

What's News

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Elections, and Having to Do With

The next election in Winnebago County is **SPRING, 2024**. Plenty of time to volunteer to be a poll worker, door knock, and/or make phone calls.

If you are interested in running for local political office, please contact campaign@winnebagogop.org 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. Come talk it through with us.

Gov't Goings-On (partial listing only)

Neenah School District

- An offer to purchase Shattuck Middle School by Neenah-based Investment Creations, LLC was accepted by the Neenah Joint School District Board of Education at its August 15 meeting. Investment Creations is owned by Neenah resident Umer Sheik. They have renovated local landmark buildings such as the Marketplace in Downtown Neenah and the Equitable Reserve Building (Lion's Tail Brewing). Investment Creations offered \$500,001 and plans 34-48 apartments in the building, along with 50-60 single family dwellings on the property. It would also keep the Health and Wellness Center and use the gymnasium for city recreational programs.
https://www.neenah.k12.wi.us/cms_files/resources/Board%20Recap%208-15-23.pdf

City of Oshkosh

- The city has been discussing the special assessment system currently in place for capital infrastructure projects. Currently, the improvements are paid for out of the general fund. The property owners adjacent to the development are charged a special assessment to spread the cost over time. Many on the council like the idea of eliminating the special assessments. The downside is city debt would be adversely affected. Page 1, [September-6-2023-Oshkosh-Herald.pdf](#) (oshkoshherald.com)
- The proposed 2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) currently sits at almost \$120 million. Projects include several street projects, expanding the riverwalk to wrap around Pioneer Island, and a planned renovation of the Grand Theatre. Final approval is scheduled for November. Page 3, <https://oshkoshherald.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/August-30-2023-Oshkosh-Herald.pdf>

Oshkosh Area School District

- A ground-breaking ceremony was held on August 22, 2023, at 915 Hazel Street, Oshkosh, for the new Menominee Elementary School. This school will take in the students previously attending

Washington, Webster Stanley, and Merrill Elementary schools. The scheduled opening of classes at the new school is in fall of 2024. The project is being funded by the district's 2020 Capitol Referendum. <https://www.oshkosh.k12.wi.us/district/communications/district-news/details/~board/news/post/overview-of-menominee-elementary-school-summer-work>

Winnebago County

- A resolution to accept grant funding to install harm reduction vending machines in Oshkosh and Neenah to provide access to Narcan and fentanyl test strips was abruptly pulled from the agenda at the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors meeting last week. Narcan is the brand name for naloxone, a drug that reverses overdoses caused by opioids.

County medical examiner Cheryl Brehmer spoke in opposition to the vending machines during the public forum, saying that if an agency is distributing naloxone this should be an in-person touch point where resources are offered. Sheriff John Matz had previously stated that the Narcan vending machines could perpetuate drug use. At last month's meeting, Supervisor Bryan Stafford questioned whether there is concern that increasing the supply of Narcan encourages drug use. Health director Doug Gieryn said it's a myth that having Narcan available will increase drug use. Page 6, [August-23-2023-Oshkosh-Herald.pdf \(oshkoshherald.com\)](#)

- There will be a vote in September on moving to a flat stipend for board member expenses as opposed to the current expense system relying on itemized expense reports and per diem charges. If this more efficient process is passed, it will save the clerk time and save the county money.
- After a year of discussion and work, committee structure reform will be voted on in September. Proponents of the change have shown that the simplified structure eliminates duplication and will make policy making and governance simpler and more cost effective. Less government red tape, and less government, period.
- A revised electronic device usage policy will also be voted on in September. Kay Horan worked long and hard on this one, following previous tragic developments in the last year.
- The annual budget is being developed with the intention of finalization and a vote in November. Watch this one. A sales tax is almost always introduced by someone for inclusion in the budget.

Wisconsin State Assembly and Senate

Our Representatives: Nate Gustafson-R, Dave Murphy-R, Lori Palmeri-D, Mike Schraa-R, Lee Snodgrass-D

Our Senators: Rachael Cabral-Guevara-R, Dan Feyen-R. Find them here: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/>

- Assembly Republicans held regional press conferences throughout the state to unveil the "Returning Your Surplus" proposal. It's a plan for substantial tax relief that will benefit Wisconsin's middle-class and retirees. The "Returning Your Surplus" proposal is expected to cut the state's tax burden by nearly \$3 billion, with an average filer seeing a savings of \$772 a year.

Governor Evers vetoed 95% of the income tax portion of the recently passed state budget, reducing income tax relief from \$3.5 billion to \$175 million. The average tax decrease went from \$573 to \$36, barely worth a tank of gas. The new proposal would return a majority of the vetoed surplus back to Wisconsinites.

The “Returning Your Surplus” legislation includes the creation of a Tax-Free Retirement, as well as a middle-class tax cut to provide widespread relief. In addition to exempting up to \$150,000 in retirement account income for joint filers, this legislation would reduce the middle-income tax rate from 5.3% to 4.4%, helping the typical Wisconsin family, which makes an average of \$67,000 a year.

- **Editor’s NOTE:** In 2022, Evers ran on “his” tax cut that was designed and passed by the Republican legislature. Facing re-election, he allowed the tax cut and then took credit for it. With no future election concerns, he is back to the old liberal democratic creed --- “What’s mine is mine, and what is yours is negotiable.”
- Work on State Highway 26 between State Highway 23 in Rosendale and County Highway FF on the Winnebago and Fond du Lac County Line has begun and will continue through October of this year.
- Nate Gustafson (district 55) has been appointed as Chairman of the (bipartisan) Speaker's Taskforce on Artificial Intelligence.

United States Congress

Our Representatives: Mike Gallagher-R, 8th Congressional District; Glenn Grothman-R, 6th Congressional District

Your Senators: Tammy Baldwin-D; Ron Johnson-R

(Editor’s Note: I signed up for Tammy’s email updates for my private email address. She ignored me. Here I thought Senators represented their entire state.)

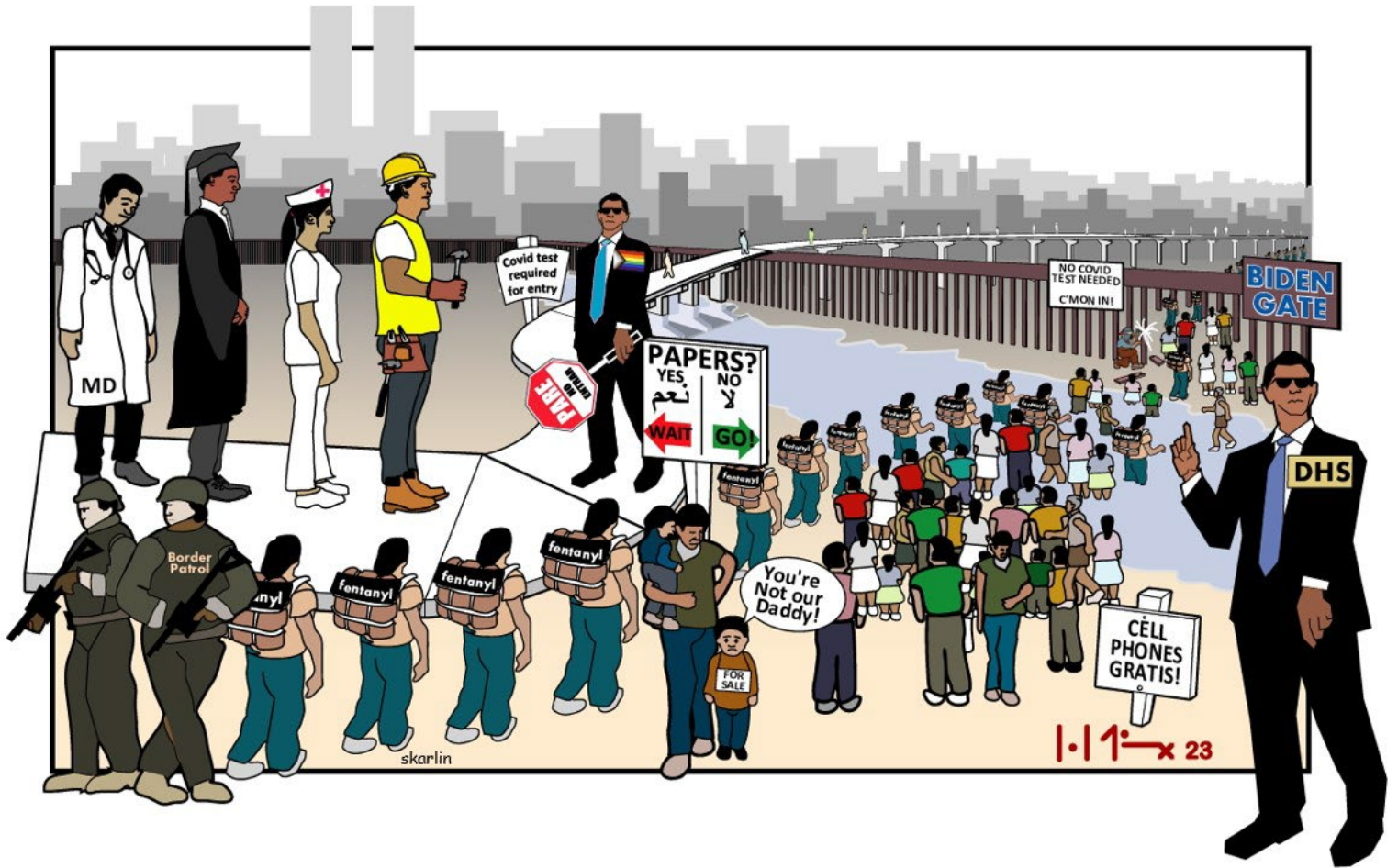
Editor’s Opinion:

- In the House: With everything worthwhile being blocked by the Democratic Senate, there are only a couple things to watch coming out of the house.
 - Testimony gathered by Jim Jordan’s House Judiciary Committee.
 - Favoritism and malfeasance by the FBI are front and center. It is difficult to deny that there are two tracks of the justice system in the United States. The most recent disclosure involves the coordination between the FBI and the IRS to protect First Son Hunter Biden. In the end Hunter is expendable, but the Democratic President must be protected at all costs. <https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/justice/comer-releases-transcript-fbi-agent-hunter-biden-investigation>
 - Testimony gathered by James Comer’s House Oversight Committee
 - We have been treated to a constant drip, drip, drip of information regarding the activities of Hunter Biden and his enabler Joe Biden. There certainly will be more to come. Unfortunately, mainstream media has its (non) story and is sticking to it. Here is an example of that. Please note the date. NYT has gone quite dark on this whole thing. <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/05/10/us/politics/hunter-biden-house-republicans-report.html>
 - While we have a pretty good bead on our representatives and senators, people in other states need to watch carefully for RINO’s and deep staters flying the Republican banner to reveal themselves. A reversion of the house to Democratic control in 2024 will put an end to efforts to expose questionable tactics and actions by both the elected government and the Deep State bureaucrats.

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



How about another?



<https://www.foxnews.com/world/mexico-railway-halts-train-operations-viral-video-showing-migrants-riding-us>

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.

Constitution? CONSTITUTION? We don't need no stinkin' constitution! A glimpse into the world of liberals where rules don't mean squat.

The first amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

February 6, 2021

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — California Gov. Gavin Newsom's office on Saturday issued revised guidelines for indoor church services after the Supreme Court lifted the state's ban on indoor worship during the coronavirus pandemic but left in place restrictions on singing and chanting.

In the most significant legal victory against California's COVID-19 health orders, the high court issued rulings late Friday in two cases where churches argued the restrictions violated their religious liberty.

<https://apnews.com/article/religion-gavin-newsom-california-coronavirus-pandemic-2cdb4927d965afae3a61f28c789b46a2>

December 14, 2022

A Twitter Files installment released by Substack journalist Matt Taibbi last week revealed Twitter's former head of safety, Yoel Roth, apparently attended weekly meeting with the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security, and the Director of National Intelligence about moderating misinformation ahead of the 2020 election. To further complicate matters, Jim Baker, Twitter's former deputy general counsel, got his top job at the social media giant after playing a key role in pushing the Trump-Russia collusion narrative during his time at the FBI, where he served as general counsel.

"However, when a private company is censoring information based on direction, coordination and cooperation with the government, then legally it may be considered to be acting as an agent for the government, and it may be found to be violating the First Amendment."

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/fbi-may-violated-first-amendment-twitter-moderation-requests-experts-warn>

April 21, 2023

California Governor Gavin Newsom dodged responsibility for allowing the film industry to reopen while keeping churches closed in his state during the COVID-19 pandemic, instead blaming the collective "we" for such decisions.

Newsom was confronted Sunday by "Meet the Press" anchor Chuck Todd about his lockdown-heavy approach to the pandemic that faced so much criticism that it sparked a recall election against him.

"You found a way to allow the motion picture industry and the movie industry to get back to work, but you didn't allow people to grieve together at funerals or at churches," Todd argued. "This is this anger between the populace and the elites: Here you prioritize this industry, but you were tougher on those that just wanted to go worship."

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/newsom-shirks-blame-for-closing-churches-keeping-hollywood-open-during-covid-we-didn-t-know/ar-AA1gw9N9>

September 12, 2023

White House officials coerced social media companies about election information in 2020 and vaccine efficacy during the COVID-19 pandemic, with then-press secretary Jen Psaki bragging in July 2021 that "we're flagging problematic posts for Facebook."

But courts have ruled the effort goes too far. On July 4 of this year, Judge Terry A. Doughty issued a preliminary injunction blocking Biden officials from even contacting social media companies.

The latest ruling curtails that somewhat, though conservatives and many free speech advocates still view it as a win. It allows contact between the two parties and narrowly tailors restricted speech to that which would "coerce or significantly encourage social-media companies to remove, delete, suppress, or reduce, including through altering their algorithms, posted social-media content containing protected free speech."

The new ruling affects the White House, surgeon general's office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the FBI while removing restrictions at the State Department, Department of Homeland

Security, and Health and Human Services. None of the affected agencies responded to questions from the Washington Examiner.

[Court rules Biden administration engaged in illegal censorship — now what? \(msn.com\)](#)

Editor's comment: Another Federal Court has SHOCKED the Biden administration in a ruling confirming that murder for hire is still murder. A flustered Karine Jean-Pierre commented that the Administration will not appeal but will attempt to improve their covert methods. (**satire**).

Pay attention, we've only just begun . . .

The Second amendment: A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

August 9, 2023

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico announced a 30-day ban on carrying firearms in public areas or state property in Albuquerque and its county, a move that she said was a necessary response to gun violence in the region but that critics denounced as unconstitutional.

The ban was issued on Friday as a declaration of a public health emergency, which Ms. Lujan Grisham said allowed the state to access different resources. The executive order, which covers Bernalillo County, prohibits open and concealed firearms on state property, public schools or public parks, with exceptions only for law enforcement and licensed security guards.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/09/us/guns-ban-new-mexico-albuquerque.html>

“No constitutional right, in my view, including my oath, is intended to be absolute,” she retorted. Grisham cited restrictions on free speech as an example of how rights can be curtailed in emergency situations.

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/new-mexico-governor-shocks-comment-constitution-issuing-temporary-gun-ban-not-absolute>

Editor's Note: The red highlighted text is the most important part of this section. Are you all starting to understand the liberal mindset now? Translation: ***What we want when we want it.***

The Sixth Amendment: In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against, him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defense.

June 8, 2021 (previously reported in the July 2023 What'sNews)

After Jan. 6, Washington, D.C., jail officials decided that all Capitol riot detainees be held in “restrictive housing” as a safety measure for the accused. However, the accused found themselves in solitary confinement 23 hours a day before their trials even started.

“I do not believe in solitary confinement for extended periods of time for anyone,” Warren, a Massachusetts senator and former Harvard Law School professor, said of the Jan. 6 rioters when asked by the *Washington Examiner*.

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/aclu-capitol-rioters-in-solitary-confinement>

March 8, 2023 (previously reported in the July 2023 What'sNews)

Contrary to what apologists have been saying since Carlson began airing the footage, all this material has not previously been made available to the J6 defendants, some of whom have been jailed without trial for two years, in violation of their constitutional right to a fair and speedy trial.

"It is egregious the way these people have been treated, for as much as two years pretrial, before any finding of fact. When people find out what has been going on in the DC gulag, it is going to shock the American conscience forever," the lawyer said.

A new book about the J6 prisoners, "Due Process Denied," tells a tale of hell in the Washington, DC, "gulag," the Central Detention Facility in southeast Washington where most have been housed.

Cynthia Hughes writes poignantly of one defendant who committed suicide rather than go back to jail.

The defendants have been kept in a separate unit with mold on the walls, brown water, and generally unsanitary conditions, are subjected to 23 hours a day of solitary confinement, denied adequate food, medical treatment, and religious services.

Their only solace is that every night at 9 p.m., they gather to sing the national anthem.

If this were happening in an authoritarian overseas country, the State Department would rightly decry the injustice.

The shabby treatment of the J6 defendants is a stain on this country's reputation that has not gone unnoticed around the world.

<https://nypost.com/2023/03/08/an-egregious-denial-of-due-process-for-jan-6-protesters/>

June 8, 2023

Natan Sharansky spent 405 days in a punishment cell. This was considered "a kind of record," he says. [emphasis mine] A punishment cell is small, cold, dark. You get three pieces of bread and three cups of water a day. You are completely isolated. **"According to the experts, you're supposed to go crazy after 15 days,"** says Sharansky. [again, emphasis mine]

[Sharansky] fears that Alexei Navalny will break his record. "He definitely will," on the current pace. Sharansky was in prison for nine years. Navalny has been in prison for only about two and a half years. And already he has spent almost 200 days in a punishment cell.

Sharansky was a prisoner in the Soviet Gulag, from 1977 to 1986. Navalny is generally regarded as the leader of the Russian opposition — the political opposition to the dictator, Vladimir Putin. He was imprisoned in January 2021.

['We Have to Resist' \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/story/we-have-to-resist)

September 9, 2023

Jake left the DC Gulag Friday morning at the ungodly hour of 5:30 am with the 5 Proud Boys: Enrique Tarrío, Joe Biggs, Ethan Nordean & Dominic Pezzola to head to court. They were supposedly being moved to another prison because of their terrorist enhancements at sentencing. When he came back with the devastating news about his trial cancelation, the Proud Boys were back in the J6 Patriot pod!

Starting to see the light, Grasshopper?

The fourteenth amendment: All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the *equal protection of the laws*.

May 12, 2023

The California Reparations Task Force, a committee created by legislation signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom, formally recommended that the state legislature repeal a constitutional amendment that prohibits the government from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, someone based on their race

California voters passed Proposition 209, now enshrined in California's constitution, in 1996. The measure amended the California Constitution, adding a section that states in part, "**The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting.**" (Emphasis mine)

Proposition 209 is largely known for banning affirmative action but effectively outlawed racial discrimination in California outright. Repealing it would appear to allow discrimination as the court defined it. Nonetheless, the task force wants to get rid of the measure, arguing it is actually creating more racial discrimination.

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/california-reparations-panel-calls-amend-state-constitution-legalize-racial-discrimination>

July 20, 2023

Meanwhile, lawmakers at the federal level have introduced their own measures. Most recently, Rep. Cori Bush, D-Mo., introduced a proposal in May to pay \$14 trillion to compensate for what she believes are racist government policies that created a wealth gap between White and Black people. Less ambitiously, several Democrats in Congress have backed a bill establishing a commission to study and develop reparations proposals for lawmakers to consider implementing.

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/biden-under-pressure-act-reparations-movement-make-amends-slavery-gains-steam>

August 1, 2023

California, that bellwether of the absurd, is about to do it again. The same legislature that rejected legislation to add human trafficking of a minor for purposes of a commercial sex act to the state's list of "serious" felonies – until public outrage prompted reconsideration – has now seen the supermajority Democrats pass a bill out of the Assembly that mandates consideration of race in criminal sentencing.

The California State Assembly voted Assembly Bill 852 out of the chamber on a vote of 58 to 13 in May with all aye votes coming from Democrats. The measure is now pending before the Public Safety Committee in the Senate (critics call it the "Public Jeopardy Committee").

August 11, 2023

Assembly Bill 852, introduced by Assemblyman Reggie Jones-Sawyer, D- Los Angeles, would establish directives for judges, "whenever they have discretion, to consider the disparate impact on historically disenfranchised and system-impacted populations" before imposing a sentence.

The legislation stems from determinations made by the California Task Force to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans.

Jones-Sawyer and the task force point to the need to address perceived inequities in the criminal justice system, which the lawmaker argues have long existed and put Black defendants at a historic disadvantage in trial outcomes.

"AB 852 is a straightforward measure to ensure that, when applicable, the disparate impact on historically disenfranchised ... populations are considered in criminal sentencing," Assemblyman Corey Jackson, D-Perris, told City News Service. "This bill is simply requiring a court to be thoughtful when sentencing people who have been marginalized both historically and presently."

<https://patch.com/california/temecula/rectifying-racial-bias-rivco-lawmakers-weigh-ca-proposal>

August 22, 2023

SACRAMENTO – Senator Steven Bradford (D-Gardena) has introduced legislation that will create a new state agency in California to administer reparations to the descendants of slavery. The California American Freedman Affairs Agency is one of the recommendations that came directly as a result of Senator Bradford's work on the California Reparations Task Force.

"This historic legislation lays the groundwork for the future," said Senator Bradford. "My fellow task force members and I have documented the harm, detailed its generational impact, and determined the way forward to right these wrongs. The Freedman Affairs Agency will establish the instrumental infrastructure California will need as our state takes responsibility for the historical harms that have been committed."

As amended, SB 490 would create a new state agency called the California American Freedman Affairs Agency. This agency would be tasked with overseeing the infrastructure behind administering reparations as determined by the Legislature and Governor.

"Each year, the California State Legislature introduces legislation to stop and prevent wage theft because we know workers have a right to fair compensation. Over our history, this land and nation have benefited from 250 years of wage theft through slavery. Just as my colleagues support those bills relating to wage theft, they should also support reparations-related legislation. Reparations are not a gift. They are not a hand-out or charity, but they are what was promised, owed, and overdue," said Senator Bradford.

The introduction of SB 490 will allow the legislative policy discussions around reparations to begin. SB 490 will be eligible for a vote by the Legislature next year.

<https://sd35.senate.ca.gov/news/2023-08-22-senator-bradford-introduces-historic-reparations-legislation-address-california%E2%80%99s>

Editor's Note: California was never a slave state.

Editor's Note: I have added the next information and reference as a ray of hope that common sense might prevail in the long run. Meanwhile, hide your money.

September 10, 2023

California voters oppose the idea of the state offering cash payments to the descendants of enslaved African Americans by a 2-to-1 margin, according to the results of a new poll that foreshadows the political difficulty ahead next year when state lawmakers begin to consider reparations for slavery.

The UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies poll, co-sponsored by The Times, found that 59% of voters oppose cash payments compared with 28% who support the idea. The lack of support for cash reparations was resounding, with more than 4 in 10 voters "strongly" opposed.

"It has a steep uphill climb, at least from the public's point of view," said Mark DiCamillo, director of the IGS poll.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom and state lawmakers created California's Reparations Task Force in 2020 with the goal of establishing a path to reparations that could serve as a model for the nation. After two years of deliberations, the task force sent a final report and recommendations this summer to the state Capitol, where Newsom and the Democratic-led Legislature will ultimately decide how the state should atone for slavery.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/new-poll-finds-california-voters-resoundingly-oppose-cash-reparations-for-slavery/ar-AA1qvbGb>

Are you starting to get the picture?

The threats continue:

September 11, 2023

When Republican states passed legislation to prevent some kinds of online censorship on social media, California Democrats responded by passing AB 587, which creates significant reporting requirements for social media companies that create actionable moderation categories that include hate speech, racism, extremism, radicalization, disinformation, misinformation, harassment and foreign political interference.

X's lawsuit contends the point of AB 587 is to "pressure social media companies to eliminate or minimize content that the government has deemed objectionable."

<https://justthenews.com/nation/states/center-square/elon-musks-x-sues-california-over-alleged-first-amendment-violations>

September 13, 2023

The White House sent a letter to top news outlets demanding them to probe the 'lies' behind the GOP 's plan to impeach the president sparking outrage from Republicans. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy announced an official impeachment inquiry into Joe Biden on Tuesday over allegations of corruption and involvement in son Hunter's business dealings.

The move set off fiery reactions from Democrats and prompted the White House to send a letter to top news outlets demanding them to probe the 'lies' behind the GOP 's plan to impeach the president. 'It's time for the media to ramp up its scrutiny of House Republicans for opening an impeachment inquiry based on lies,' White House spokesperson Ian Sams wrote in the letter which lists public comments from a handful of Republicans unsupportive of impeachment.

[White House slammed for 'threatening' media about Biden impeachment \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/white-house-slammed-for-threatening-media-about-biden-impeachment/ar-AA1qvbGb)

Editor's Note: They will just keep at it until they realign the court system to tell them it is okay. They go from the proven Twitter and Facebook directives to a direct command to the lackeys in the mainstream media.

In other news, kicking it up another notch: World Government. I can't wait. It gets worse from here.

May 12, 2022

The Biden administration is setting the stage to hand ultimate control of America's health care system and U.S. national sovereignty over to the World Health Organization (WHO).

On May 22-28, 2022, the 75th World Health Assembly will convene in Geneva, Switzerland, with delegates from 194 nations, to vote on the Biden administration's proposed amendments to the International Health Regulations that will hand over national sovereignty and authority to the WHO, which during the COVID pandemic, carried the water bucket for the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) regarding the Wuhan lab.

<https://lc.org/newsroom/details/051222-bidens-amendments-hand-us-sovereignty-to-the-who-1>

Not a joke here is confirmation from a second source.

July 4, 2023 (Editor's note: July 4th, ironically)

In September 2024, less than two months before the next U.S. presidential election, the United Nations will host a landmark "Summit of the Future," where member nations will adopt a Pact for the Future. The agreement will solidify numerous policy reforms offered by the U.N. over the past two years as part of its sweeping "Our Common Agenda" platform.

Although there are numerous radical proposals included in the agenda, perhaps none are more important than the U.N. plan for a new "emergency platform," a stunning proposal to give the U.N. significant powers in the event of future "global shocks," such as another worldwide pandemic.

The emergency platform proposal might be the biggest attempted power grab in the history of the United Nations, but as shocking as it is, it pales in comparison to the Biden administration's treatment of this extremist proposal.

Rather than assert America's independence and sovereignty, the White House has expressed its support for the emergency platform. U.S. Ambassador Chris Lu noted in at least two March 2022 speeches that the Biden administration backs the emergency platform, along with numerous other proposals included in "Our Common Agenda."

<https://thefederalist.com/2023/07/04/the-u-n-is-planning-to-seize-global-emergency-powers-with-bidens-support/>

July 23, 2023

President Biden should find ways to defy the rulings of "MAGA justices" for their "gravely mistaken" constitutional interpretations, university professors urged in a letter on Wednesday.

Harvard law professor Mark Tushnet and San Francisco State University political scientist Aaron Belkin penned "An Open Letter to the Biden Administration on Popular Constitutionalism" to respond to what Biden has called "not a normal court" following high-profile cases.

"We urge President Biden to restrain MAGA justices immediately by announcing that if and when they issue rulings that are based on gravely mistaken interpretations of the Constitution that undermine our most fundamental commitments, the Administration will be guided by its own constitutional interpretations," they wrote.

The letter continued, "We have worked diligently over the past five years to advocate Supreme Court expansion as a necessary strategy for restoring democracy. Although we continue to support expansion, the threat that MAGA justices pose is so extreme that reforms that do not require Congressional approval are

needed at this time, and advocates and experts should encourage President Biden to take immediate action to limit the damage."

Tushnet and Belkin cited a solution known as "popular constitutionalism" **and said "that courts do not exercise exclusive authority over constitutional meaning."** They theorized that Biden could explain how the Supreme Court's decisions are "egregiously wrong" and offer an alternative constitutional interpretation, particularly if the ruling poses a "grave threat."

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/professors-urge-biden-defy-mistaken-rulings-maga-supreme-court-justices>

Editor's Note: We don't need no stinkin' three branches of government.

Read this next story immediately after understanding the previous two stories and Biden's position.

July 21, 2023

The United Nations Human Rights Council is now demanding that all countries abandon free speech and free expression and create and enforce blasphemy laws. This is not a surprise, though, because there is nothing the U.N. Human Rights Council hates more than human rights.

The Human Rights Council voted to approve a resolution demanding that countries "address, prevent and prosecute acts and advocacy of religious hatred" in response to two men in Sweden tearing pages out of a Quran and lighting it on fire. Pakistan's U.N. envoy said that "The opposition of a few in the room has emanated from their unwillingness to condemn the public desecration of the holy Qur'an."

That is not true.

But Pakistan is unable to fathom that you can indeed condemn the "public desecration" of the Quran without sentencing anyone to death, which is Pakistan's idea of "prosecuting acts and advocacy of religious hatred." Pakistan has already handed out multiple death sentences for blasphemy this year, which you would think is in direct conflict with the U.N.'s Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which says that "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression."

The Human Rights Council is a sham.

It is just another way the United Nations empowers and rewards authoritarian regimes for "engaging" with the international community or some such nonsense. Allowing authoritarians to demand that countries deprive people of their rights to free speech and free expression is simply par for the course for the corrupt, anti-freedom bureaucrats at the United Nations.

[The UN Human Rights Council demands the death of free speech \(msn.com\)](#)

July 24, 2023

President Biden's nomination of Julie Su for secretary of labor has not received Senate approval, but the administration plans to keep her as secretary of labor anyway.

Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution says that the president "shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint" officials such as cabinet secretaries. The Senate's advice on Su is clear: Nominate someone else. And if that advice is not followed, the Senate is not going to give its consent to her nomination.

So why does the Biden administration think it can keep Su in the position? Legal chicanery. There are two statutes at play. The first is the Vacancies Act, which sets a limit of 210 days on how long someone can serve as acting secretary of a federal department. Su has already been acting secretary for 132 days. The second is 29 U.S.C. Sec. 552, which is the statute that describes the deputy secretary of labor position. It

says in the event of the secretary of labor's resignation, the deputy secretary shall "perform the duties of the secretary until a successor is appointed," without specifying a time limit.

[Joe Biden's Attempt to Bypass the Senate \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com)

Leaving constitutional threats behind, how about someone eating a little crow for dessert?"

September 8, 2023

Shivanthi Sathanandan, the 2nd Vice Chairwoman for the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, posted on Facebook Wednesday that she was "violently carjacked" by "four very young men, all carrying guns." She said they assaulted her in front her children outside their home in broad daylight. She also included a photo of her head injuries and reported having a "broken leg, deep lacerations on my head, bruising and cuts" around her body as well as feeling "rage" against the lack of accountability against criminals.

"These men knew what they were doing. I have NO DOUBT they have done this before. Yet they are still on OUR STREETS. Killing mothers. Giving babies psychological trauma that a lifetime of therapy cannot erase. With no hesitation and no remorse," Sathanandan wrote.

She continued, "I'm now part of the statistics. I wasn't silent when I fought these men to save my life and my babies, and I won't be silent now. We need to get illegal guns off of our streets, catch these young people who are running wild creating chaos across our city and HOLD THEM IN CUSTODY AND PROSECUTE THEM. PERIOD."

Though she thanked police officers for their response, at the height of the George Floyd riots in June 2020, Sathanandan wrote Facebook posts supporting efforts to "dismantle" the police.

"We are going to dismantle the Minneapolis Police Department. Say it with me. DISMANTLE. The. Minneapolis. Police. Department," she wrote, "As allies, what can we do right now? LISTEN and LEARN from our Black siblings. And then AMPLIFY this message right now, in this moment. MPD has systematically failed the Black Community, they have failed ALL OF US. It's time to build a new infrastructure that works for ALL communities. If you are still disagreeing with that BASIC FACT, I'm not sure what to say to you."

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/dem-party-chairwoman-once-called-defund-police-carjacked-assaulted-minneapolis>

Editor's Note: Classic.

And one piece of surprisingly good news that emphasizes the importance of the court system, which of course, the liberals are trying to destroy:

September 15, 2023

Of all the states in which school districts might fear legal trouble for keeping parents in the dark about their children's decision to identify as the opposite sex, solidly blue California seemed an unlikely candidate.

Yet federal courts in the Golden State are the setting for two of the biggest developments in the heated fight nationwide over student privacy versus parental involvement.

"Parental involvement is not optional for correct medical diagnosis of gender incongruence," Benitez wrote. He cited 100 years of Supreme Court precedent on parents' rights to "direct the education, health, and upbringing" of their children as well as a binding [9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling](#) just last year.

The injunction protects only plaintiffs Elizabeth Mirabelli and Lori Ann West, but it is "significant because we have almost no court decisions on this issue," California lawyer Laura Powell, whose suit against California's medical misinformation law [may have played a role in its likely repeal](https://justthenews.com/government/courts-law/california-courts-surprisingly-unfriendly-school-districts-hide-gender), told Just the News. <https://justthenews.com/government/courts-law/california-courts-surprisingly-unfriendly-school-districts-hide-gender>

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“I'd rather entrust the government of the United States to the first 400 people listed in the Boston telephone directory than to the faculty of Harvard University.”

For more quotes from William F Buckley, go to

<https://www.azquotes.com/quote/40432>

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<https://www.nationalreview.com/>



Cases in point:

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/harvard-ranked-last-free-speech-students-saying>

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/columnists/2023/6/1/23744640/former-chicago-mayor-lori-lightfoot-to-teach-at-harvard-t-h-chan-school-of-public-health>

--New Feature--

From time to time in my casual reading, statements in books published years ago strike me as special and applicable to our situation today. This may or may not become a permanent feature of this newsletter.

From The Literature

Quotes from literature that reflect on our current world.

“Does human nature undergo a true change in the cauldron of totalitarian violence? Does man lose his innate yearning for freedom? The fate of both man and the totalitarian state depends on the answer to this question. If human nature does change, then the eternal and world-wide triumph of the dictatorial State is assured; if his yearning for freedom remains constant, then the totalitarian state is doomed.”

Vasily Grossman (1905 – 1964); ***Life and Fate***

Learn more about Vasily Grossman at

https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/19595.Vasily_Grossman



Good news, Bad news

First the bad news. The politicians in California:

- 1) Have established a committee to study the issue of reparations for slavery.
- 2) Have, of course, found a way to spend billions and billions of taxpayer dollars righting the historical wrong.
 - a. Although California has never been a slave state.
- 3) Have billed it as a potential pattern to be followed nationally.
 - a. California being California, And
 - b. Gavin Newsom having National political ambitions.

And just the slightest bit of hope offered to you in place of good news: California voters themselves resoundingly polled AGAINST the program at a 2:1 clip. See the info above by [clicking here](#).

Letters to the Editor

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Who are:

- 1. Lech Walesa**
- 2. Riley Gaines**
- 3. Gavin Newsom**
- 4. Devon Archer**
- 5. Nicholas John Roske**

Before you go a few thoughts

The best way for a conservative to get blown off by a liberal or an undecided independent is to use the word communism. It seems so far over the top that your fears and observations can and often are dismissed out of hand.

The “he said / she said” section of this issue of What’sNews is jam-packed with affronts to the constitutional rights and freedoms we used to take for granted in this country. That was not the intention when I started to group the first series of quotes from stories that described these intrusions into our private space and freedoms. You should not be surprised that what led me to begin the first grouping was the Democratic Governor in New Mexico suspending the second amendment in Bernanillo County (Albuquerque). But the alarm bells really went off when she followed up her original pronouncement with, **“No constitutional right, in my view, including my oath, is intended to be absolute.”**

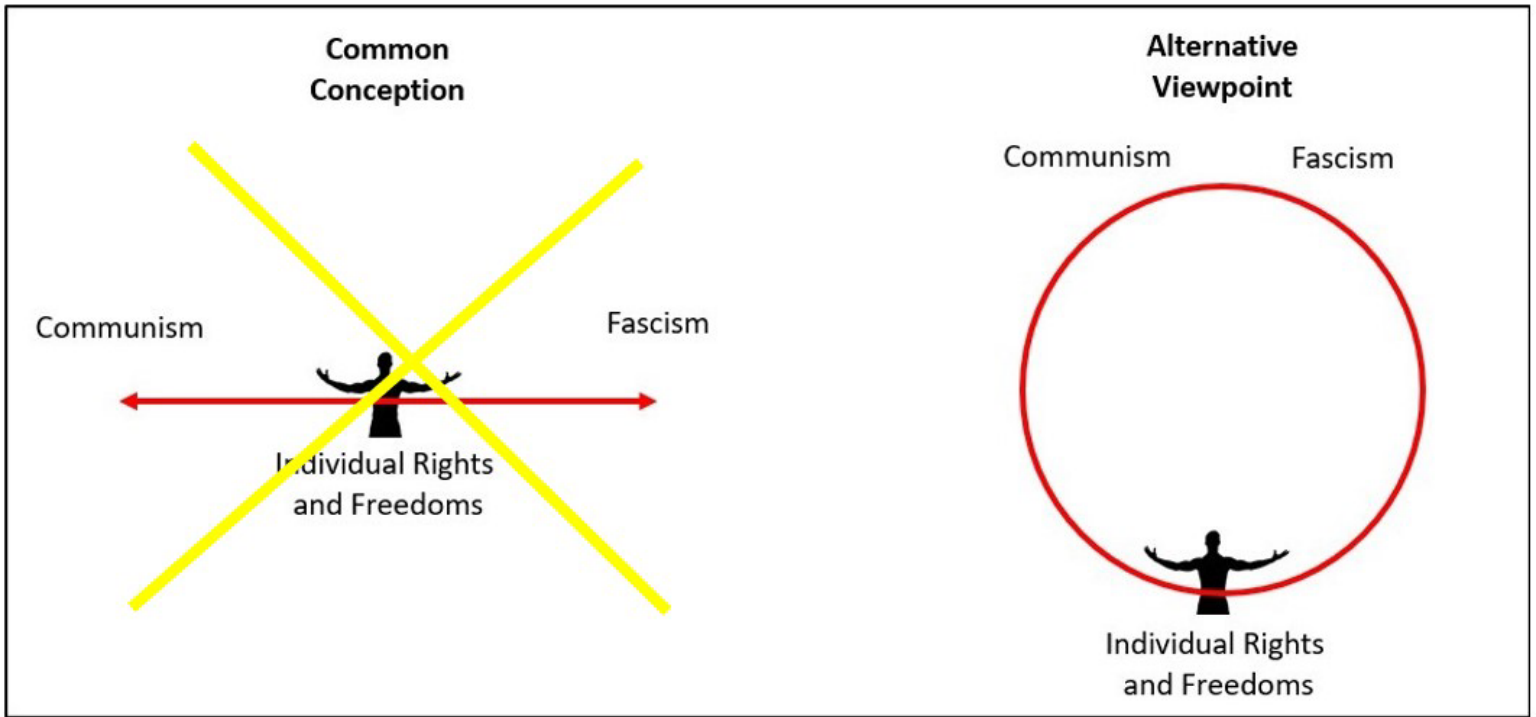
Can there be any more perfect statement defining what the liberals really think? In other words, “we are okay with the constitution unless it gets in are way.” “Rules are rules unless we want to change them.” If you are conservative, this should be the all-hands-on-deck wake-up call, especially in Wisconsin.

Why were multiple duly passed Wisconsin election laws ignored in 2020? I will give you two choices: 1) Because the emergency of the moment called for quick and innovative action, or 2) COVID was the excuse to abuse our legal system, and, in the process, abuse our trust in elections, and our system of government.

Our constitution is hard to change for a reason. The court system requires respect to maintain the constitution as an effective document and check on power. Likewise, the court system is entrusted with the effectiveness of duly passed legislation as well. Many of us see the effectiveness and fairness of our legal system dwindling. So far, the constitution is holding up relatively well. But we are also witnessing the attacks on the Supreme Court and the “outdated” constitution that “no longer fits the people’s needs.” ([Click here to see the advice to Biden by learned political science professors](#)) in this issue.

Read the history of the Soviet Union and today’s Russia. They have a constitution too, but it is easily changed and, just as easily ignored. Reread the quotes from articles above again, about the “Democratic” administration’s directives to private companies to violate first amendment rights. ([Click here to review](#)) Our behavior in this country more and more approximates that of a Communist (or Fascist, for that matter) country not necessarily in economic terms, but in legal and human rights terms.

For our purposes, who cares whether the menacing term is fascism or communism? Left and right are not the most accurate terms to use. The operative point is both systems directly oppose and abuse the individual and his rights. Both systems believe the individual is subservient to the state, not the other way around. Both systems aim to consolidate ultimate power at the highest level of the government possible. Proponents of both systems intend to destroy any other institutions that can provide protection or strength to the individual and act as a competitor to the ultimate power center of the state. This includes the family. Hate crime legislation is a way to federalize criminal charges of what used to be considered the responsibility of local, county and state law enforcement and court system. Consent decrees are imposed on local law enforcement agencies to assure the best of both worlds --- Federal procedures and mandates enforced and carried out at the local level. (e. g. Michael Brown’s “hands up, don’t shoot.”) (<https://www.fergusoncity.com/531/Consent-Decree>).



As we see, the pressure is relentless. The zone is always flooded with as many crises as possible. There is and always will be another reason to assume more power.

One of the goals of this newsletter is to give conservatives support in your valid arguments with liberals in terms of our social, educational, and political systems. I recommend you avoid the word Communism in your critiques and conversations. Instead, talk about the facts of what can be seen every day in America. If you can suggest a better generalized catch-all term, please let me know.

Feel free to share this with your friends and neighbors if you think it will encourage them to think, act and vote more conservatively than they might otherwise.

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