



Rand Paul, Other Conservatives Buck Leadership by Reviving 2015 Obamacare Repeal



Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, and Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., are among conservatives pushing for Congress to again pass its original Obamacare repeal. (Photo: Mike Theiler/UPI /Newscom)

By Morgan Walker, March 9, 2017, [dailysignal.com](#)

Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., has reintroduced an Obamacare repeal bill that passed both houses of Congress in 2015, highlighting conservatives’ dissatisfaction with Republican leadership’s new bill to replace the health care law.

Paul stressed that the language is the same as the repeal legislation that Republicans in the House and Senate passed and sent to President Barack Obama, which he vetoed in January 2016.

“The Republican Party is unified on Obamacare repeal,” Paul said in a prepared statement Thursday, adding:

We can honor our promise right away by passing the same language we acted on in the last Congress. Then, we can have a separate vote on replacement legislation that will deliver lower costs, better care, and greater access to the American people.

Since Monday evening, when House Speaker Paul Ryan released the text of the American Health Care Act, conservatives in the House and Senate have voiced their concerns about the 123-page Obamacare replacement bill.

The House Freedom Caucus, with roughly 40 conservative members, has thrown its support behind Paul’s bill.

Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, a former chairman of the caucus, introduced companion legislation in the House earlier this week.

Other Senate conservatives, including Mike Lee, R-Utah, and Ted Cruz, R-Texas, also have said they won’t support anything less than the 2015 repeal bill.

Paul’s Obamacare Repeal Act (S. 554) would repeal key provisions of Obamacare, including mandates requiring individuals to buy health insurance and employers of a certain size to provide it for employees.

Paul said his bill, co-sponsored by Lee, would repeal Obamacare taxes such as premium tax credits and cost-sharing subsidies, the medical device tax, and the so-called Cadillac tax on generous health plans. It also would reinstate deductions for medical expenses.

The revived 2015 bill also would repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund, often referred to as the “Obamacare slush fund,” the Kentucky Republican said, and eliminate expanded eligibility for Medicaid.

Finally, the bill would prevent the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, now former Rep. Tom Price of Georgia, from making payments under Obamacare’s reinsurance program, which provided the opportunity for insurance companies to get taxpayer bailouts.

In January, Paul introduced the Obamacare Replacement Act (S. 222) to allow Americans to choose more affordable, government-free insurance. It also would allow Americans to save an unlimited amount in health savings accounts and to buy insurance across state lines.

Fmr Obama Secret Service Agent Bongino Shares Info on Obama Wiretaps – It’s About to ‘Blow Wide Open’

By Carmine Sabia, March 6, 2017, [bizpacreview.com](#)



Former Secret Service agent Dan Bongino [pictured left] believes the Trump Tower wiretapping scandal, known as Obamagate by many on social media, is going to “blow wide open this week.”

The best-selling author, added that he plans on sharing information on the Obama administration this week with the public.

Bongino worked for the administrations of former Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama in the Presidential Protection Division.

He was a frequent presence on cable news shows throughout the 2016 presidential election season and had **an explosive confrontation** with CNN’s Don Lemon in defense of Trump.

It was so fiery that President Trump **congratulated him for it**.

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WikiLeaks' CIA Download Confirms Everybody's Tapped, Including Trump



By Roger L Simons, March 7, 2017, [pjmedia.com](#)

Remember the old joke about the definition of a paranoid -- *someone who knows all the facts?*

Well, we're all paranoids now because -- since Tuesday's, unprecedented in size and scope, Wikileaks document dump of massive cyber spying by the CIA -- everything we ever thought in our wildest imaginations is true... and then some.

To channel the late Preston Sturges, privacy is not only dead, it's decomposed. The CIA's Remote Devices Branch, known as UMBRAGE, is capable of -- or is -- watching you everywhere you go, even when you think they're not or such surveillance would seem impossible.

The question about whether President Trump was tapped has been reduced to a joke. The real questions are how often and from how many places. The answer would probably shock us, if we were ever to learn the truth. (And did President Obama know what they were doing? Either that or the CIA, FBI or NSA wasn't telling him. You decide.)

The Wikileaks documents (everyone believes their downloads now) show how the CIA, via their eerily named "Weeping Angel" program, has devised a method of listening to us through our smart TVs. Even when we think they're off, they are able to keep them on -- and recording -- through a "fake-off" program.

Just how many smart TVs does Donald Trump -- a known television addict -- watch in a day? Who is he talking to at the time? A foreign leader perhaps? And what is he saying in supposed confidence?

These days it's hard to buy a television that *isn't* a smart TV. The Wikileaks documents show only the popular Samsung has been hacked, but since the agency assiduously hacks both Apple and Android cellphones, one can assume all major brands are covered. (They're not stupid. We are.)

And that's far from their only way of listening in. Tyler Durden -- considerably more tech savvy than I -- expresses the amazement of that community that the CIA was able to bypass the purportedly powerful cellphone data security apps (Signal, Telegram) so many business executives, politicians and journalists rely upon, even to using our own anti-virus programs (McAfee, etc.) to spy on us. They also, apparently, can control our cars through the latest automobile computers. (NOTE TO SELF: Skip the Apple CarPlay upgrade.)

WikiLeaks Exposes Soviet-Style Lists

Further, Durden quotes Twitter star Kimdotcom's instant observation that the DNC/Russian hacking connection is also now a joke (at least highly suspect) since the CIA also has a program, via UMBRAGE again, to imitate Russian hacking techniques and leave the Russkies' "fingerprints" on their own handiwork. Could the CIA have hacked the DNC and then blamed it on the Russians for some purpose? It seems unlikely, but anything's possible in this crazy and increasingly bizarre and alienating world. If it is true, don't look now, but our country just exploded.

Our hope, for now, is in the congressional investigations, but it's hard to have much confidence in them. The media, of course, is ludicrous. They have clearly become the witting/unwitting lackeys of all manner of leakers from any number of intelligence agencies. It's become dizzying as the internal contradictions mount up daily. (*Who* told you there was a FISA order again? Oh, wait...) *The New York Times*

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In a Facebook Live video after the tweets, Bongino said the media wants to push the story that Trump might have pressured the FBI to tell him about the wiretap or that the president is lying.

But he explained that Trump’s Secret Service protection probably did electronic countermeasure sweeps to check for listening devices and found the bugs.

The media is too busy looking to find a way to make the story about President Trump doing something incorrect to realize that this is the most likely scenario, according to Bongino.

And he believes America is going to find out this week.

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and the *Washington Post*, among others, have reached self-parody in their cock-eyed denials of what they asserted only weeks ago, while the CIA grows progressively more partisan and ominously totalitarian in its values and methods.

Pretty soon every citizen is going to need a SCIF (Sensitive Compartmentalized Information Facility) of his or her own.

Whatever the case, we all have to do some serious thinking - way beyond the general superficiality and contrived drama of congressional hearings or indeed the quick in-and-out of an op-ed. What is being revealed here is a sea change in the human condition that is almost evolutionary in its implications. What are our lives like without the presumption of privacy? What kind of creatures will we become in this brave new world that appears already to have arrived? It’s not fun to contemplate. Even the medieval peasantry had moments of escape from their feudal lords.

Oversight Chairman: Nothing to See on Trump's Voter Fraud Claims, But Wiretapping Worth a Look

While initially critical of the Snowdens, Assanges or, for that matter, the mystery man behind this latest literally Earth-shattering dump, I now have somewhere between mixed and positive feelings towards them. (Well, maybe not Snowden.) With all the problems we have, having visited the Soviet Union, the Russian Republic and Communist China (when they were still in Mao suits), I know those countries are mostly little more than giant prisons and we are still (again for now) the good guys. Nevertheless, I am increasingly concerned we are creating our own "digital prison" that will make *Darkness at Noon* seem like child's play. At least in Arthur Koestler's novel of the Stalinist purge trials the inmates could communicate by tapping on the walls. What do we do?

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IRS Finds Almost 7,000 'Lost' documents Related to Tea Party Targeting Scandal - and You Can't See Them



At least, not yet.

You'll recall that, at the height of the Lois Lerner scandal, we heard a lot of stories regarding the IRS's inability to locate documents. First communications were "lost. Then they were "wiped." Then, "the backup tapes were destroyed." Then, the tapes were "found but unreadable." Then, it would "take too long to search through the data." Then, there were hearings, firings, 5th Amendment invocations, and a completely unsurprising lack of charges from Obama's DOJ. Finally, the story seemed to fade away.

Now, almost as if by some sort of data-locating magic, the IRS has "found" nearly 7,000 new documents pertaining to the case.

As the Washington Free Beacon reports:

The Internal Revenue Service has located 6,924 documents potentially related to the targeting of Tea Party conservatives, two years after the group, Judicial Watch, filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit for them.

The watchdog group intended to find records regarding how the IRS selected individuals and organizations for audits that were requesting nonprofit tax status.

Unfortunately, if you're hoping to see what these documents contain, well... you can't. At least not yet. Maybe you'll get a look someday, but the IRS isn't sure how long that will take.

The agency will not say when it will make the documents available to the public.

"At this time, the Service is unable to provide an estimate regarding when it will complete its review of the potentially responsive documents," the agency said. "The Service will begin producing any non-exempt, responsive documents by March 10, 2017, and, if necessary, continue to produce non-responsive records on a bi-weekly basis."

Q: Given the agency's track record of lies, obfuscation, and abuse, why should anyone believe they'll conduct their "complete review" in anything approaching an honest, timely, fashion?

A: No one should.

February Jobs Numbers Explode, Blowing Past Economists’ Expectations



By Bob Adelman, March 8, 2017, [thenewamerican.com](#)

The ADP/Moody’s jobs report released on Wednesday showed job growth 50-percent ahead of Wall Street’s expectations: 298,000 jobs were created in February versus expectations of less than 200,000 by economists polled by the *Wall Street Journal*. The job growth was all across the spectrum, with construction and manufacturing sectors adding 106,000 new jobs.

The report, sponsored by ADP, a human resources management company with more than 400,000 business clients, and aided by Moody’s Analytics, was based on performance reported during the month to both entities. Mark Zandi, Moody’s chief economist, commented on the remarkable February numbers:

Powering job growth were the construction, mining and manufacturing industries. But near record-high job openings and record-low layoffs underpin the entire job market.

Zandi thought improved confidence might have something to do with the blowout numbers:

Confidence is playing a large role. Businesses are anticipating a lot of good stuff — tax cuts, less regulation. They are hiring more aggressively.

Ahu Yildirmaz, an ADP vice president, was astonished at the numbers: “February proved to be an incredibly strong month for employment, with increases we have not seen in years.” Indeed, the ADP/Moody’s report revised January’s numbers from 246,000 new jobs to a more accurate 261,000. That’s 560,000 new jobs in just the first two months of the year which, if maintained, will add more than three million new jobs in 2017.

The same day that the ADP report came out, LinkedIn’s Workforce Report noted that, taken together, January and February were the strongest consecutive months for hiring since August and September of 2015.

LinkedIn added a note of caution: “Two months don’t make a trend, but it seems like the stronger hiring is being driven by elevated business confidence due to the new administration’s promises to lower taxes and reduce regulations. It’s unclear if this trend is sustainable, or merely a temporary blip on the radar, but we’re keeping an eye on it.”

Those Wall Street economists who missed the mark with the ADP report are readjusting their outlooks for Friday’s Labor Department jobs report. Last month the department’s Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported growth in January of 227,000 new jobs.

Missing from most of the conversation and consternation was the potential impact the president himself is having on the jobs numbers and the economy in general. No one seems interested in talking about the uptick in consumer confidence, or in Trump’s leadership qualities filtering through from his actions to date. The final results of February’s Consumer Confidence Survey conducted by the University of Michigan showed its Index of Consumer Sentiment jumping 5.0 percent year-over-year, its Current Economic Conditions index rising 4.4 percent YOY, and its Index of Consumer Expectations increasing by 5.6 percent. Said University of Michigan’s chief economist, Richard Curtin: “While consumer confidence edged upward in late February, it remained slightly below *the decade peak recorded in January*. Overall, the Sentiment Index has been higher during the past three months *than any time since March 2004*.” (Emphases added.)

Is it possible that these remarkable increases in consumer sentiment and job growth are happening in a vacuum? Not according to Jessica Stillman, who reviewed the results of a study undertaken by Tel Aviv University’s Faculty of Management: “If you want exceptional results, forget cracking the whip and running down your team for being less than stellar.... High expectations of employees leads to improved performance.” Professor Eden of the faculty said it’s all about the leader:

If a leader has high expectations ... it means that he or she will have a three times greater chance of being above average.

Additional proof of the power of a strong leader was provided by Joan Lloyd & Associates, which outlined the particular strengths of outstanding leaders:

They believe in themselves and have confidence in what they are doing.

They hold a strong belief in their ability to develop talents of their employees ... being careful to select only those subordinates they “know” will succeed.

They have the ability to communicate to their subordinates that their expectations are realistic and achievable.

They believe that [their] subordinates can learn to make decisions and to take the initiative [and] they encourage this behavior.

They prefer the rewards that come from the success ... of their subordinates.

Because these leadership qualities were evident in Trump even during the short span between the election and now, something called the “Trump Effect” is taking hold not only in the United States but, as the *New York Times* reluctantly admitted, around the world as well:

Call it the Trump Effect. Around the world, his election is already shaping events.... Companies hoping to profit from Mr. Trump’s economic policies have seen [the prices of] their shares soar.... Governments are recalibrating [their] policies on trade, defense and immigration.

Expectations always precede performance. High expectations precede high performance. The economy, under siege for so long, is just now catching its breath. President Donald Trump fully intends to “make America great again.”

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Standing Up For Our Children



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Commentary by Keith Flaugh, March 10, 2017

Feb 23rd and 24th, 2017 critically important Instructional Materials companion bills were filed in the Florida House and Senate. These curriculum bills will restore local control, empowering parents and taxpayers a meaningful place in the process for reviewing and acquiring of all textbook and online materials used to teach public school children.

Sen. Tom Lee and Rep. Byron Donalds are the sponsors for SB 1210 and HB 989. Think of them as “fixit” companion bills to a very “well-intentioned Senate Bill passed into law in 2014. However, the 2014 law was not implemented by a single school district. The original intent was to establish each school board to be constitutionally responsible for the instruction materials used in their respective districts and to establish an open, transparent process for reviewing, raising objections to and approving instructional materials used with K-12 students.

When passed, these “fixit” bills will restore the original intent in 5 key ways:

- 1) **Require that each school district shall implement a transparent Policy/Process within their District whether they acquire from the State list or create their individual acquisition program.**
- 2) **Provide a definition of quality materials and requirement for providers to meet Florida existing laws.**
- 3) **Tighten the definition of instructional materials to include “on-line” materials.**
- 4) **Give each District School Board greater flexibility to use instructional materials that meet or exceed current Florida Standards.**
- 5) **Expand parent’s and all taxpayers right to object to inappropriate classroom materials.**

At the heart of these fixit bills are the enhanced definition of “quality materials”. Every product you buy as a consumer has an explicit set of quality standards. Obvious examples: the car you drive and the cellphone and computer you use. Not so with the 100’s of millions of dollars Florida spends on textbooks.

Today, the materials are provided by Pearson PLC and one or two other large publishers. They are riddled with political and religious indoctrination; revised history teaching our children they are victims of oppressive and outdated founding principles; and age inappropriate sexually explicit materials aimed at destroying family values. See the documentation at www.floridaCitizensAlliance.com . **Search for “Objectionable Materials Report”**

Florida Citizens Alliance is a grassroots Alliance working with 80+ grassroots organizations committed to dramatically improving the outcomes for our Florida children.

FLCA helped draft this legislation and we are strong citizen advocates for its passage. Our Goal is simple- **to unleash the individual learning potential of every child!**

We invite your support. Subscribe to our website. **Adding your voice makes our collective voice louder! Call or email your local Florida representative and senator and ask them to co-sponsor these bills.**

Corcoran Vows to Take on Shady State Agencies, Continue Fight for Florida Voters



By Allison Nielsen, March 7, 2017, sunshinestatenews.com

House Speaker Richard Corcoran laid out the law of the land and his political agenda as he vowed to crack down on wasteful government spending and push for fairness and transparency in his Opening Day remarks Tuesday morning.

Corcoran, who began his first year as Speaker of the House in 2016, reviewed a growing list of reform measures the House has undertaken to bring transparency to the people of Florida.

The Land O’Lakes Republican recalled new ethics regulations to change the culture of lobbying in Florida. Gone, Corcoran said, are the days of lawmakers flying with lobbyists on private jets and taking text messages on House floor.

Corcoran also reflected on the ongoing battle to make massive cuts to state government agencies like Enterprise Florida, which the Speaker says has failed Floridians by squelching taxpayer dollars, all while not meeting its job promises. That position has put Corcoran and the majority of the House at odds with Gov. Rick Scott, who has touted both Enterprise Florida and the state’s tourism agency as pivotal parts to a booming economy.

“We questioned an agency’s spending and exposed its failures and abuses,” said Corcoran.

Corcoran also took a shot at Visit Florida, which the House has criticized for lack of transparency and for spending too much money trying to bring visitors to the Sunshine State.

“We forced another agency into the sunshine, sued a rapper and won, only to reveal even more wasteful spending,” he continued.

For any other organizations and agencies trying to take a page out of Enterprise Florida and Visit Florida, Corcoran had a message: We’ll come after you, no matter what the cost.

“For those organizations and agencies unwilling to change; who see themselves as being special; as being exempt and above the law, then know this: we will continue to fight for the taxpayers and we don’t care if that battle takes place in committee rooms or courtrooms,” he said.

The speaker vowed to oppose property tax increases, to fight for 12-year term limits on appellate judges and to protect public education and expand school choice.

Corcoran has long been an advocate of the state’s school choice program, which has come under fire in recent years for funneling money away from the public education system.

“These are big ideas -- complicated ideas,” he said.

As Corcoran stood at the podium, looking out on the House Chamber, he said the House’s work was only just beginning.

“We haven’t even scratched the surface,” he said, vowing to ride into battle for what’s right for taxpayers. “We have taken on each of these fights because they are the right thing to do.”

Members, Corcoran advised, should not cower in fear from intense debates or controversy -- instead, they must focus on doing what’s right.

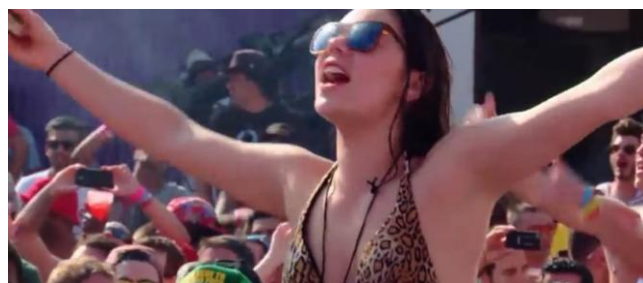
“We will not fear big ideas or hard choices - what we will fear is becoming one of those poor timid souls who sat in these chairs and never stood up for one meaningful idea or made one meaningful change,” he said.

In the end, state legislators all have choices, and Corcoran said it was up to lawmakers to make the right ones.

“Let us choose courage over safety and people over politics,” he said. “Do not let the agonizing pain of regret be a part of your future. Never be afraid of fighting for what is right. Be afraid of being afraid.”

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Nearly A THIRD of America’s College Students Will Use Loans for Spring Break Trips This Year



By Eric Owens, Education Editor, March 9, 2017, dailycaller.com

Just over 30 percent of America’s college students with student loan debt admit that they plan to fritter away part of their federally-subsidized loan funds to pay for sun-and-beer-soaked spring break trips this year.

LendEDU, a student loan marketplace website, documented this startling fact in a nationwide survey of 500 students currently attending America’s colleges and universities.

The survey shows that 30.6 percent of debt-laden students say they are using student loan funds to pay for airfare and hotels, and to generally party hard on a super-fun vacation during their post-mid-term breaks.

Data from Orbitz obtained by LendEDU shows that 55 percent of America’s college students travel to some exciting destination for spring break. That 55 percent equates to 11,275,000 students taking vacations at some point.

That nearly 2.4 million cash-strapped students enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities will spend student loan money on thrilling adventures this year.

“Considering the severity of the student loan crisis in the United States right now, this number is severely disappointing,” LendEDU said in a statement sent to The Daily Caller.

Daytona Beach, South Padre Island, Cancun, Puerto Vallarta and Las Vegas are among the most popular spring break destinations among America’s college students, according to Travel Channel.

The LendEDU poll also shows that 23.8 percent of America’s college students admit to using student loan funds to buy beer and liquor.

Just under 7 percent are willing to say they use their student loans to buy drugs.

And 5.6 percent say they gamble or bet on sporting events with student loan funds.

Last week, LendEDU released data from the same 500-student survey showing that nearly half of all America’s college students have deluded themselves into believing that the federal government will forgive their student loans in spite of the fact that the federal government forgives only a very low percentage of student loans. In reality, only about 10 percent of all college graduates will ever see any portion of their student loans forgiven under current loan forgiveness law.

Nearly 70 percent of all college students in the United States take on student loan debt.

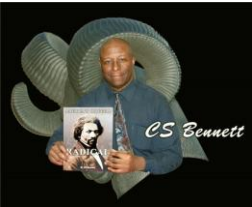
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Student loan debt continues to rise annually in the United States. Some 44 million Americans hold a grand total of \$1.31 trillion in student loan debt, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported earlier this month. **(America’s Total Student Loan Debt Is Hilariously Staggering)**

To put this \$1.31 trillion figure in perspective: The enormity of the U.S. student loan mess is almost as big as the entire economy of Russia, where the nominal gross-domestic product is \$1.33 trillion annually.

Are the Radical Republicans Back?



By CS Bennett, March 7, 2017

More than looking presidential during his first joint session to Congress weeks ago, President Trump was confident and commanding. His vision was spoken with clarity and with conviction. This was not just another political speech. It was a referendum on the direction the United States was heading from this moment on. It was also a message of reassurance to the world that America was back and back strong.

Trump also put the democrats on notice that he was in charge and that it was up to them if they wanted to work with him or continue to obstruct him and his agenda. If they work with him, then all is well and we will all get to the promise land much faster. If they continue to throw temper tantrums they will be surely punished by the electorate in the 2018 midterms.

As they have shown throughout their history, democrats are obstructionists and will likely remain so. Their days of hope and change are over. It is time for the country to get onboard the Trump train. Where he wants to take us goes far beyond hope and change. It is a destiny called American Exceptionalism. It is a place we have been to before but lost our way somehow when our leaders led us astray.

Trump will do his part. The question remains, will the Republican Party, House and Senate remain strong and true and committed to Trump’s agenda, which is America’s agenda. They are known to cave in under pressure. That is why they should look back at their past and take a lesson from the 1850s and 1860s Radical Republicans who ruled Capitol Hill. During that time major legislation was passed, much of it having to do with the abolishment of slavery.

These courageous republicans stood up to the democrats and said enough is enough, let our people go. And they passed laws that freed slaves and gave them the right to vote and the right to become citizens and own property. It was not easy but the republicans stood firm and stood united. They were labeled radicals because what they wanted and enacted was radical. Simply put, they had a backbone.

The bottom line is this, Paul Ryan’s republicans in the House and Mitch McConnell’s republicans in the Senate need to unite behind this president and do the will of the people who upset the 2016 presidential elections and put them in a position to effect change. Let’s hope they grow a backbone and let’s hope they are truly onboard with making America great again. The reality remains this; we have this once in a lifetime moment to get this right. Let’s be like those Radical Republicans of yesteryear and make major history again...

Observations of a Black Guy at the Orlando March 4 Trump Rally



By Lloyd Marcus, March 6, 2017, lloydmarcus.com

I performed my original song, "We Are Americans," at the Orlando March 4 Trump rally. It felt like a family reunion, seeing patriots from the early days of the Tea Party movement – lots of hugs. The mood of the rally was

electric. Everyone was happy, excited, and fired up about President Trump.

To the fake news media and Obama, who think their orchestrated lying campaign to destroy Trump is working, I say, "Forget about it! It ain't workin'!"

Trump-mania is alive and well, stronger than ever!

Vendors were selling Trump caps, t-shirts, and everything in between, including Trump welcome mats. One elderly patriot, adorned head to toe in red, white, and blue Trump paraphernalia, told me she feared putting a Trump welcome mat outside her front door. She said it is unfair that we cannot freely support our president without fear of attacks.

The emcee instructed all us speakers to stay close to the stage. However, I knew there were a few speakers ahead of me on the program, so I wandered away into the crowd to chat with people.

A white gentleman shared with me his frustration trying to legally bring his foreign wife to the United States. He said after battling incompetence, submitting a mountain of documents, and spending \$18,000 thus far, his wife still has not been granted entry into the U.S. We talked about the unfairness. He is respecting and adhering to our immigration laws. And yet Obama opened the floodgates to illegals, totally unvetted, gifting them government freebies unavailable to Americans. I told the brother to hang in there. Trump is cutting bureaucracy.

I met a white woman who is chair of a Republican Club. She said they have been reaching out to blacks in a sincere attempt to add more diversity to their club. She asked my advice. I chuckled and said, "Good luck with that!" I have been trying to get blacks to break their mindless loyalty to the Democrats for over a decade. Still, I told the patriot sister to keep trying. With God's help, suddenly mindsets can change.

I asked a young white kid around 14 years old about the unique flag he was waving: blue with a crescent moon and the word "liberty." The kid was an encyclopedia regarding American flags, giving me the full history. Blown away, I said, "You are way too smart for public school. You have got to be homeschooled." He replied, "Yes, sir." I knew it. In my years of touring the country on 14 Tea Party national bus tours, homeschooled kids were strikingly different: calmer, smarter, behaved, and well educated. Leftists are at war with parents, trying to outlaw homeschooling.

Everyone was buzzing about Trump tweeting about Obama bugging Trump Tower before the election. Enraged fake news, Democrats, and other leftists bash Trump for tweeting, declaring it un-presidential. Clearly, Trump supporters, over 60 million Americans, love it. They love Trump speaking directly to them, bypassing leftist operatives disguised as mainstream media.

An Asian female speaker addressing the crowd said it took her 35 years to become a legal U.S. citizen with the right to vote. She expressed how proud she was to be an American. The audience went nuts. They loved her.

Representatives from Hispanics, women, and blacks for Trump spoke from the stage. They were warmly and enthusiastically embraced by the crowd. We were family, united in our love for our country, excited about President Trump and his agenda: putting America first and making her great again. Such was the theme of the day.

I chatted with blacks at the rally to support Trump. Interestingly, they were entrepreneurs. It is funny how when you're a businessperson trying to achieve your American Dream, you are well aware of the roadblocks placed in your path by high taxes and the government's tyrannical, absurd regulations.

The biggest thing I noticed at the Orlando rally for Trump was the obvious political growth and political sophistication of the participants. Back in the early days of the Tea Party movement, we were naive patriots. We thought we were fighting only the socialist policies of a left-leaning president and the Democrats.

Today, we know our enemies: radical leftist Obama and his army of thugs; the fake news media; the corrupt Washington, D.C. political establishment (Republicans and Democrats); and NeverTrumpers – united in their mission to destroy Trump's presidency.

We the People are politically well educated and well organized. We are spiritually, emotionally, and intellectually locked and loaded, ready for battle – ready to support and defend our new president.

Please continue moving forward, Mr. President. We the People have your back!

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Richard Corcoran Names Nine Appointees to Constitution Revision Commission



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House Speaker Richard Corcoran named his nine appointees to the Florida Constitution Revision Commission Monday afternoon, adding his own preferences to the 37 member group which reviews the state constitution.

Among Corcoran’s appointees are school board members, state lawmakers and lawyers, with a heavy significance on Corcoran’s home base of Tampa Bay.

The commission meets for a yearlong term, traveling the state and recommending changes to the state constitution. The last time the CRC met to make changes to the constitution was two decades ago, from 1997-1998.

“This decision was difficult and many distinguished and capable leaders were considered,” Corcoran said.

Ultimately, Corcoran chose five state lawmakers, two lawyers, one school board member, and a sheriff to sit on the Commission.

Corcoran said he gave favor to applicants who either currently held office or had held office in the past.

“The decision making process did place a premium on past or current elected office,” he explained. “The rationale behind this being that those who have placed their name before the people have an excellent understanding who they work for.”

Corcoran tapped two Miami-Dade lawmakers in his selection: Rep. Jose Felix Diaz, R-Miami and Speaker pro tempore Jeanette Nunez, R-Miami. Each lawmaker is in their final two years before terming out.

From the Tampa Bay region, Corcoran chose Rep. Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor, Sen. Darryl Rouson, R-St. Petersburg, and Sen. Tom Lee, R-Brandon to serve on the CRC. The Land O’Lakes Republican also chose Sheriff Chris Nocco of Pasco County to sit on the Commission.

School boards and charter schools will also have a friend in the CRC: Collier County School Board member Erika Donalds. Donalds has been a longtime advocate of the charter school movement and is a founding member and past president of a non-profit organization focused on representing parents and students in Florida, Parents Rights of Choice for Kids (R.O.C.K). Donalds also serves on the Florida Coalition of School Board Members.

Donalds’ husband currently serves in the Florida House.

Last week, Gov. Rick Scott appointed 15 members to the CRC and named businessman Carlos Beruff as the commission’s chair.

Corcoran said his appointees represented his vision and their own vision for the good of Florida.

“These appointees are diverse, principled, and won't march in lockstep with anyone,” Corcoran said. “And my only charge to each has been to do what they believe to be right. I am sure that each Member appointed today will do their part to ensure freedom and the rule of law are embodied in our final product.

The full list includes:

Rep. Jose Felix Diaz, Miami
Rep. Jeannette Nunez, Miami
Sen. Tom Lee, Brandon
Sen. Darryl Rouson, St. Petersburg
Rich Newsome, Orlando
John Stemberger, Orlando
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Christmas: A Federal Holiday!



By Nelson A. Pryor, Guest Columnist, March 6, 2017

Are you tired of the term: "Winter Break?" Well, this author is! "Christmas Break" was good enough when I was just a nub of a scholar. It covered the subject! We honored Christmas. We got a middle of the year break from school, and Christ was the reason.

A lot was said and not said by that method, and everyone was happy.

According to the June 17, 1870 Congressional Globe, p 4528, Congressman Burton Cook, Illinois, introduced House Resolution 2224, which was passed, declaring that Christmas, December 25, be made a legal holiday.

According to the June 24, 1870 Congressional Globe, p. 4805, Hannibal Hamlin, U. S. Senator, Maine, Abe Lincoln's first Vice President, introduced the subject to the Senate. He wanted Christmas to be recognized as a legal

holiday. It was apparently passed without objection.

Ulysses S. Grant

On June 28, 1870, President Grant made Christmas a legal holiday, by approving H. R. 2224, as recorded in the laws passed by the 41st Congress, 2nd Session, in the Congressional Globe, Appendix p. 671 as Chapter 167.

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What Went Wrong?

People are trying to get rid of Christmas. Yet, from our founding at Jamestown and Plymouth Rock, our ancestors fought for religious freedom, yes, even for the right to have a “Christmas.” A Christmas Holiday, not a winter break! Let’s not surrender!

We are allowing our freedoms to be taken away-one by one. We are guilty of what Voltairine de Cleyre said we would. That is: “...so long as the people do not care to exercise their freedom, those who wish to tyrannize will do so; for tyrants are active and ardent, and will devote themselves in the name of any number of gods, religious and otherwise, to put shackles upon sleeping men.” (Berkman, Alexander, editor. Selected Works of Voltairine de Cleyre. NY: Mother Earth Publishing Association, 1914. P. 132.

Our inattention or complicity has given a boundless license to those who wish to fundamentally change America.

For the most part, the changes have been gradual, not enough apparently for one to say: “This, I cannot abide.” And having created little or no backlash, the disturbers of the peace continue to nibble away at our liberties.

Is Christmas a legal holiday in Florida? Let’s find out! Our Legislature meets on March 7 and runs for 60 days through May 5, this year.

If Christmas in not a legal holiday, then let’s make it a legal holiday. Our State Representative, District 7, the Madison, Jefferson, Taylor County area, is: Halsey Beshears, Tallahassee Office, 1102 The Capitol, 402 S. Monroe St., (850) 717-5007. Our State Senator, District 3, is: Bill Montford, 214 Senate Office Bldg., 404 S. Monroe St., (850) 487-5003.

The overthrow of a paramount policy, the extinction of that principle, is, in effect, the subjugation and conquest of that people. Do we submit to this nibbling, or contest those who are actively stealing, our heritage?

Fight for Christmas

As a tea party veteran, this author recognized those who also said: “I’m mad as hell, and I’m not going to take it anymore!”



Dear Editor,

Re: “Common Law Court of Record” article by Hagan Smith which was published in the last edition of this newspaper. As a faithful follower of articles that point out the failure of “We the People”, to hold our master/servants accountable: “Gold Fringe Flag”, “Oaths and Bonds”, etc: Hagan Smith makes good and valid points. But I feel Mr. Smith left us hanging. Although what he says is true, the point we need to grasp is that our problem is not just the reverse interpretation or application of constitutional principles, but the fact our public officials ignore the constitution and violate our God-Given rights with reckless abandon. They do this because we (The People) have relinquished every means to hold our officials accountable for their actions – even when these actions are indictable crimes.

Florida has no recall process, no independent Frand Juries to look into public offices and root out corruption, no official bond requirement to protect us from ‘official’ injuries, and no intelligible oath of offices to which we can hold our elected and appointed officials accountable. Our judges, prosecutors and public defenders are declared to have “absolute immunity” from prosecution for the crimes they commit daily in our state courts.

Because of this, Florida leads our nation in public corruption All three branches of government, on every level, is plagued with misconduct – but we are blind to it.

Hagan Smith is right. Common Law Courts of Record (and Common Law Grand Juries) could solve many of the peoples’ problems, but Hagan fell short of telling us where we can find such courts, and how we can file our cases in them, especially when the “Admiralty/Maritime” courts are holding a gun to our heads and forcing us into their jurisdiction.

Perhaps Mr. Smith will give “the rest of the story” in his next installment.

Submitted by Tom Payne

Dear Editor,

I tell ya!

I'm MAD as Hell and tired of taking it anymore!!!

Government agencies, bureaucrats and politicians be DAMNED! May a curse of dread, famine and poverty fall down upon you and your families for all the darn dirty deeds you have done.

I may be behind and have missed out on notification of this one---My wife went in today to "Purchase" a burn permit (payed the Crown their ransom) and was informed that the permit process was going to be changed soon.

The way I understand it is they will soon force us to pay with credit card for only a two week window to burn in. IF you want to burn again after the deadline date then you are FORCED to pay AGAIN for another two week period!!!

What the heck? Are the County Commissioners totally unaware of what their bureaucrats are up to? Money grubbing fools!

I will be doing up a cartoon in protest... Rose Femia Pugliese [Mesa County Commissioner]... fees and permits are TAXATION!!!!

If Mesa County is RINO Red then it ain't representing me!

Someone tell me I'm wrong on one or more of the issues I have with BIG GOVERNMENT.

And IF you're wealthy enough to not give a damn about fees, permits, taxes, loss of freedom, etc., then YOU are part of the problem with America!

TAXATION IS THEFT

Paul Snover, Loma, Colorado

Kill Pythons, Earn Money: SFWMD Board Launches New Pilot Program



By sunshinestatenews.com, March 9, 2017

One species, the Burmese python, is wreaking havoc on the Everglades, and if left alone much longer, it will change the balance of nature in the delicate ecosystem perhaps forever.

In response, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Governing Board approved pilot program funding Thursday morning, designed to incentivize private parties who are prepared to help eliminate the big snakes from public lands.

The district calls its monetary compensation program "a bold new action plan giving participants unprecedented access to District-owned lands in an effort to remove these destructive snakes that have become an apex predator of the Everglades."

Said SFWMD Governing Board Chairman Dan O'Keefe, "Anyone who has seen the now-famous python vs. alligator video can attest that the fight for survival of the Everglades is real. This board is taking appropriate action to push back the infestation of these invaders. Floridians should have no sympathies for this notorious strangler, and this latest initiative should pave the way for further exotic elimination efforts."

On April 1, 25 participants will be selected to work with District staff to implement the program to kill pythons over a 60-day period. Participants are encouraged to register at www.sfwmd.gov/pythonprogram. (Registration begins March 10).

If retained, each participant will be given instructions and field identification guides allowing access to District lands infested with pythons in Miami-Dade County. Participants will be paid minimum wage hourly rate up to eight hours daily. Depending on the size of the snake presented, there will be an additional on-the-spot per python payment of \$50 for pythons measuring up to 4 feet and an extra \$25 for each foot measured above 4 feet.

An additional \$100 will be given for each eliminated python nest with eggs.

Eligibility Rules

Everyone is welcome to apply to become a participant by completing and submitting an application found on the website. Participants must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid driver's license. They must have access to a mobile device (iPhone or Android) for utilization of the required GPS software. Participants may not have been convicted of a wildlife-related offense. The District reserves the right to select applicants that have demonstrable experience, or other relevant expertise, over other candidates.

Background, Provided by SFWMD

Once sought-after commodities, Burmese pythons have been sold by breeders as pets or showpieces to exotic animal collectors. Since making their way into the bountiful grounds of Florida's Everglades, these pythons have thrived, assuming a top position on the food chain.

Researchers have been pressed to provide specific numbers related to those currently inhabiting the Everglades, but a rapid number of increased sightings from 2005 to 2010 is alarming. This species was once relegated to only Everglades National Park and Miami-Dade County, but recent tracking shows these pythons are moving westward into locations like Big Cypress National Preserve and Collier County and northward into Broward and Palm Beach counties.

The scaled menace possesses an insatiable appetite that cannot only kill Florida native prey and pose a threat to humans, but also rob panthers, birds of prey, alligators and bobcats of a primary food source.

In fact, a 2015 University of Florida study researched python impact on indigenous food sources. Researchers released 95 adult marsh rabbits in areas known to harbor pythons. Within 11 months of the release in the Everglades, the study showed that pythons accounted for 77 percent of rabbit deaths, reducing prey for native predators.

The FBI is Investigating Approximately 300 Refugees for Terrorism



Refugees who fled the Iraqi city of Mosul due to the fighting between government forces and Islamic State (IS) group jihadists, queue for heating fuel at the UN-run al-Hol refugee camp in Syria's Hasakeh province, on January 29, 2017. AFP / DELIL SOULEIMAN A

By Alex Pfeiffer, March 6, 2017, dailycaller.com

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating approximately 300 refugees in the U.S. for terrorism, a Department of Homeland Security official told reporters Monday.

The official said this was “truly an alarming number,” and added that there are also approximately 1,000 investigations into potential domestic terrorists inspired or motivated by ISIS.

Two terrorist attacks by Somali refugees have injured more than 20 Americans in the past year. The DHS also pointed Monday to the case of another Somali refugee who was sentenced to 30 years in prison in 2014 for trying to set off a bomb at a Christmas tree-lighting ceremony in Portland, Ore.

The announcement from the DHS official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, came as President Donald Trump signed an executive order that would temporarily stop refugee admittances for 120 days.

More than 4,300 refugees have entered the country in the past month since a federal judge blocked Trump’s previous order stopping refugee entry. This new executive order will be effective on March 16, and during the halt in refugee entry, the government will review vetting procedures.

Unlike the previous executive order, the one signed Monday has no indefinite ban on Syrian refugee entry.