#### A Newsletter from the Conservatives on Main Street, Winnebago GOP

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## Elections, and Having to Do With

## Find your early voting and polling places and ballots HERE:

https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/

# Winnebago County Republican Party Recommendations April 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Election

# Wisconsin Supreme Court\* Justice Dan Kelly

https://justicedanielkelly.com/

\*The current election is to replace a retiring conservative, Chief Justice Pat Roggansack. The current balance in the Wisconsin Supreme Court is 4:3 in favor of the court acting like a court instead of a legislature of last resort and liberal rubber stamp. Electing Justice Kelly to this open position will maintain our Supreme Court slightly to the conservative side, where it is now. This is the most important Wisconsin election of at least the decade.

**Editor's Note:** If the court goes left, what happens to any court case concerning voter ID, and other election laws leading up to the 2024 elections? Will a left-leaning Supreme Court ALLOW ANY CONSERVATIVE to be elected to President by Wisconsin?

# Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 2 Incumbent Judge Scott Woldt

https://keepjudgewoldt.com/

#### Oshkosh Area School Board Kelly DeWitt

https://www.dewitt4oshkoshschoolboard.com/

Conservative Strategy: To strengthen your vote cast ONE VOTE ONLY for Kelly DeWitt and no more—second and third votes count as votes AGAINST Kelly DeWitt

Oshkosh Mayor Matt Mugerauer

https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=matt%20mugerauer

# Oshkosh Common Council Conservative Strategy: to strengthen your vote cast votes ONLY for Paul Esslinger and Bill Miller--excess votes count as votes AGAINST these conservatives.

Neenah Joint School District
Conservative Strategy: to strengthen your vote cast ONE VOTE ONLY
for Lindsay Clark and no more—second and third votes
count as votes AGAINST conservative Lindsay Clark

https://clark4neenah.com/

## Neenah Aldermanic District 1 Alexander Collins

https://www.facebook.com/AlexForNeenah

Town of Winchester
Chairperson: Matthew Olson
Supervisor #2: David Pavlik\*

Village of Winneconne
Municipal Court Judge: David Pavlik\*

\*These races and positions do not interfere nor conflict with each other

Omro School Board Joanie Beem Tom Jackson

#### **Binding Referendum Question 1**

"Conditions of release before conviction. Shall section 8 (2) of article I of the constitution be amended to allow a court to impose on an accused person being released before conviction conditions that are designed to protect the community from serious harm?"

Recommendation: Vote YES: A yes vote allows a judge to consider public safety when considering release of defendants before trial.

#### **Binding Referendum Question 2**

"Cash bail before conviction. Shall section 8 (2) of article I of the constitution be amended to allow a court to impose cash bail on a person accused of a violent crime based on the totality of the circumstances, including the accused's previous convictions for a violent crime, the probability that the accused will fail to appear, the need to protect the community from serious harm and prevent witness intimidation, and potential affirmative defenses?"

Recommendation: Vote YES: A yes vote allows a judge to consider protection of the community and previous convictions for violent crimes while setting bail for the accused.

#### **Advisory Referendum Question 3**

"Shall able-bodied, childless adults be required to look for work in order to receive taxpayer-funded welfare benefits?"

Recommendation: Vote YES: A yes vote recommends that welfare recipients be required to look for work to obtain benefits.

## Gov't Goings-On (partial listing only)

#### Winnebago County

- 1. The County board passed its 2023 CIP plan *without* the expensive UW Fox Cities renovation project. This project has been sent back to engineering for review.
- 2. The County Board authorized the creation of two key ad-hoc task forces.
  - a. The first will look at other counties' committee structures. Winnebago County has 16 total committees and sub-committees. Surrounding counties have fewer. Each committee represents work to be done, but each also incur operating expenses. A new plan may be proposed for the term starting in 2024.
  - b. The second will look at supervisor compensation. The primary issue is eligibility for per diem compensation for committee work. Currently, any supervisor can attend any committee meeting and claim per diem compensation for attendance, either in person, or on zoom. After investigation and consideration, the ad hoc committee will present alternatives to the entire board.
  - c. In the same vein, after the ad hoc committee work is done, they will be disbanded.
- 3. The board will be considering new compensation and wage plans for all county workers to remain competitive in the labor markets.

https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/county-clerk/meetings

#### Wisconsin State Assembly

- 1. The assembly passed bills to:
  - a. Provide county jailers protective status in the Wisconsin retirement system.
  - b. Require high schools to keep track of certain crimes and report them to DPI and to local law enforcement agencies. If enough crimes transpire the school would be required to hire a School Resource Officer.
  - c. Continue the Wisconsin Merit Scholarship program.
- 2. Hearings were held in the assembly to discuss bills that would:
  - a. Create a grant program for spinal cord injury research.
  - b. Extend the rights of properly tagged handicap parking and disabled veteran vehicles to oncampus parking on University of Wisconsin campuses.

#### **United States Congress**

1. Republicans in the House have introduced the America Works Act that will reinstate work requirements for the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program [AKA Food Stamps]). Work

requirements existed prior to the COVID crisis. These requirements were discontinued during the economic shutdowns instituted during that time. The intention of this legislation is to return to the previous practice that made assistance available to those that really need it, but also to fight the abuses to the system and encourage able-bodied people to get off the sideline and back into productive economic activity. Representative Glenn Grothman is a co-sponsor of this bill.

#### **Contact our Representatives**

https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/county-board
https://legis.wisconsin.gov/assembly/republicans/members/
https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/legislators/senate

https://grothman.house.gov/
https://gallagher.house.gov/
https://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/
https://www.baldwin.senate.gov/

#### Thinking about running for local office?

If you are interested in running for local political office in the future, please contact <a href="mailto:campaign@winnebagogop.org">campaign@winnebagogop.org</a> call us at 920-303-9270 or stop in at 738 North Main Street for more information and to contribute to the conservative future of our country.

## Hey, it's NOT just a joke!



THAT was easy . . . .

## What he/she said . . . . HUH? (. . . you can't make this stuff up)

Repeat Notification:

--WARNING—
SOME NEW YORK TIMES NEWS BELOW
It is what they DON'T report that is disheartening.
I hope you appreciate it. Reading that rag is getting me down.

**In 2021**, a Fed review of the growing [Silicon Valley] bank found serious weaknesses in how it was handling key risks. Supervisors at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which oversaw Silicon Valley Bank, issued six citations.

Those warnings, known as "matters requiring attention" and "matters requiring immediate attention," flagged that the firm was doing a bad job of ensuring that it would have enough easy-to-tap cash on hand in the event of trouble.

But the bank did not fix its vulnerabilities.

https://www.nytimes.com/2023/03/19/business/economy/fed-silicon-valley-bank.html?smid=nytcore-ios-share&referringSource=articleShare

Editor's Note: What is a little directive among friends? Oh, nothing, except your retirement money and mine. Google Mary Daly, the Fed Chief of the Region. She was a DEI Hire all the way up the chain. SEE NEXT.

In 2021, she [Mary Daly] said, "I am not thinking that we have unwanted inflation around the corner. I don't think that's a risk."

Daly has no background in banking or managing risk. After dropping out of high school, she worked in a donut shop before eventually getting her GED and entering college, where **she became enamored with a socialist professor.** (emphasis mine)

https://nypost.com/2023/03/17/why-woke-frisco-fed-chief-missed-silicon-valley-banks-warning-signs/

California Gov. <u>Gavin Newsom</u> is facing increased pressure to use his authority to unilaterally enact proposals that would dole out billions of dollars to Black residents in reparations as a way to make amends for slavery if the state legislature doesn't act.

The California Reparations Task Force, which was created by state legislation in 2020, is considering a proposal to give just under \$360,000 per person to approximately 1.8 million Black Californians who had an ancestor enslaved in the US., putting the total cost of the program at about \$640 billion.

According to an expert and leading reparations activist, however, Newsom, a Democrat, should be prepared to use his own power to enact such measures for the State's Black residents if the legislature doesn't. <a href="https://www.foxnews.com/politics/newsom-pressure-take-executive-action-reparations-california-legislature-doesnt-act">https://www.foxnews.com/politics/newsom-pressure-take-executive-action-reparations-california-legislature-doesnt-act</a>

**Enabling Act**, law passed by the German Reichstag (Diet) in 1933 that enabled Adolf Hitler to assume dictatorial powers. Deputies from the Nazi Party, the German National People's Party, and the Centre

Party voted in favor of the act, which "enabled" Hitler's government to issue decrees independently of the Reichstag and the presidency. It gave Hitler a base from which to carry out the first steps of his National Socialist revolution.

https://www.britannica.com/topic/Enabling-Act

Editor's Note: Someone please explain the difference to me. Is "the camel's nose" under the tent flap? Or is that his rear hindquarters passing by us?

#### WHO WE ARE DEALING WITH DEPARTMENT

**NEWARK, N.J.** -- The city of Newark is admitting it got scammed.

It was about to become a Sister City with a Hindu nation, but there was one problem -- the nation doesn't exist. (Editor's CORRECTION: It DID become a Sister City with Kailasa and later tore up the agreement. See below)

As CBS2's Ali Bauman reports, the city only found out about the fraud after it held an official ceremony for it.

What started off as a seemingly well-intentioned partnership has turned into a giant embarrassment for the city of Newark.

Earlier this year, Mayor Ras Baraka invited what he thought was the Hindu nation of Kailasa to Newark's City Hall for a cultural trade agreement, but it turns out Kailasa is no nation at all; it's a fake.

"Whose job was it to do a simple Google search? No one in City Hall, not one person did a Google search, so maybe we need a transformation of City Hall because not one person said, let me go and Google and figure out this was a fake city," Newark resident Shakee Merritt said.

https://www.cbsnews.com/newyork/news/newark-sister-city-scam-kailasa/

#### Editor's NOTE: City of Newark went 88% for Biden in 2020.

https://nj.gov/state/elections/assets/pdf/election-results/2020/2020-official-general-results-president-essex.pdf

The Newark city in US's New Jersey was recently in for some embarrassment as it had to rescind a sistercity agreement with rape-accused Nithyananda's 'United States of Kailasa', within a week of inking the agreement with the 'virtual sovereign state'.

The signing ceremony for the sister-city agreement between Newark and the 'United States of Kailasa' took place at the City Hall in Newark on January 12 this year.

https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/uss-newark-revokes-sister-city-agreement-with-fugitive-nithyanandas-kailasa/ar-AA18hw8h

## Even the United Nations, our World Government, is right on top of the trend. I feel like we are in very good hands and much safer now, don't you?

Representatives of controversial godman Nithyananda's self-proclaimed country 'Republic of Kailasa' attended a United Nations meeting, where they demanded protection for the "supreme pontiff of Hinduism". The meeting of United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) was held in Geneva on February 24. The photos of the meeting were posted on the official Twitter account of Nithyananda along with the information that the all-women delegation participated in discussions on "equal and inclusive representation of women in decision-making systems". Nithyananda, who left India years ago, established his ashram in a location he calls Kailasa. There is a lot of speculation as to where this place is. <a href="https://www.ndtv.com/feature/nithyanandas-kailasa-attends-un-meet-alleges-persecution-of-its-leader-3824418">https://www.ndtv.com/feature/nithyanandas-kailasa-attends-un-meet-alleges-persecution-of-its-leader-3824418</a>

Kailasa is named after Mount Kailash, a sacred mountain in Tibet which is Lord Shiva's abode. USK is a fictional country that he [Bhagavan Nithyananda Paramashivam] has set up off the coast of Ecuador by buying an island. This isn't the first time that an Indian godman is trying to pull off something like this. Acharya Rajneesh was the first who had set up a "Rajneeshpuram" in Oregon in the 1980s that had its own police, public transport system and a fire department as well.

https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/other/united-states-of-kailasa-nithyananda-s-latest-con-job-is-really-magnificent-in-scope/ar-AA18iSrz

#### Washington CNN —

President Joe Biden has been taking credit for reducing the federal budget deficit, the annual gap between the money the government takes in and the money the government spends.

"Let me remind you again: I reduced the federal deficit," Biden said in a speech on Wednesday. "All the talk about the deficit from my Republican friends, I love it. I've reduced it \$350 billion in my first year in office. And we're on track to reduce it, by the end of September, by another 1 trillion, 500 billion dollars – the largest drop ever."

https://www.cnn.com/2022/05/09/politics/fact-check-biden-deficit-reduction/index.html

#### Meanwhile, back at the ranch (AKA State of the Union Address February 2023) . . .

During his annual State of the Union address, President Biden appealed to Congress to commit to lifting the debt ceiling, while warning Republicans against cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

In the last two years, my administration has cut the deficit by more than \$1.7 trillion, the largest deficit reduction in American history.

https://news.yahoo.com/biden-asks-congress-raise-debt-031214736.html

Editor's NOTE: If our deficit is reduced, why do we need to increase the debt ceiling? Color me confused.

The root cause of the "underlying instability across our economy," said Rep. Bryan Steil, is "roaring inflation, and who's the culprit of roaring inflation? It was one-party, Democratic control that spent like drunken sailors."

https://justthenews.com/government/white-house/growing-chorus-experts-blame-biden-spending-spree-banking-collapse-wh-shuns

Editor's NOTE: Many RINOS and Republicans are culpable in this, too, taking the easy way out.

#### From October 10, 2020

More than 50 former intelligence officials said emails alleged to have been found on a laptop belonging to Hunter Biden show signs of a Russian disinformation operation.

Several of the signers have endorsed Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden, according to Politico, which first reported the letter. The letter states that its signers do not have new information about the emails and their authenticity.

https://thehill.com/homenews/campaign/521823-50-former-intelligence-officials-warn-ny-post-story-sounds-like-russian/

From March 17, 2023

Hunter Biden filed a lawsuit Friday against the owner of a Delaware computer repair shop who gave the New York Post a laptop the president's son left behind at his business.

The lawsuit claims shop owner John Paul Mac Isaac illicitly distributed Hunter Biden's personal data and accuses him of six counts of invasion of privacy, according to the suit filed in a Delaware district court and obtained by Fox News.

https://justthenews.com/government/courts-law/hunter-biden-file-suit-against-delaware-repair-shop-owner-who-gave-first-sons

Editor's NOTE: I don't get it. Why would Hunter sue over Russian disinformation?

#### TALES OF THE SWAMP

## DIVOC (Covid backwards--thumbnail sketch only. Plenty of rabbit holes) March 21, 2023

A bill requiring the release of intelligence materials on potential links between the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and a laboratory in the Chinese city of Wuhan has been signed into law by US president Joe Biden.

"We need to get to the bottom of Covid-19's origins ... including potential links to the Wuhan Institute of Virology," Biden said in a statement. "In implementing this legislation, my administration will declassify and share as much of that information as possible.

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/mar/21/president-joe-biden-orders-release-of-us-intelligence-on-potential-links-between-covid-and-wuhan-lab

#### March 15, 2023

Officials at a major journal discussed a professor's alleged anti-vaccine Twitter activity when considering whether to publish his paper challenging the claim that Pfizer's vaccine was 95 percent effective, newly disclosed emails show.

The Lancet journal ultimately rejected the rebuttal paper.

"We knew that all the main academic journals were routinely rejecting any articles that were in any way questioning the accuracy of studies claiming vaccine effectiveness or safety. What surprised even us about this case was the sheer nastiness and lack of professionalism displayed by the journal's editorial staff," [Professor Emeritus Norman] Fenton [of Queen Mary University, London] told The Epoch Times via email. Emails Reveal Journal's Internal Discussions Before Rejecting Challenge to Pfizer's Effectiveness Claim (theepochtimes.com)

#### March 11, 2023

COVID-19 could have been the result of risky experiments at a laboratory in China, Dr. Anthony Fauci acknowledged in an interview over the weekend.

"A lab leak could be that someone was out in the wild maybe looking for different types of viruses in bats, got infected, went into a lab, and was being studied in a lab, and then came out of the lab," said Fauci, the former director of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). "The other possibility is someone takes a virus from the environment that doesn't actually spread very well in humans, and manipulates it a bit, and accidentally it escapes or accidentally infects someone and then you get an outbreak."

Fauci, speaking on CNN, claimed that he's "kept an open mind" as to the origin of COVID-19. However, he was involved in a paper that alleged in early 2020 that said SARS-CoV-2, which causes COVID-19, was "not a laboratory construct or a purposefully manipulated virus," and cited the paper from the White House when asserting the virus had a natural origin.

While a number of experts told Fauci privately around that time that characteristics of the virus pointed to it being engineered, evidence that later emerged strongly suggested a natural origin, including two 2022 papers in Science magazine, Fauci said on March 11.

COVID-19 Could Stem From Risky Experiments at Chinese Lab: Fauci (theepochtimes.com)

#### March 9, 2023

[Former CDC Director Dr. Robert] Redfield then explained in scientific/biological terms how the coronavirus had binding properties and sequencing in it that were human, not animal.

Why did the virus have "sequences for humans there, not bat?" said Dr. Redfield. "This was very disconcerting to me."

"It looked like this virus was engineered," he said.

https://www.cnsnews.com/article/washington/michael-w-chapman/former-cdc-director-covid-looked-virus-was-engineered-lab-not

#### March 9, 2023

During the hearing, House Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (R-N.Y.) asked Dr. Redfield if he thought Dr. Anthony Fauci lied under oath before the Senate, when he claimed that the NIH was not funding gain-of-function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China.

Dr. Redfield answered, "I think there's no doubt that NIH was funding gain-of-function research." Malliotakis then asked, "Is it likely that American tax dollars funded the gain-of-function research that created this virus?"

Dr. Redfield said, "I think it did, and not only from NIH, but from the State Department, USAID, and from DoD."

https://cnsnews.com/article/washington/michael-w-chapman/former-cdc-director-us-tax-dollars-funded-creation-covid-i

#### March 6, 2023

Almost all of America's leaders have gradually pulled back their COVID mandates, requirements, and closures—even in states like California, which had imposed the most stringent and longest-lasting restrictions on the public. At the same time, the media has been gradually acknowledging the ongoing release of studies that totally refute the purported reasons behind those restrictions. This overt reversal is falsely portrayed as "learned" or "new evidence."

The historical record is critical. We have seen a macabre Orwellian attempt to rewrite history and to blame the failure of widespread lockdowns on the lockdowns' critics, alongside absurd denials of officials' own incessant demands for them.

We must acknowledge the abject failure of the Birx-Fauci policies. They were enacted, but they failed to stop the dying, failed to stop the infection from spreading, and inflicted massive damage and destruction particularly on lower-income families and on America's children.

America's COVID Response Was Based on Lies | Opinion (newsweek.com)

#### **February 26, 2023**

The US Department of Energy has assessed that the Covid-19 pandemic most likely came from a laboratory leak in China, according to a newly updated classified intelligence report.

https://www.cnn.com/2023/02/26/politics/covid-lab-leak-wuhan-china-intelligence/index.html

#### February 25, 2023

Okay, the movie goes like this: The biggest drug cartels in the world get together and buy up all the media and all the politicians and force all the people in the world to stay locked in their homes. And people can only come out if they take the cartel's drugs! And keep taking them over and over. I threw the script away. I mean, who is going to believe that crazy idea?

Woody Harrelson, Saturday Night Live Opening Monologue

#### January 30, 2023

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration plans to let the coronavirus public health emergency expire in May, the White House said on Monday, a sign that federal officials believe the pandemic has moved into a new, less dire phase.

https://www.nytimes.com/2023/01/30/us/politics/biden-covid-public-health-emergency.html

#### June 2021

But for most of the past year, the lab-leak scenario was treated not simply as unlikely or even inaccurate, but as morally out-of-bounds. In late March, former Centers for Disease Control Director Robert Redfield received death threats from fellow scientists after telling CNN that he believed COVID-19 had originated in a lab. "I was threatened and ostracized because I proposed another hypothesis," Redfield told Vanity Fair. "I expected it from politicians. I didn't expect it from science.

https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2021/06/the-lab-leak-theory-inside-the-fight-to-uncover-covid-19s-origins

#### March 26, 2021

Q: You have said several times that this WHO mission [February 2021] was literally "a charade".

A: Yes, its members were willing –and, in at least one case, enthusiastic—participants in disinformation. The pre-negotiated "Terms of Reference" for the WHO study did not even acknowledge the possibility of a laboratory origin of the virus and did not even mention the Wuhan Institute of Virology (WIV), the Wuhan Center for Disease Control, or the Wuhan Institute of Biological Products.

Q: Regarding the inspection personnel, at least one member of the WHO mission team, Ecohealth Alliance President Dr. Peter Daszak, seems to have conflicts of interest that should have disqualified him from being part of an investigation of the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A: Yes. Daszak was the contractor who funded the laboratory at WIV that potentially was the source of the virus (with subcontracts from \$200 million from the US Department of State and \$7 million from the US National Institutes of Health), and he was a collaborator and co-author on research projects at the laboratory.

https://www.counterpunch.org/2021/03/26/how-anthony-fauci-systematically-thwarted-the-pause-in-us-gain-of-function-research-an-interview-with-dr-richard-h-ebright/

Editor's Note: The interviewee, Molecular biologist Dr. Richard H. Ebright, PhD, is one of the twenty-six world scientists who signed the Open Letter: "Call for a Full and Unrestricted International Forensic Investigation into the Origins of COVID-19", a document released last March 4 [2021] by the Wall Street Journal and Le Monde that reignited the debate over the pandemic's origin after the WHO-convened mission to Wuhan.

**December 9, 2020** 

As officials at the meeting discussed what they could share with the public, they were advised by Christopher Park, the Director of the State Department's Biological Policy Staff in the Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, not to say anything that would point to the US government's own role in gain-of-function research, according to documentation of the meeting obtained by *Vanity Fair*.

https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2021/06/the-lab-leak-theory-inside-the-fight-to-uncover-covid-19s-origins

#### **January 27, 2020**

In early 2020, in the Chinese city of Wuhan, Dr. Li Wenliang lay in a hospital bed with a debilitating fever. He was no ordinary patient, and even then — before Covid had its name — he feared that this was no ordinary ailment.

Dr. Li was widely regarded in China as a heroic truth-teller. He had been punished by the authorities for trying to warn others about the virus, and then, in a terrible turn, had become severely sickened by it. Weeks later, he would become China's most famous fatality of the emerging pandemic. He was 34.

Despite the official warnings, on Jan. 27, 2020, Dr. Li gave an anonymous interview to a prominent Chinese newspaper, describing how he had been reprimanded for trying to raise the alarm. Eventually, he revealed his identity on social media, and instantly became a folk hero. From his hospital bed, he took more interviews and said he hoped to recover soon to join medical workers fighting the outbreak. https://www.nytimes.com/2022/10/06/world/asia/covid-china-doctor-li-wenliang.html

Editor's NOTE: Li Wenliang died on February 7, 2020.

#### November 2019

Washington – Three researchers from China's Wuhan Institute of Virology became sick enough in November 2019 that they sought hospital care, according to a previously undisclosed US intelligence report that could add weight to growing calls for a fuller probe of whether the COVID-19 virus may have escaped from the laboratory.

https://www.wsj.com/articles/intelligence-on-sick-staff-at-wuhan-lab-fuels-debate-on-covid-19-origin-11621796228

#### September – October 2012

**ABSRACT:** The voluntary moratorium on *gain-of-function research* (emphasis mine) related to the transmissibility of highly pathogenic H5N1 influenza virus should continue, pending the resolution of critical policy questions concerning the rationale for performing such experiments and how best to report their results. The potential benefits and risks of these experiments must be discussed and understood by multiple stakeholders, including the general public, and all decisions regarding such research must be made in a transparent manner.

Many ask reasonable questions: given the possibility of such a scenario—however remote—should the initial experiments have been performed and/or published in the first place, and what were the processes involved in this decision?

Scientists working in this field might say—as indeed I have said—that the benefits of such experiments and the resulting knowledge outweigh the risks.

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3484390/

mBio. 2012 Sep-Oct; 3(5): e00359-12.

Published online 2012 Oct 9. doi: 10.1128/mBio.00359-12

Research on Highly Pathogenic H5N1 Influenza Virus: The Way Forward

By Anthony S. Fauci

**Open Editorial Question:** Is a global, militant, autocratic rival the best PARTNER to PAY to do research that could be used as a weapon?

## And now, A Word from Our Sponsors

Check out the conservative political swag available at Winnebago GOP Headquarters.

Shirts, yard signs, buttons. stickers, and flags – good old conversation is free!

All proceeds from merchandise sales go to support our volunteer efforts in Winnebago County





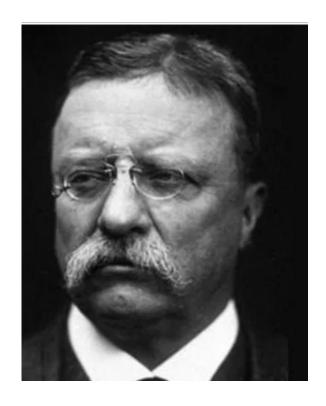
Keep going, there's more . . . .

## **QUOTE OF THE DAY:**

To anger a conservative, lie to him. To anger a liberal, tell him the truth.

For more quotes from Theodore Roosevelt, go to https://www.azquotes.com/author/12606

To learn more about Theodore
Roosevelt, go to
<a href="https://www.britannica.com/biography/T">https://www.britannica.com/biography/T</a>
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## Good news, Bad news

**First a FACT:** When I was little, I asked my mommy to buy some paper dolls for me to play with. Do any of you remember paper dolls? The little tabs scattered around the edges of the clothes were folded over to hold the clothes on the light cardboard person.





**The Good News:** My mommy bought them for me, I played with them for a while, and then lost interest. The good news I am talking about is that contrary to current practice, my mommy did not call a doctor to cut off my junk.

The Bad News: I now know what it feels like to be an old man getting older.

**To be Fair, I must give more Good News:** I still have my junk, for what it is worth.

### Letters to the Editor

Send your thoughts, opinions, complaints (or compliments) to communications@winnebagogop.org

#### Feedback from the January 2023 newsletter:

**From E-BEN:** Just a heads up, Hon. Jennifer Dorow is the candidate running for State Supreme Court, along with Dan Kelly. I just noticed a typo on Dorow's full name.

**Editor Replied**: E-BEN: Am I allowed to say, S\*\*\*!? Thanks for the heads up.

**NOTE:** A correction and apology to Judge Jennifer Dorow was published.

**From Carol:** Do you have any updates on state and federal legislators from our area?

Editor Replied: Carol: I do not but that is a great idea for improving the newsletter. Thank you!

#### All the way from the East Coast:

**From Reid Epstein, Reporter, New York Times:** Greetings, I'm hoping you can help answer a couple of questions for me about the Supreme Court primary next week. Thank you in advance for your time and thoughts.

- 1) Between Justice Dan Kelly and Judge Jennifer Dorow, who do you think would make a better Supreme Court justice, and which one do you think has a better shot of winning the general election in April? Which of those concerns looms largest in your mind?
- 2) What is your level of concern about what will happen in Wisconsin if one of the liberal candidates prevails in April? What do you think that will mean for the conservative governance of the state?

Thank you again for sharing your thoughts with me. I'm happy to chat on the phone at 202-577-6749 if you have a minute to chat. Please let me know if you'd prefer that your comments not be attributed to you by name.

**Editor Replied:** Hello, Mr. Epstein. I have been asked to respond to your inquiry by our Winnebago County Republican Party Chairman.

In our state, judgeship elections are non-partisan events. It seems that NY Times might not be aware of that with the framing of your question and the fact that you directed your email to the Chairman of the Winnebago County Republican party. I think there are some PAC groups or others out there that also forget it as they attack only TWO of the four candidates. This seems quite partisan to me which should have no part in this election.

Speaking for myself, my personal concern is one of the four candidates has brought in A LOT of money from outside the state. That same candidate in open fora has pointedly told state residents how she will decide on certain cases of "special interest" to her. How can this be? Does she already know what cases might come before her? Either way, how does she know what the specific facts and issues will be the focus of such cases? This tells me she should be running for the legislature, Senate, or Governorship which represent the other branches of our state government instead of running for the judgeship.

As I have no expectation of unbiased reporting on the part of the New York Times, I prefer my name not be used. I apologize if you are the exception.

#### **NEW FEATURE:**

Email your answers to <a href="mailto:communications@winnebagogop.org">Communications@winnebagogop.org</a>. 90% correct qualifies you to win \$10 worth of merchandise of your choice from Winnebago GOP Headquarters. Answers may or may not be found in the current newsletter. Judgment of the editor is final.

## OPEN BOOK POP QUIZ:

#### Who are:

- 1. Peter Daszak
- 2. Neville Chamberlain
- 3. The Neville Chamberlain of Climate Change
- 4. Cassidy Hutchinson and what did she say when she was cross-examined?
  - 5. Eric Schwerin

## Before you go . . . . a few thoughts

**Prologue for the young**, or those Americans who conveniently forget history. I am specifically referring to history post-WWII through 1992. The Union of Soviet **SOCIALIST** Republics (USSR) occupied and totally controlled six Eastern European countries right after the war. They were not part of the Soviet Union. They were called buffer states. Might makes right. They built walls to keep their people **IN** (Not a joke--https://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/berlin-wall). The Union of Soviet **SOCIALIST** Republics then collapsed in 1989 and took their military and overwhelming control out of the satellites and back home. Their government-controlled economy had collapsed from the inefficiencies of their **SOCIALIST** system. It turned out that even **SOCIALIST** citizens want to eat, have nice things for their children, and stay warm in the winter. Who knew? Meanwhile the **CAPITALIST** USA continued to provide for its citizens, took on the costs of helping defend western democracies, spent trillions on social programs and welfare, and in the end found that we had to build a wall to keep people **OUT**.

**Now, to the story:** Once upon a time there was a little girl in an Eastern European country. Let's say she was born in 1962. Let's call her Jana. Jana's grandfather on her mother's side had spoken out against the government in the 1950's. For this he earned what questioners of the government authorities always got in those days. He was thrown in jail for what could have been a life sentence. You might say he was canceled in spades.

His wife, Jana's grandmother, spent the family fortune on lawyers and got her husband out of prison after 10 years. Other than the money spent, the price paid included a black mark on the family record that would

affect the lives of his immediate family, his children, and Jana's generation, too. Let's just say his family suffered from the grandfather being cancelled.

Because of this, Jana's mother was not allowed to go to school past 8th grade. She had to go to work in a textile mill at about age 14, where she worked the rest of her life. You might say she was participating in the Worker's Paradise. (Again, for you novices, Worker's Paradise was a bumper sticker type summary of life in a **SOCIALIST** society that gained popularity when Marx wrote Das Kapital in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century).

Because cancellation was a big thing for the Communists, just like it is a big thing for Woke America, the same fate befell Jana when she reached 14 years old. She made the mistake of being born in the lineage of someone who had questioned the government. She compounded that mistake by concentrating on her grades in school instead of finding someone else to cancel so as to curry favor with the government. She went to work as an assistant in the receiving area of a brewery.

Jana's father never had that problem because HIS grandfather did not upset the Socialists. He got to go to school and became an engineer.

With their father's black mark against them, Jana's aunt and uncle on her mother's side found little opportunity in their Eastern European country. They concocted a scheme to escape to the West. I do not choose the word escape. Jana used it over and over while I was talking to her.

# escape ()) ĭ-skāp' intransitive verb

To break loose from confinement; get free.

Jana's aunt and uncle left when Jana was about 7 years old. She was told they were going on vacation so she would not worry. More importantly, they told her this so she would not mistakenly tell ANYONE and get her aunt and uncle thrown into prison and their family home confiscated. Everything owned by her aunt and uncle was signed over to other family members before they committed their CRIME of escaping life under the Socialists. But she did miss her cousins very much when they went away and never came back.

In her teens, Jana met a boy. They were friends and then became interested in each other. When they were about 24, they had had enough and they decided they had to escape, too. (There is that word again). Again, it was a closely kept secret. Her boyfriend, Ivo, (pronounced EEVO), was the first to escape. He applied for approval to take a short vacation to a neighboring Socialist, independent country. (https://www.britannica.com/place/Yugoslavia-former-federated-nation-1929-2003). You see, he knew it was a foolish thing to apply to visit a WESTERN nation because the government understood that anyone allowed to go to a WESTERN country would only come back to the Worker's Paradise if they were forced to come back. Often, family members became the government's insurance policy to assure its citizens returned from the West.

Ivo rented a car in Zagreb, drove to the Austrian border and applied for asylum. He was granted asylum and sent to Traiskirchen, a refugee camp near the Austrian border with Yugoslavia. https://medium.com/endless/in-the-refugee-camp-d591bcac2c08 These days it serves mostly for refugees

from the war-torn Middle East and North Africa. In the years before the collapse of the Soviet Union, it primarily served as a welcoming center for **escapees from the Socialist Paradises to the East** (emphasis mine).

Ivo settled into what we might call a camp in the spring of 1986. He appreciated his new situation so much that he started hatching a plan for Jana to join him. She was all-in for this because she had been captivated years before by the unbelievable stories that her aunt and uncle sent home from abroad --- stories about jobs and reasonable pay, full store shelves, and other miracles of the modern world in which she and her countrymen had never participated in their **Socialist Paradise**.

Six months of planning later, Jana, too, took a vacation to Yugoslavia. She was lucky. The regime was loosening a bit, and her grandfather's black mark had faded somewhat. After Jana made elaborate assurances that her life in Czechoslovakia was so great that she would never want to leave, she was allowed to go on a group tour to Yugoslavia in the fall of 1986.

After arrival there, there was a hitch. The state sponsored tour guide collected everyone's passport so he could be assured no one would try anything funny.

Jana invented more stories and more stories to get away from the tour group. At the Austrian Embassy in Zagreb, she made up more stories to allow her to visit her cousin who had escaped years before with her aunt and uncle. Her cousin was in college in Vienna at the time. Her story telling was good enough that the Austrian government allowed her to get on a train to transit home. She would visit her cousin in Vienna on the way through Austria. She had to take the train because she could not afford the money for anywhere to sleep, so she planned to sleep on the train to Vienna.

If this was a real story and Jana was real, I would have asked her if she was afraid during that time. In this scenario, she probably would have answered, "Oh, yes, I was petrified for six months to be discovered. It only got worse when I went to Yugoslavia, and then trying to get on the train. You are not safe until you are over the border, and the immediate penalty would have been 18 months in prison, and another black mark for life."

Cutting to the chase, Jana made it across the border into Austria on the train. She was ushered to the refugee camp, Traiskirchen, where she was reunited with Ivo in fall of 1986. They both applied for visas to the United States. They got married in Austria because they loved each other, and it made their case stronger for a visa. They were granted their green cards and entry visas in the fall of 1987.

They came to the United States in 1987 and got jobs. Jana's first job was as a clerk at a Burlington Coat Outlet store. Then she was a babysitter, and then a waitress. In 2000, she got a job at an Assisted Living Apartment where she still works 23 years later.

Although Ivo had been a plumber in Czechoslovakia, at first after coming to the United States, he could only get a job as a dish washer at Chili's. A little later, through acquaintances of Jana's early escapee aunt and uncle, Ivo got a job assembling machinery. He was promoted to learn production welding after a few years of hard work. He now owns his own production welding company.

Their children are now 34 and 30 years old. The older boy works in manufacturing. The younger boy graduated from college and works for a civil engineering consulting firm.

If Jana were real, I would have also asked her, "so with that story of your life, what do you think about all the young people in America now protesting, fighting and wanting to tear down the systems and what this country has built?"

She might have answered, "You people are crazy. You people act like you want what I escaped from." She might have also gone on to say, "Just like I never imagined the **SOCIALISTS** would go home and leave my country alone, I never thought this could happen here. In fact, because of what **IS** happening here, my husband and I have renewed our Czech citizenship, just in case."

#### Epilog:

- 1. Why do today's liberals welcome law breakers and gate crashers into the country without review and without knowing if those that they invite will invest in our American Dream, or if they are here to tear it down with crime, drugs, and dependency?
- 2. Do today's liberals *INTEND* to discourage the immigrants that can help build this country? We have developed a quite reasonable and successful environment through hard work and obeying the laws. You just heard about a family that would want to and has contributed to that American effort. They have contributed to America's ability to offer an improved life to other hard-working and honest people from around the world (give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, etc.( <a href="https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/46550/the-new-colossus">https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/46550/the-new-colossus</a>) Yet with its life experience, this family looks at our current situation and feels like the time for the dream might be passing.
- 3. Again, I ask, do they **INTEND** to discourage such people? Or are they just stupid? Which is it, maliciousness, or ignorance?
- 4. If Jana really existed, she would look something like this:



