

SpokaneGOP

Our Guiding Principles:

Infrastructure (Energy/Utilities, Transportation and Technology)

By Juli Skinner

It's fairly safe to say: The idea of decompressing after a difficult day of demanding duties, does not include sitting on the couch in front of mindless TV reports about how Socialist-Democrats define infrastructure. Still, if it strikes a bone of curiosity on how it relates to government, go ahead, grab your favorite device and type "What are the responsibilities of the United States Government?" into the search bar. A subcategory (generated by a search engine - rhymes with OOGLE) pops up, "What are the 5 functions of the federal government?":

"A government's basic functions are providing leadership, maintaining order, providing public services, providing national security, providing economic security and providing economic assistance".

The passage seems innocuous at first glance but unlike our Preamble where words were chosen deliberately and carefully, these words focus on the implication of limitless provisions. It is a glimpse of what arbitrary government reliance looks like and our youth are gobbling the garbage up. When big government teams up with big tech, internet garbage is what we get. To be clear: The founding of our great country never, never, never included "*providing*" long-term, wide-ranging all-encompassing total and complete care of its citizens. That is a truth buried beneath abandoned integrity of certain and particular resources.

The Left is selling infrastructure as a benefit to be provided by their government. It begs the question: Why? When local and state government are capable of

Equal Justice - All people have a right to equal treatment under the law. We support the enforcement of the original Bill of Rights as written and intended by the Founders.

Jobs, Economy and Currency - We support balanced budgets, reduced regulations, limited taxation and Free Market, allowing growth to the individual and to the economy as a whole.

Education - We are dedicated to reaffirming the importance of safety for students and staff. We support a rigorous "back to basics" curriculum as determined by parents and local school districts.

Keep and Bear Arms - You have the right to protect yourself against enemies both foreign and domestic.

National Sovereignty, Immigration and Defense - We believe America must have the strongest national defense necessary to defend our borders, homes and national interests.

Individual Rights - We believe individual human rights come from our Creator, not the government. We recognize the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness from conception to natural death. We believe in free speech, thought, worship and dissent without fear of government interference or penalty.

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maintaining infrastructure individually suited for the needs of their communities, why would Socialist-Democrats be pushing to “take care of us all”? Well, the devil is in the details. In simplest form, they mean to control those of us who do not share their philosophy. They whine about equity and equality but behind the curtain, elevate the disadvantaged and demote the advantaged, leveling the playing field. By design, the divide widens between Patricians (elite) and Plebeians (commoners). Controlling infrastructure is merely only one cog in the plan to move into full Socialism. But even a socialist government has a hierarchy.

Our ability to retain our sovereign status quells the complete dependence on federal government. Of course, as defined within our founding documents, the government regulates matters residing within its purview. For nonconcurrent powers; WE GOT THIS. Taxes, tolls, private investment, borrowing can all fund infrastructure. Many also believe land management, immigration, education and healthcare can be handled by states. But that level of freedom cannot be tolerated so the corruption on our brain buckets is constant and cruel. It’s ubiquitous. The worst tactic? Peddling promises of a Crapsaccharine (false utopia) World.

No, in absolute terms, they do not want to take care of “anyone”; they want to control “everyone”. We won’t trade our freedom for someone to tell us what’s best for us. We already know.

“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn’t pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same.” ~Ronald Regan



Limited Government - Government is best when it governs the least. Big government infringes upon the rights of the citizens, is prohibitive, inefficient and extremely expensive.

Healthcare - We believe that the best healthcare model is one with very limited government intervention, based around the principle of individual responsibility.

Property Rights - It is the right of all citizens to legally acquire, own, use and dispose of private property. It is your right to protect your property with reasonable force against another person who is threatening to infringe upon your property.

Infrastructure (Energy/Utilities, Transportation and Technology) - We understand that government must continue to invest wisely in infrastructure and transportation projects, especially those critical to growth and safety and strive to be a leader in energy and information technologies through our free market system rather than with government intervention.

Family Values - We support the right of families to be free to raise their children according to their personal morals, values and spiritual beliefs.

Find more on our principals
<https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/scrcc/pages/30/attachments/original/1544655338/Spokane-GOP-2014-Platform-FINAL.pdf?1544655338>

Hand in the Cookie Jar

By Austin Hatcher

You've seen it before: you navigate to a website, start reading the article, and then a pop-up interrupts your scrolling, stating that "this website uses cookies to improve your experience." You are then given the opportunity to 'accept all cookies' or leave the site, or potentially presented the option to choose which cookies to accept. While seemingly innocuous, is the installation of cookies on your computer a condition we want to use an internet site? Do we really want to enable a website to know which site we came from, which site we move to next, and for that site to store all of that information?

I've reviewed a lot of terms and conditions for website owners, and they all have as a condition of use that the user allows cookies to be installed. As stated above, this is like announcing when you enter a store which store you just came from, and what errand you will be running next.

Additionally, many sites then ask you to subscribe to their email newsletter or ad, which usually includes 'beacons,' which are invisible files in the email that lets the business know whether you have opened the email, and sometimes whether you scrolled to the bottom, and in some cases, even how long you had the email open.

This is like junk mail vendors having a certified mail delivery receipt on those mass mailers we all hate.

Further, police have begun using "geofence warrants" (a subpoena) to Google and Apple to request location data, termed a "suspectless search." Many people leave their phones logged in to their accounts so they don't have to remember all their passwords, or enable location data to aid in using navigational technologies. However, convenience comes with a cost; your every movement is tracked, and if you happen to be in the vicinity of a crime, you may find yourself answering questions from a law enforcement officer about your whereabouts last night.

I get it. Our phones are wondrous technology with vast capabilities; I almost always have a phone with me. But as I said, convenience comes with a cost. Maybe you aren't concerned about someone knowing your search history or internet usage, or even where you are at any given moment. However, the more we give, the more the government will take and use. Ponder on that and determine whether you want to eat that cookie.

HOW ARE YOUR WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVES VOTING?

<https://www.washingtonvotes.org/>

WashingtonVotes.org is a source of information for Washington residents who want to know where their legislators land on particularly issues for our state. You can follow the process by looking up a bill or your legislator by name. It is an excellent way to get involved and make sure your representatives are working for you and your values.

2021 Senate Bill 5476: Addressing the State v. Blake decision

Voted yes:

SENATE REPUBLICANS

[Braun \(R\)](#)

[Brown \(R\)](#)

[Dozier \(R\)](#)

[Gildon \(R\)](#)

[Hawkins \(R\)](#)

[Honeyford \(R\)](#)

[King \(R\)](#)

[Muzzall \(R\)](#)

[Rivers \(R\)](#)

[Short \(R\)](#)

[Wagoner \(R\)](#)

[Warnick \(R\)](#)

[Wilson, L \(R\)](#)

2021 House Bill 1277: Providing for an additional revenue source for eviction prevention and housing stability services

Voted yes:

HOUSE REPUBLICANS

[Caldier \(R\)](#)

[Harris \(R\)](#)

[Young \(R\)](#)



CONSTITUTIONAL CORNER

By Lori Burns

Two very important aspects of modern society are ever-changing technology and the constant need for quality infrastructure for our communities. We have witnessed monumental changes in both our need for technology and infrastructure and in our ability to keep pace with both. What is the appropriate role of government in either arena? Should tax dollars subsidize private companies? Is it the government's job to provide high speed internet to every home in America, for example? Why or why not?

Dictionary.com defines infrastructure as: *"the fundamental facilities and systems serving a country, city, or area, as transportation and communication systems, power plants, and schools."* We most often think of it as roads, bridges, airports and schools since those are funded by tax dollars (along with a few public utilities, often water and sewer). Private companies provide an essential aspect of infrastructure in terms of telephonics, utilities and internet access. Sadly, much of our infrastructure is terrible. In Spokane County alone, we are all aware of the poor quality of our roads and our pathetic inability to provide timely and efficient snow-removal or lasting road repairs. Our school facilities are the nicest ever built with poorer student outcomes. It does beg the question: Are our tax dollars being spent wisely? As our nation spirals into mind-blowing levels of debt, perhaps it is time we re-focus our attention on what really matters and spend money accordingly: wisely and efficiently. Instead, it seems money is spent in a reactionary way with little or no forethought and no accountability for the diabolical waste of our hard-earned tax dollars. Is the infrastructure serving our needs or are we slaves to the constant call for "infrastructure" spending?

A similar question might be asked of technology. Are we slaves to technology or is it being used wisely as a tool for growth? The constancy of change in our incredible technological advances is costly. Upgrades for software and outdated equipment and technology come at a heavy price for taxpayers. I shudder to think how much taxpayer money is wasted annually by inefficient and careless bureaucracies with their insatiable thirst for spending. Even more troubling than financial waste is the steady loss of freedom for those outside of the accepted PC narrative of today. As "Progressives" have re-defined "Public/Private Partnerships", we now suffer while social media companies regulate free speech with the seeming approval of Congress. When any arm of the government asks social media to monitor

Was it any surprise to see Chuck Schumer's daughter up on stage at the Oscars with other hostesses misrepresenting Florida's "Parental Rights in Education Bill" ("Anti-Grooming Bill")? In fact, IT IS NOT the "Don't Say Gay Bill". IT IS a bill outlining and protecting the rights of PARENTS to parent their own children and determine what their children are exposed to in school. HB 1557 requires that parents be informed about crucial decisions regarding their children, putting the power of parenting back into the hands of the parent NOT the state. It does not benefit the nation in the least for lie-by-omission Hollywood talking heads to antagonize decent policymakers. Please read the bill and make your own determinations.

Myth vs Fact:

<https://saveourschools.com/newsroom/myth-vs-fact-floridas-parents-bill-of-rights-hb-1557>

Link to the bill: <http://flsenate.gov/session/bill/2022/1557>

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and prohibit speech, (in the name of protecting us from "misinformation" and "disinformation") we have gone well beyond the proper role of a "private" company. Technology is obviously here to stay. The question is, will we be the master or the slave?

It is extremely difficult to keep up with both our infrastructure and technological needs. It seems prudent, however, to catch our collective breath on occasion and assess where we are in the process. If we tax and spend ourselves into oblivion, it will eventually counteract any possible gains. If we lose all of our freedoms of speech and choice in order to accept the next greatest technological advance, is it worth the price? May I suggest that we assess our roles as voters in all of this. If we don't act, we will be acted upon. If we don't insist upon wisdom, forethought and accountability in our elected leaders then we are headed for servitude. To my mind, any private or government action that supersedes our God-given Constitutional rights or continues on the never-ending stream of wasteful government spending is much too high a price to pay. Isn't it time to re-assess? Isn't it time we ask the hard questions? Isn't it time we stop being acted upon?

PRIORITIES ANYONE?

Our citizens are being taught to hate this country; our schools are sexualizing our children; we are hip deep in an inflation, feared to be a prelude to an upcoming recession; [Illegal Aliens] immigrants are pouring in through our borders; Democrats are working to repeat the 2020 election debacle and we are a hair trigger away from WWII, depending on who you ask. BUT thank goodness our United States Senate has come together on a bipartisan bill to..... make DAYLIGHT SAVINGS PERMANENT! (Passing by unanimous consent, no roll call vote. Some Senators did not even realize that it had passed:
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/03/17/senate-time/>

*“We got it past the Senate, and now the clock is ticking to get the job done so we never have to switch our clocks again,” Sen. **Patty Murray, D-Wash.**, said on the Senate floor. “So I urge my colleagues in the House to act as swiftly as the Senate —”*

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/senate-passes-bill-making-daylight-saving-time-permanent-rcna20158>

WHEW! I was worried there for a minute. Thank you Patty for your wise words.

J.S.

SAVE THE DATES:

www.spokaneunitedwestand.org
www.thefamilyguide.org

10 April 2022

Vietnam Heritage Day
 Shadle Park Library, 1pm

30 April 2022

Family Fun Day
 Silver Lake Mall



14 May 2022

ANHPI – Asian Native Hawaiian
 Pacific Islander Heritage Month



BALLOT MEASURE

April 26, 2022 Special Election for the City of Spokane

<https://www.spokanecounty.org/178/Current-Election>

**Proposition No. 1 City of Spokane
 EMS - Emergency Medical Services
 Levy**

Shall the City of Spokane be authorized to impose regular property tax levies in the sum of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of 2022 assessed valuation for the continued provision of EMS - Emergency Medical Services for each year for six consecutive years to be collected in 2023 through 2028 inclusive?

You should receive your ballot by April 11. Please VOTE!

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

By Susan Schuler

I have been reflecting lately that in times where everything seems to be falling apart at the seams in so many areas of our lives and society, what becomes the one thing we can control? How can we feel that what we do matters? Do we feel helpless in our efforts and contributions – I know a lot of people are feeling that way right now.

Big issues like the level of divisiveness in politics, global wars, what seems like the loss of our love of country and countrymen (pride), liberal school indoctrination of our children, homelessness and drug addiction, poverty and rubbish lining our streets and communities...all of these issues seem to have grown to unmanageable levels.

There is hope, there are things we can do, things that matter and will make a difference! The first thing we do is to know that even the smallest effort makes a huge difference. My efforts and suggestion are to focus on the local issues, what's happening in our own 'backyards' where we can make a difference. If we heal our local community maybe the one next to us will follow our lead.

We can become involved locally in our political system by running for elected office. We can become a Precinct Committee Office (PCO) to represent the families in our neighborhood and to help those people to vote come election time. We can participate in neighborhood cleanup projects where instead of walking past the rubbish, we actually bend over and pick it up. We can get involved by supporting the city mayors in Spokane County. Respective programs combatting drug addiction and homeless issues will benefit the community as a whole.

Your Spokane County GOP has 25 Standing and Special Committees that need your help! While we try our best to do the things that will get strong Republican candidates elected, that takes a small army of volunteers, which we do not have at this time. We are working on it and we so appreciate those that have joined us, but we need a lot more caring and engaged citizens. People like you who want to help solve local issues which will make Spokane a great place to live and work.

Come and join us – come and make a local difference!

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

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PCO Candidate Filing

Online and in-person filing for all candidates, including PCOs, begins Monday, 5/16 and ends at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 5/20.

More information for PCO candidates at Spokane County Elections:

<https://www.spokanecounty.org/4065/Precinct-Committee-Officer--Candidate-F>

PCOs are elected in the August Primary and assume office for two years on December 1.

Spokane County Republican Party <https://www.spokanegop.com/>

Ponderosa Republican Women, PRW
<http://www.PonderosaRepublicanWomen.com>

House Republicans

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

Spokane GOP

2022 SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

More details to come as we update our system...

VOLUNTEER:

Interested in sharing your ideas, knowledge or time? Please consider volunteering for a GOP committee position by signing up on the GOP website:

<https://www.spokanegop.com/newvolunteer>

If interested in helping with the Communications Committee, you may also contact Terri at terrizelevits@gmail.com.