know how it influenced the decisions of Sheriff McLean, or possibly still influences the decisions [Sheriff Saaranen](#) makes today.

But again, we won the satisfaction of standing together, elbow to elbow, doing SOMETHING, and feeling not quite so alone as otherwise we may have felt.

We've forgotten so soon. We have something special in our group. The vision of a free America for our kids to grow up in. Freedom to gather in a coffee shop, even though our Governor would have it otherwise. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Shall we just cast our chance aside to pursue those things in unity and numbers that could possibly make a difference? You will never know how high the kite will fly until you try.

I know some of us very possibly had obligations that were unavoidable this week, when those speakers were called here. But I don't believe all of those absent did. Some of us have been lulled back into unwatchfulness because the audible shots are no longer being fired at us. But we know it's just the audible shots that aren't being fired.

We see it every day. Kids attending Houghton school talking about pride symbols in hallways, perversion and depravity running rampant among us. We need to band together across all walks of life, while there is still time. Wake out of sleep!! The darkness is rolling in.

The only way we can even hope to make a difference is to pray like ever and band together!! I'm afraid for our children. I'm afraid for all of us. There's not much time left. The chokehold tightens every day.

We need to have each other's backs. We need to STAND. Even if we aren't quite sure where the next step is going to lead us, while there is the freedom to gather and think together, we need to do so. I, for one, am thankful for those among us who had the vision to create the UP-PATRIOT group.

We have something special together. We do not identify as rebels, but rather as free men, subject to lawful government and just rules. I certainly do not know where we can make a difference.

I don't know what steps need to be taken to regain the freedoms we have lost. But I know for certain that triumph for those that wish us ill is right in their grasp when we are no longer operating as a group. If God be for us, who can be against us? But people need to step out into the Red Sea, for the waters to divide.

In Hebrews 11, the chapter commonly known as the faith chapter, the Bible records some of the faith-based actions that people took. They stood, in the certainty that they were standing in truth, and things changed.

Circumstances were altered. God used them mightily to accomplish His divine purpose. Hebrews 11:13- *"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off."*

In a slightly different application, I can see the promise of a free America afar off. The dream is there. I can see an America in which our children can grow up free and safe. Safe because they could protect themselves, speak what they believe, and walk humbly with their God.

We all want this. It's a common goal. Let's not slip into numbness and discontented acceptance of the freedoms we are left with today, but rather be the people that are ea-

gerly jumping to their feet, willing to act in faith, saying, "Here I am, Lord! Send me!!"

I understand why we often do not stand up. It can be for a multitude of different reasons. The perception of safety in not being noticed, the unsurety of just what we should do.

I understand the church that has for years frowned on political activism. I've heard it said, "The world can fight our battles for us—We don't have to fight those battles." (Someone was speaking about whether Christians should be protesting at an abortion clinic.) But I believe the church has been wrong in that, and slowly, I think people are awaking to that reality.

We can't sit around and hope to avoid the battle. The battle will come to us; the fight will be brought right past our white picket fence to our front door. It comes down to strategy, and choosing where and when the battle will take place.

I have been as guilty of inaction as anyone else. I was also guilty of letting a handful of amazingly brave Christians stand mostly alone and show us how it's done, fighting Planned Parenthood in Houghton or Hancock. I don't even know exactly where the fight took place. I wasn't part of it.

No, we weren't living in the UP then. Yada, Yada, we weren't here. But, I remember being here on vacation and having opportunity to help out. We didn't. We chose not to involve ourselves, and instead quietly turned away. Shame on us... I serve a God Who has graciously forgiven my lack of speaking up, as innocent blood was shed. Jesus' Blood was shed on my behalf, and in faith I trust in His Sacrifice to wash away the sin of my ignorance back in the day. But, I'm not going back there.

"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (The Bible, James 4:17.) Today we have opportunity to involve ourselves. Today we have the opportunity to stand united as a group and, with God as our guide, make a difference.

Who among us will hear that call and catch a glimpse of the vision of a beautiful, free America? I want to be there when someone is needed to stand and help out. Choose me to go, Lord!

The thing is, we're not turning up just to swell attendance, or so as to not leave Mary standing in the Siskiwit, welcoming our speaker to the ghostly empty building. We all have someone who we are fighting to keep America for.

Children, dad, mom, grandparents, sister, brother, grandbabies. Everyone has someone worth fighting for. Let's stand together and do what we can. Even if we fail, (May God be merciful to us that that is not the case) we will fail doing what we could.

There is a scene I love in Little Pilgrim's Progress. (A child's version of Pilgrim's Progress.) Little Christian was struggling along through the Slough of Despond. He said he was going to keep pushing along. That way, he said, if he fell, he'd fall facing the City. That way the King would know he was trying. Beautiful heart. The heart that wanted to do what he knew was right. *Name withheld.*

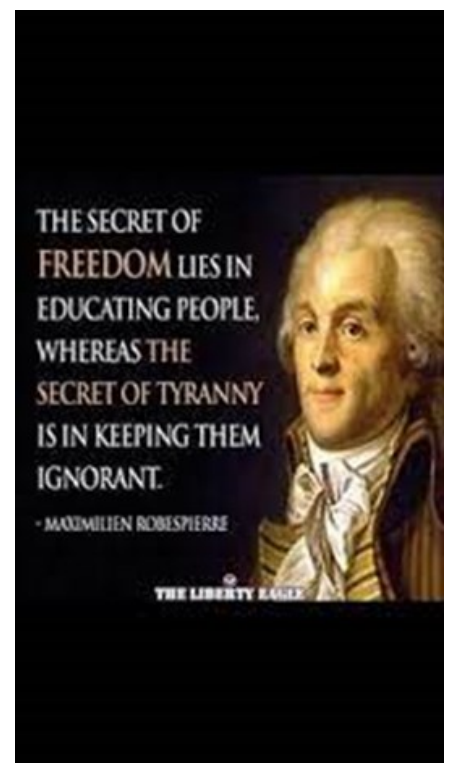
Wisdom - Chapter 3

- ¹ But the souls of the upright are in the hands of God, and no torment can touch them.
- ² To the unenlightened, they appeared to die, their departure was regarded as disaster,
- ³ their leaving us like annihilation; but they are at peace.
- ⁴ If, as it seemed to us, they suffered punishment, their hope was rich with immortality;
- ⁵ slight was their correction, great will their blessings be. God was putting them to the test and has proved them worthy to be with him;
- ⁶ He has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a perfect burnt offering.

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Special Counsel Jack Smith: ‘We Have One Set of Laws in This Country’

Joel B. Pollak | 9 Jun 2023



Special Counsel Jack Smith said Friday afternoon that he had charged President Donald Trump because of the importance of protecting classified information and the importance of upholding the rule of law equally for all.

Speaking for less than three minutes, Smith said, in part:

The men and women of the United States intelligence community and our armed forces dedicate their lives to protecting our nation

and its people. Our laws that protect national defense information are critical to the safety and security of the United States, and they must be enforced.

Violations of those laws put our country at risk. Adherence to the rule of law is a bedrock principle of the Department of Justice, and our nation’s commitment to the rule of law sets an example for the world. We have one set of laws in this country and they apply to everyone.

Smith did not explain why the same law had not been applied to former Demo-

cratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton, or why it was not being applied to incumbent President Joe Biden, both of whom appeared to have mishandled classified information (and, in Clinton’s case, to have destroyed it).

He did not address the question of whether indicting the leading opposition candidate for president in the midst of an election “sets an example for the world” — especially when that candidate has been the target of fruitless and partisan investigations for many years.



[U.S. v. Trump Nauta 23-80101.pdf](#)

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[Judicial Watch Sues for FBI Document Alleging Bidens' Bribery Scheme with Burisma Owner](#)



(Washington, DC) – Judicial Watch announced today that it filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit against the Department of Justice for a copy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) FD-1023 that describes “an alleged criminal scheme involving then-Vice President Biden and a foreign national relating to the exchange of money for policy decisions.” The FOIA request also asks communications about the FD-1023 ([Judicial Watch v. U.S. Department of Justice](#) (No. 1:23-cv-01849)).

BREAKING: Independence Day Victory for Free Speech - Trump-Appointed Judge Grants Preliminary Injunction Prohibiting DHS, FBI, DOJ, and Other Agencies from Colluding with Big Tech to Censor Americans in MO v. Biden Case - with Gateway Pundit as Lead Plaintiff! | The Gateway Pundit
by Jim Hoft |
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The Gateway Pundit previously reported in May 2022 that Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt, along with Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry, [filed a lawsuit](#) (*Missouri v. Biden*) against the Biden Administration, including Biden himself, Anthony Fauci, the Department of Homeland Security, and nearly a dozen federal agencies and Secretaries.

The suit alleges a massive coordinated effort by the Deep State (permanent administrative state) to work with Big Tech to censor and manipulate Americans – from average citizens to news outlets – on issues including the Hunter Biden Laptop from Hell, 2020 Election Integrity, COVID-19 origin and extent skepticism, COVID-19 vaccine skepticism, among other issues...

...Now that the Government lost its main effort to crush us, the real war begins. Having lost this crucial battle, the Government will be compelled to engage in full, “general” discovery. This means that Missouri, Louisiana, The Gateway Pundit, and the rest of the plaintiffs will be empowered to conduct a wide-ranging investigation into the Government’s fascist conspiracy with Big Tech to shut down speech, censor thought, and engage in population manipulation through information control, in contravention of our First Amendment (Find a Copy of Judge Doughty’s Order Denying the Motion to Dismiss, [here.](#))

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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people

He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries

He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harrass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our legislatures.

He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation:

For Quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent:

For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury:

For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies:

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

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Ravioli with Creamy Mushrooms and Asparagus



INGREDIENTS

- 1 20 oz. pkg cheese ravioli
- 2 **tbsp.** olive oil, divided
- 1 **lb.** mixed mushrooms, trimmed and quartered
- 8 **oz.** asparagus, trimmed and thinly sliced
- 2 shallots, finely chopped
- Kosher salt and pepper
- 1/2 **c.** dry white wine
- 2/3 **c.** crème fraiche
- 2 **tbsp.** chopped chives

DIRECTIONS

Step 1 Cook ravioli per pkg. directions.

Step 2 Heat 1 Tbsp oil in a large skillet on medium-high. Add half the mushrooms and cook, tossing once, until golden brown and crisp, 5 minutes. Transfer to a bowl and repeat with remaining mushrooms.

Step 3 Return skillet to medium-high, add asparagus and remaining Tbsp oil, if necessary, and cook, tossing until just tender, about 2 minutes; transfer to bowl with mushrooms.

Step 4 Add shallots to pan, season with 1/2 tsp each salt and pepper, and cook on medium, stirring occasionally until translucent, about 2 minutes. Add wine and simmer until reduced to 2 Tbsp, 2 minutes more. Stir in crème fraiche; toss with vegetables. Spoon over ravioli and sprinkle with chives.

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Election Integrity

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<https://rumble.com/v2xz14y-election-integrity-influence-operations-focus.html>

HE HAS THE PROOF BUT CAN WE HALT THE TAKE DOWN OF AMERICAN ELECTIONS?



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Abuse of Power

June 30, 2023

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Darrell Castle talks about the abuse of power, the corruption, and the willingness of the President of the United States to sell his country for money.

Transcription / Notes

ABUSE OF POWER

Hello, this is Darrell Castle with today's Castle Report. This is Friday the 30th day of June in the year of our Lord 2023. I will be talking about the abuse of power, the corruption, and the willingness of the President of the United States to sell his country to foreigners, some of them enemies or at least very hostile to America, for money. Did he do that or was it just Hunter? That's our subject for today.

It saddens me greatly to have to discuss such things especially on the Friday before the 4th of July, but nevertheless wishing that it had not and is not happening won't make it so. It appears that the President of the United States is so vile, so wicked, so totally corrupt, that he used his son as a conduit to extort money from foreign corporations and governments in exchange for favors and influence from the Vice President, and currently the President of the United States. The accusations I just mentioned are, as Ron Paul just stated, imminently impeachable.

Will the President face impeachment charges over any of the corruption that he appears guilty of? I doubt it very much because of past behavior of this government and the weak, gutless nature of Republicans in congress. More and more evidence pours out of the cesspool of house oversight committee hearings every single day but it gets nothing more than a nod or raised eyebrow from the Democrats. When did members of the House and Senate transition into advocates for a corrupt President?

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The future site of Ford's BlueOval Battery Park Michigan under construction in Marshall Township, Mich. on Monday, May 1, 2023. Jacob Hamilton | MLive.com

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...Michigan lawmakers fast-tracked legislation at the end of 2021 to pour \$1 billion into a fund that would attract big business investments. The Strategic Outreach Attraction Reserve, or SOAR, has since ballooned into a total \$2 billion as state lawmakers have green lit three additional deposits into the fund.

SOAR dollars are awarded by the Michigan Strategic Fund before being kicked back to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees for final approval. Nearly three-quarters of the fund has been spent in the past year and a half, bankrolling projects from General Motors, Ford Motor Company and startup Our Next Energy among others.

It's become a key tool as Michigan competes in a high stakes race for electric vehicle investments where thousands of jobs are on the line. But these jobs also come at a high taxpayer cost in what [watchdog group Good Jobs First](#) has called the biggest "megadeal spending spree" in U.S. history.

Sept. 28, 2022 - \$846.1 million

After three projects drained the SOAR fund last year, lawmakers OK'd another large deposit.

A supplemental bill earmarked \$846.1 million for the economic development fund. This move prompted Rep. Thomas Albert, R-Lowell, to [resign from his post](#) as chair of the House Appropriations Committee while calling the bill "reckless and irresponsible to taxpayers."

Related: [House, Senate OK's \\$1B deposit into Michigan's economic development fund](#)

Jan. 31, 2023 - \$150 million

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed a bill on Jan. 31 that allocated another \$150 million into the cash-strapped fund.

Related: [Upper Peninsula paper mill gets \\$200M under \\$1.1B spending bill OK'd by Michigan legislature](#)

March 8, 2023 - \$170.3 million

A \$1.3 billion spending bill passed by lawmakers in March included \$170.3 million for future SOAR projects.

That bill separately included \$630 million for a Ford battery plant that was already awarded a \$210 million grant (using SOAR monies), a tax break valued at \$774 million and a \$36 million loan to the Marshall Area Economic Development Alliance.

Related: [House sends \\$1.3B spending bill to Whitmer: \\$630M going to Ford battery plant](#)

In total, the SOAR deposits have added up to \$2,166,400,000 since the fund was created.

But as soon as money goes in, withdrawals pull funding out. Here's how the SOAR dollars have been directed so far:

SOAR Spending: March 9, 2022 - \$666.1 million

Only a few weeks after Michigan created the SOAR fund, two-thirds of it totaling \$666.1 million was awarded to General Motors. In January 2022, the Detroit automaker announced plans to invest \$7 billion and create 4,000 jobs across four manufacturing sites in Michigan.

The House and Senate Appropriations Committees approved the transfer on March 9.

California Republicans Propose Delegate Plans to Support RNC Corporate Billionaire Agenda and Eliminate Donald Trump - The Last Refuge

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Why do you think I focus so much emphasis on reminding people the RNC and DNC are private corporations – two private clubs, under the exclusive control of the billionaires who fund them? *Here's why...*

Laura Loomer is doing a great job exposing how the California Republican Party is changing their delegate rules in order to support the national RNC agenda. The primary date in California was changed to Super Tuesday; as a consequence, the massive number of delegates that come from the populous state will be distributed proportionately, blocking the “winner take all” haul of Republican delegates that would elevate the main GOP nominee (Trump).

Inside this scheme you will also find out why Harmeet Dhillon was supported by Ron DeSantis as a move to support the primary delegate plans. All of this is very interesting. First, I'll first provide the information from Loomer [[SEE HERE](#)] and then outline the bigger picture.

[[Laura Loomer](#)] – Here is the [EXCLUSIVE documentation](#) I obtained which proves what I said below days ago regarding how the [California GOP], specifically CAGOP Chairwoman Jessica Patterson, Harmeet Dhillon and Shawn Steel are trying to amend the bylaws regarding the Presidential delegation process in California as it relates to the RNC's nomination of the 2024 GOP nominee.

This won't be good for President Trump. The CAGOP is trying to amend the “winner take all” standard for the CA delegation process (which has been in place for years) so that they can award delegates to the GOP candidate who comes in second place as a way to counter delegate wins for President Trump in New Hampshire and Iowa since California has the most delegates out of any state in the country.

As I previously reported, this is a strategy by CAGOP to transfer delegates from President Trump and move them over to Ron DeSantis in an effort to undermine President Trump and hinder his chances of securing the GOP nomination for President. [House Speaker Kevin McCarthy works closely with Jessica Patterson whose name is on this document.

Jessica Patterson signed this proposed bylaw amendment, which was proposed by McCarthy lapdog Jessica Patterson, and signed by CA RNC national committee members Harmeet Dhillon and Shawn Steel.

The CAGOP is set to vote on this bylaw amendment at their Executive Committee meeting on July 29th in Irvine, CA at the Irvine Marriott Hotel at 9:30 am.

This has been kept a secret from California Republicans, and even today, members of the CAGOP leadership, including Ron Nehring, attacked me on Twitter and called me a liar for what I posted. Little did they know that I have been in possession of the documentation which proves what I have claimed regarding CAGOP's conspiracy to sabotage President Trump.

The California GOP have been trying to keep this dirty trick a secret, but I'm blowing the whistle on their blatant effort to sabo-

Brain Teaser



A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?

[Answer on page 15](#)



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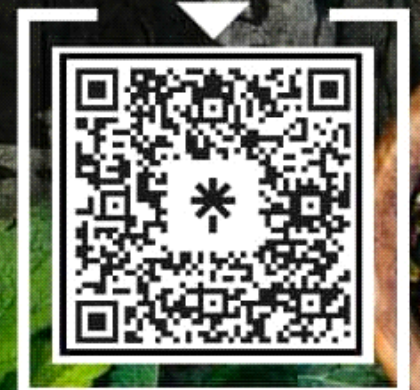
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[The lake was frozen](#)



The Founding Fathers realized that "the power to tax is the power to destroy," which is why they did not give the Federal government the power to impose an income tax. Needless to say, the Founders would be horrified to know that Americans today give more than a third of their income to the Federal government.

— Ron Paul —

AZ QUOTES



I am for doing good to the poor, but I differ in opinion of the means. I think the best way of doing good to the poor, is not making them easy in poverty, but leading or driving them out of it.

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Did you know there's a toilet museum?

In New Delhi, the Sulabh International Museum Of Toilets features a rare collection that details the historic evolution of toilets from 2500 BC all the way up to the present day. When you browse through the exhibit, you'll learn about the plumbing system of ancient societies, marvel at the elaborately decorated toilets of 18th and 19th-century Europe, and even get to sit upon one from Austria that is shaped like a lion!

Who Invented the Flush Toilet?

The first modern flushable toilet was described in 1596 by a godson of Queen Elizabeth I.



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In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

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***If you have read this far, congratulations!!

Please think about what you have read and ask yourself, "Are we experiencing the same things our forefathers experienced?" The names of certain things have changed but the outcome is still the same: Tyranny and the usurpation of Liberties and Freedoms.

Your home work is to look at the issues they faced and tell me how we are reliving those same things today. I will print your answers in the next issue.

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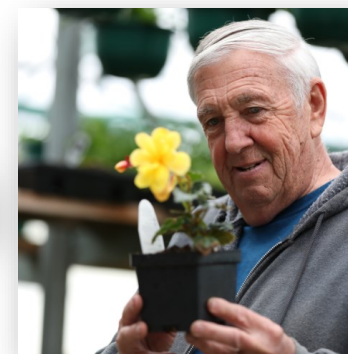
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