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# **SpokaneGOP**

# **Chairman's Chat**

Chairwoman, M.J. Bolt, SCRCC Chair/CEO chair@spokanegop.com Defending Faith, Family & Freedom *<u>This Issue:</u> Keep and Bear Arms -* You have the right to protect yourself against enemies both foreign and domestic.

<u>Next Issue:</u> National Sovereignty, Immigration and **Defense -** We believe America must have the strongest national defense necessary to defend our borders, homes and national interests.



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#### Conservatives, Unite!

As the clock winds down with only 21 days until Election Day, we stand at a pivotal moment in our nation's history. This election isn't merely critical; it's absolutely crucial for countless reasons, each too important to overlook. We need ALL HANDS ON DECK for these final 3 weeks!

### A Call to Action for Our Conservative Force:

Our approach must evolve if we are to secure victory. Remember, doing the same thing repeatedly and expecting different results is insanity. It's time for a revolution in strategy—a surge of innovation and steadfast commitment. Join me and our Board in this transformative journey. Let's shatter the cycle with bold action and ironclad resolve. Together, we will not only ensure a victory but one that will echo through time.

### Secure Victory with "Adopt A Voter"

In these decisive days, every vote truly counts. Brian Noble from Family Policy Institute of Washington has crafted an invaluable training called "Adopt A Voter." This isn't just guidance; it's your battle plan to ensure every potential vote in our favor is cast.

Why This Matters:

- Voter Apathy: Our Achilles' heel. Too many potential allies don't return their ballots.
- Action Required: Everyone, not just PCOs, can make an impact.

Immediate Steps:

- 1. **Dive into the Training:** Access Brian's insights here: <u>Recording Link</u> Ignorance is not an option.
- 2. Engage with the Workbook: It's your roadmap to success. Adapt and implement for maximum impact. Workbook Link
- While Brian has refined the approach since the recording, the core strategy remains potent.

This isn't about observing; it's about taking action. Together, we'll turn the tide, ensure every ballot, and secure a victory that resonates for generations.

### Join the Frontlines of Our Electoral Battle

The battle for our conservative values is fought daily, not just on Election Day. Here's how you can engage: **Support Roles:** 

• Bag Stuffing: If door-to-door isn't for you, come to 901 N Monroe on Mondays 10-2, Wednesdays 12-2, or Fridays 10-2. Your help in preparing materials for Super Saturdays is crucial.

Ground Warriors:

• **Canvassing:** Make a direct impact by signing up here: <u>LINK</u>. We're mobilizing 30-40 volunteers weekly across Spokane County. Our message is resonating, especially with non-partisan initiatives and judicial races.

Digital Activism:

• Social Media: Follow us, and SHARE, COMMENT, & LIKE our content. Amplify our message. Direct allies to <u>spokanegop.com</u> for candidate info, volunteer openings, and newsletters. Stay engaged for the 2025 Legislative Session by signing up to receive our "Legislative Action" alerts.

Campaign Funding:

• Donate: From printing to mailing, your donations fuel our efforts. Every contribution matters.

Remember, participation isn't enough; we aim to win. Every step, from stuffing baggies to posting online, brings us closer to victory. Join us. Fight with us. Victory demands your involvement.

### Thank You for Your Unwavering Commitment

Your participation isn't just a gesture; it's a declaration of commitment to our shared values and Spokane's future. By standing with us,

you're not just aiding in electing better officials or enacting sound policies; you're actively shaping a stronger Spokane.

Together, we're not merely making Spokane great again; we're crafting a legacy for future generations.

Your efforts are the heartbeat of our movement. Thank you for being the force propelling us forward.





# Rebellion as a Good Thing

"The commotions which have taken place in America, as far as they are yet known to me, offer nothing threatening. They are a proof that the people have liberty enough, and I would not wish them less than they have. If the happiness of the mass of the people can be secured at the expense of a little tempest now & then, or even of a little blood, it will be a precious purchase". A disclaimer: We ARE NOT calling for bloodshed.

<u>Malo libertatum periculosum quam quietam</u> <u>servitutem.</u>\* \*I prefer dangerous liberty to a quiet servitude To Ezra Stiles, Paris, December 24, 1786

https://csac.history.wisc.edu/2021/01/21/public-protests-inearly-america/

Protests are rarely instant responses to perceived injustices. Shay's Rebellion and other protests in America, stem from a buildup of anxiety in an eradriven passion of the people: The Boston Tea Party's taxes; Rodney King's race relations and Jan 6's election security. Despite the peaceful assembly leading up to and initially following the Jan 6 speech, an unfortunate few determined to agitate the crowd. Spinning up a peaceful crowd gave countless lowinformation media sites and partisan reporters fuel to disparage decent Trump supporters. To say that Trump supporters were heavily armed is deceptive. To suggest that several deaths were "associated" or "stemmed from" or was "a result of" the protest is highly dishonest and overreaching. It does not have to be a dichotomy of circumstance; protesters can be armed with absolutely no intent to be violent.

ONE woman (Trump supporter) was (murdered – in my opinion) shot [by gun] by Capitol Police on the exterior Capitol steps that day. Another participant has been reported as being killed close by. Absolutely not one Capitol Police Officer was killed or succumbed to injuries from that day. And reports of police officers being feloniously injured that day are ambiguous to say the least.

But it supports a particular narrative. Any nugget of information demonizing the MAGA movement grows legs; it benefits the ultimate goal of the Party of Communists, (formerly known as Democrats). Let's be honest. They love the division of America. The

denial of gun ownership is just one catalyst in achieving total tyranny. They publicly denounce mass shootings, isolated incidents, accidental, justifiable, suicidal or homicidal gun related cases while racing to the nearest podium in hopes of garnering enough support for the opportunity to disarm us all. Don't you get it? Once they abolish the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, they are free to do ANYTHING. It's evident however, that they hold a staunch exception to their crusade: Private security for the elite. Oh, yeah, and when Trump supporters are killed or when someone wishes to assassinate our president [Trump]. Note: Bipartisan investigative efforts into the assassination attempts have not gone unnoticed but I fear it is just optics.

We are missing the point if any one of us celebrates an assassination or an attempt on an American leader. A **strong united country** sees an attack on one as an attack on all. The Communist wing of the party does not see it that way and this is the exact moment that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment was made for. *NO*. For all the Leftist Lunatics: THIS IS NOT a call for a Revolution. But this is a call to put fear back into the government. Yes, the government should fear us, we should not fear the government.

How can anyone bring this country together when the extremists are so imbedded within it? They refuse to stop their rhetoric long enough to see humanity. God love Trump. He is exactly what we need right now. A force to be reckoned with, capable of busting through the Communist Wall and delegating for the Constitution to be restored. We must put decency back into practice. We can reach common ground but each side has to come to the table with the fundamental desire to remember the love of this country. That means, elitists can no longer be selfish. (How do you like Liz Cheney now?) Passion is necessary. It drives change. Protest is good. It reigns in our government. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment merely lets government entities know that their proclivities have boundaries. WE are their bosses, not the other way around.

Finish this phrase: Put your trust in

GO\_\_\_\_\_• If you finished with "D" and not "vernment", you would be correct.

### <u>Bravo Mr. Vance.</u>

The debate between Mr. Vance and Mr. Walz showed us how two people – albeit Mr. Walz represents a complete antithesis of what this country was founded on – can behave reasonably while engaging in a robust but definitive debate.

The moderators on the other hand; couldn't remain reasonable even if their lives depended on it.

Mr. Vance, you set the tone and demanded that the moderators stick to their own rules in the debate. Good for you! Don't let them get away with their partisan drivebyes.

All Republicans take note: It is time to stand up and articulately convey the message of who we are.

We have humility.

We have strength.

We have spirituality.

We have common sense.



### The Constitutional Corner By Lori Burns

Freedom requires accountability. Our society is becoming a failed exercise in freedom because we do not demand accountability from anyone. Politicians get away with an endless array of lies, broken promises, pandering and selfserving behavior. We as voters rarely demand accountability. Rioters and looters, as long as they hide behind liberal "causes" are rarely punished and held to the standard of the law. The new cabal of George Soros owned District Attorneys are turning a traditionally non-political office into centers of political law-fare. Blind justice is becoming a historical myth that if applied at all is used in a twotiered way. You better hope you belong to the right group or they are coming for you.

All one need to do is examine the Jan. 6 debacle. Everyone agreed that those who broke the laws should be held to account. However, they should not have become political prisoners in Washington DC. The penalties for the perpetrators are wildly disproportionate to others perpetrating similar misdemeanors. In contrast, those who destroyed Minneapolis and caused billions of dollars of damage received a slap on the wrist if anything at all.

Living in a free society demands personal accountability. One of the greatest responsibilities is gun ownership. Our Founding Fathers knew that an armed citizenry was the greatest protection against a tyrannical government. They also knew human nature and that there would always be those who would abuse the privilege and act irresponsibly. But the power of that freedom vastly outweighs the failures of the few. We are not lacking for gun laws-we are lacking accountability and enforcement. In the most recent assassination attempt on Donald Trump, a serial felon was never punished for breaking existing gun laws. Is it any wonder he felt emboldened to heed the violent Democrat rhetoric and attempt to "save the world from Trump"? The outrage from the liberals was strangely absent over this incident. It seems he may have broken the law to obtain a fully automatic weapon. I am shocked! No really, I'm shocked.

If we are to remain a free nation then we must teach the above principles. We must hold ourselves and others accountable for how they choose to exercise their freedom. We DO NOT solve our problems by curtailing freedom arbitrarily; we enforce the law evenly, fairly and unequivocally.



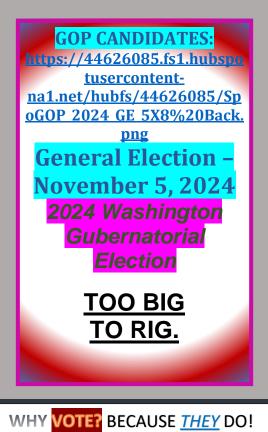
### WAKE UP SPOKANE COUNTY AND WASHINGTON STATE

# THIS IS BOB FERGUSON voting against measures:



\*Currently, Washington fuel cost average is 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the nation.
\*We are forced to pay into our own long-term health care.
\* Any UNREALIZED assets like our homes, will be taxed.

# Dave Reichert is the only choice.



VOTE FOR OUR REPUBLIC 2024: Vote on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2024 and make it TOO BIG TO RIG. Current election information: https://www.spokanecounty.org/178/Current-Election

### Where are they now?

Excerpt from a column published January 19, 2023 in The Spokesman Review on bills the 2023 legislature. For the complete column: <u>https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2023/jan/19/sue-lani-madsen-principles-emotions-and-practicali/</u>

### Principles, emotions and practicality collide over public safety issues

The challenge of securing safety while protecting individual liberty was highlighted by the testimony over four bills heard in the House Judiciary Committee. Raise the issue of gun control and common ground on public safety is quickly deserted. Appeals were made to emotion, practicality and principle.

HB 1143 would require obtaining a permit before purchasing a firearm. HB 1144 is similar but adds a mandatory training requirement prior to purchase. HB 1240 is an assault weapons ban. HB 1178 would allow city and county ordinances regulating guns to supersede state law.

Powerful, emotional appeals are a poor basis for state policy.

Laws rather obviously apply only to people inclined to follow them. Robin Ball, retired owner of a Spokane gun shop and firing range, said the bills do not address the real problems behind misuse of firearms. She pointed to the frequency with which "gun violations are pled to lower charges or mostly dropped in our state courts," a lawyerly strategy which also reduces the usefulness of background checks. "This bill will have no impact on gun violence," Ball said.

Spokane City Council President Breean Beggs weighed in supporting HB 1178, saying "decisions are best made closest to the people they are impacting." But as Spokane County Sheriff John Nowels pointed out, while he generally agrees with the principle of local decisions are best, allowing different jurisdictions to have different standards is simply unworkable for state concealed pistol license holders. Complying with a patchwork of rules for storage and transport is "an unreasonable expectation," Nowels said. "Reject and do not create criminals out of our good citizens."

And the results:

HB 1143: Signed into law 4/25/2023, effective date 01/01/2024. HB 1144: Died in committee in favor of HB 1143. HB 1240: Signed into law 4/25/2023, effective date 4/25/2023 by emergency clause. HB 1178: Died in committee

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#### PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS

PCOs elected in the Primary Election on August 6, 2024 will begin two-year terms on December 1. If there was a contested GOP PCO race in your precinct this August, you can see the results at <a href="https://www.spokanecounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/56087/August-6-2024-Primary-Election-PDF">https://www.spokanecounty.org/DocumentCenter/View/56087/August-6-2024-Primary-Election-PDF</a>. Questions: Spokane County Republicans 509-838-6162 ext. 802.

Find your precinct by scrolling down on the GOP Home page to the link, then follow the directions. Or, at <u>VoteWA.gov</u>. Then, submit your name and birthday – click registration link.

**Does your precinct have a PCO?** Follow the link <u>https://spokanegop.com/leadership</u>, then click on your district and find your precinct to find out. PCOs currently listed on our website are probably those elected/appointed before the August Primary. PCOs elected in August should be posted by December, although many were re-elected so remain the same. PCOs are important connections between voter and candidate. More PCO information here: <u>https://spokanegop.com/become-a-pco</u>.

Does your precinct have a PCO? Do you have a talent to share? What motivates you? Join us and make a difference. Consider volunteering, <a href="https://spokanegoping.com/become-a-volunteer">https://spokanegoping.com/become-a-volunteer</a>. Our volunteers are appreciated. Many PCOs and other Republicans work hard for our party.

If you have someone in mind please nominate that person as PCO or Republican of the Month.

REBUBLICANS/PCOs OF THE MONTH:

Spokane County GOP continues to support Helping Captives. Please consider cleaning out your closet, your storage or garage. Your gently used and donated household items, clothing, holiday decor and similar items can help heal victims of trafficking. Donate Monday thru Saturday 10am---5pm. While there, check out their signature coffee brand--Helping Captives Coffee.



## **Ponderosa Republican Women:**

Monthly meeting on October 8th.

Guest speakers, James McDevitt, former U.S. Attorney for Eastern WA and Debby Kurbitz, former Spokane County prosecuting attorney, spoke about the importance of vetting candidates running for all judicial positions. To summarize their presentation, when electing attorneys into judicial positions, it's important to know if they can objectively rule by the letter of the law and not by their political affiliation. In a perfect world, judges would leave their politics at the door before they enter their courtrooms.

5th District Congressional Candidate, Michael Baumgartner, spoke briefly on what he will bring to DC if elected in November and answered questions from the group. His campaign is going well and we certainly hope he will be our elected representative in November.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12. Guest speaker will be Tim Fitzgerald, Spokane County Clerk. The topic of his presentation will be focused on the Spokane Veterans Forum, a non-profit organization that provides mentoring and educational, therapeutic and life enhancing services to military veterans referred from regional Veterans Enhanced Therapeutic Courts. Once next's month's meeting is posted on the <u>PRW</u> website, you will be able to make reservations. You do not need to be a member to attend.

Jan Grayhek, PRW President http://www.PonderosaRepublicanWomen.com



For now, the GOP Merch stores are closed. Stay tuned for updates on our website and Spokane County Republican Party Facebook page.

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https://houserepublicans.wa.gov/2021/02/01/how-you-can-be-involved-in-the-legislative-process/



Interested in sharing your ideas, knowledge or time? Please consider volunteering for a GOP committee position. For Communications Committee or work submission, you <u>MUST</u> meet submission deadlines. Contact Terri at <u>terrizalevits@gmail.com</u>.

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