

# SpokaneGOP

## How Do We Vote?

By Juli Skinner

Do we vote on emotion or by pragmatism? Because it matters. Naturally we vote for those who look and talk like us, have similar backgrounds and appeal to our emotions. We connect with those who “feel” with us but emotions are relatively temporary and degrees of strong emotion can bring regret. Barack Obama fetched two terms; some argue because of emotion-fueled race-guilt. By contrast, President Trump’s policies were the focal point. In fact, despite constant attacks on his character, he still holds favor. Why? His policy prescription remains consistent, contrary to the failures of the current policies. It is a lesson, or should be at least, why application of sound reasoning is necessary.



Don't confuse feelings with values. For example, you may feel you need to vote for a particular political party because

that is how your family has always voted but now find that that party doesn't actually align with your values. Take party affiliation off campaign signs and focus on the message and we may just have a very different outcome. It is our duty as legal citizens to educate ourselves before we vote. Check incumbents' voting records, watch debates, listen to interviews. Feelings don't belong in politics; we have social services for that. But as our feelings are being exploited for votes, bad policy continues to bring bad results. Democrats climb over each other to see who can be the most “Woke”. Our country, meanwhile, is being destroyed by bad policy. Americans are suffering under every Leftist activist category and creation. Product shortages, immigration and open borders; let's start there.

**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.

## The Immigration Debacle

What's wrong with floods of unvetted people from foreign countries crossing our borders without permission?

*\*Disease* - "Got-aways" inevitably bring in disease once thought to be eradicated in the USA; more so when custody procedures are deficient under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Those who are apprehended and tested will be treated if positive; all at your expense. The Center for Immigration Studies gives new meaning to socialized medicine;

*"In FY 2018, the [Yuma] sector [of the Border Patrol] incurred more than \$700,000 in medical care costs to cover 1,700 aliens who were apprehended and who had to be transported to the hospital..."*

Yuma saw 8,800 apprehensions in 2020. We have also seen a rise in mumps, influenza and tuberculosis.

Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) used Title 42 to swiftly expel immigrants at the border. A 1944 Public Health Service Act, President Trump reinstated it to protect Americans from the Covid-19 pandemic. With few exceptions, Democrat leaders support lifting Title 42, salivating over the possible [illegal] voting pool. What a quandary. Democrats hyped the pandemic to get voting "reform" in place but now downplay it to justify lifting Title 42. 'Need pliable immigrants to vote Democrat. Can't. Country's shut down.' (Homer Simpson says, "D'oh"). Didn't think that one through. Pre-election Covid-19 comeback anyone? Obviously it isn't about keeping Americans safe. Numbers are expected to almost triple once Title 42 is officially lifted. But don't worry, at the end of March, Mayorkas included Covid vaccines and mask requirements for illegals during their waiting period. The icing on the cake? There will be a 100% reimbursement "provided that the state does not stand in the way".

Since the beginning of the pandemic, 23K border patrol employees tested positive. 64 have passed away.

<https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/coronavirus>

### *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://d3n8a8pro7vnm.cloudfront.net/scrc/pages/30/attachments/original/1544655338/Spokane-GOP-2014-Platform-FINAL.pdf?1544655338>

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\* *Terrorism* - Over 40 Jihads crossed our border in the last 12 months. How many have eluded detection and are now plotting against a country they hate? Mayorkas “has it all under control” though, deploying “600 law enforcement officers to the border... referring smugglers and ‘certain’ border crossers for criminal prosecution.” And he has assured us that applicants are being removed if they fail to provide valid asylum requests. Hmm.

\* *Drugs* - “CBP officers, Border Patrol agents, and Air and Marine Operations agents continue to interdict the flow of illicit narcotics across the border. Nationwide, drug seizures (Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Heroin, Fentanyl, and Marijuana) by weight were up 37 percent in April compared to March. Seizures were as follows”:

- Cocaine seizures increased 96 percent
- Methamphetamine increased 20 percent
- Heroin seizures increased 138 percent
- Fentanyl seizures increased 23 percent

[https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-releases-april-2022-monthly-operational-update?language\\_content\\_entity=en](https://www.cbp.gov/newsroom/national-media-release/cbp-releases-april-2022-monthly-operational-update?language_content_entity=en)

Seizures of fentanyl coming into the USA: 2800 lbs. in 2019; 4800 lbs. in 2020 and 11,200 lbs. in 2021. Recent reports are that it’s being mixed with cocaine. In simple terms; Fentanyl is produced in China, transported to Mexico, and smuggled past our now very porous American borders. Yeah – there’s a problem.

\* *Criminals* - The argument on what the difference between homegrown and illegal aliens as criminals is – it’s simple. Those who say it isn’t illegal for foreigners to cross our borders without permission ARE WRONG. It is in fact UNLAWFUL. It is a misdemeanor for the first offense and a felony if they return after being deported. Legitimate urgent reasons for leaving a country of origin to come to America will generate adequate and proper opportunity for application. Those who sneak in, (first committed offense) have already lied and cheated. The claim is not that illegal aliens commit more crimes than U.S. citizens; that’s ludicrous since U.S. citizens outnumber illegals by close to 300 million. *Oh, that silly word, “ratio” we use to*

[SPOKANE CITY NEWS: Water Restriction and Fining Ordinance C36209.](#)

Spokane City Council passed the ordinance and Mayor Nadine Woodward **VETOED** it. Unfortunately, it was overridden by the five Democrats on the Council.

Make note: Council Members Jonathan Bingle and Michael. Cathcart were the lone dissenters to the vote. The Council failed to provide adequate information on what the restrictions and fines would be, expecting members to vote blindly. In their post-public comments, the two “no’s” pointed to great issues with the ordinance details.

*“Why no Council input or explanation at the beginning before the folks presented?”*

Approximately 32 citizens commented via phone or in person. The consensus in favor/opposition was about 50/50. The Spokane “River Keepers” overwhelmed the process, pushing for the restrictions, fines and government oversight on water usage. But many testified that massive government overreach had no place in an area that NO WATER EMERGENCY nor WATER SHORTAGE existed. Therefore, no restrictions were needed.

Council President Beggs reportedly finds favor in growing restrictions based on no scientific basis, whereby changing the landscape of the economic freedom we enjoy. We can chalk this ordinance up to being yet another guilt fueled money grab. Do you want Smart Meters attached to your home so that **you can be constantly surveilled by our government?**

For your information:

<https://my.spokanecity.org/citycouncil/meetings/2022/05/23/legislative-meeting/>

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*explain numbers.* To reiterate what President Trump was laboring to explain; we want the very best law abiding, talented people to immigrate. Share your talents, not your crimes which is an added drain on our society.

\* *Jobs* - Covid-19 upset the employment pool - thanks to the never-ending socialist stimulus checks and the encouragement *not* to work. While it might be true that the job market is open and employers are hurting for labor, filling openings with mass amounts of unskilled labor will not benefit our economy. Most people illegally crossing the border are not going to be our engineers, doctors and computer programmers we need. An unskilled workforce will therefore flood the job market and saturate it, leaving us with illegal aliens who cannot work; putting a strain on our social, health, education, wages, housing and food supply.

In closing and at this moment, more Republicans than Democrats are increasingly concerned about the immigration problem as a Gallup poll shows.

<https://news.gallup.com/poll/391820/four-americans-highly-concerned-illegal-immigration.aspx>

Furthermore, not one concern listed above is based in racism. The Left takes joy in overusing that term every time they disagree with policies or values opposing theirs. It's childish and tired. But when people in positions of authority like Allen Orr, President of American Immigration Lawyers Association, rail against the enforcement of Title 42 because he believes it to be racist, it's just deliberately ignorant and irresponsible. To Voice of America (VOA), he said this,

*"We need to make sure people can't use title 42 ever again. Title 42 has been part of a racist policy, directed at Black and brown people on the southern border."*

How is it racist to want the very best humans, humans without disease, in our country? It's time we put the health and safety of our citizens above fear of being called a **racist**.

# HAPPY

## FATHER'S DAY

HUG YOUR CHILD A LITTLE  
TIGHTER TODAY;  
EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY  
PROTEST

LISTEN TO YOUR CHILD'S  
SILENT CRIES;  
THEY ARE NOT ALL IN JEST

BE THE STRENGTH FOR  
THEM;  
WHEN THEY HAPPEN TO  
STUMBLE A LOT

AND CHERISH THEIR LITTLE  
IDIOSYNCRASIES;  
BECAUSE YOU'RE ALL  
THEY'VE REALLY GOT

FORGIVE THEM FOR THE  
CHOICES THEY'VE MADE;  
AND IF YOU SUFFER GREAT  
LOSS

TAKE COMFORT IN OUR  
LOVING LORD; HE'S SURELY  
PAID THE COST

AND DADDY FORGIVE  
YOURSELF; YOU'VE DONE  
YOUR VERY BEST

GOD HEARS YOUR SOMBER  
WAILS; BEYOND THE DEVIL'S  
TEST

SO TELL THEM YOU LOVE  
THEM; AND WHEN THEY SAY  
IT BACK TO YOU

WHAT ONCE WAS SAID TO  
BE A THANKLESS JOB; JUST  
BECAME SO UNTRUE.

LUKE 23:43

J.S.

*He will turn the hearts of the  
fathers to their children and  
the hearts of the children to  
their fathers.* Malachi 4:6:

## CONSTITUTIONAL CORNER

By Lori Burns

My daughter got married a little under a year ago. She called us in tears last week, worried sick about their budget. She and her husband work very hard and are being very careful with their money. In spite of their best efforts, they have watched all of their discretionary spending evaporate with the horrendous inflation we are all feeling. Their gas budget has quadrupled, their groceries have tripled and rents are exorbitant and out of reach for most of the working poor. They're feeling right now that no matter how hard they work, they will never be able to afford a home.

This is one of millions of stories that could be told as a result of the worst U.S. inflation since the horrors of the Carter administration. I was very young then, but I can remember the gas lines and the nearly 20% interest rate my parents were paying on a mortgage. We are back; and not in a good way. Government reports claim that current inflation rates are around 8.5%, but they have stopped including housing costs in their calculations. When you add that cost back in, real inflation rates are 17-20%, which is much more in line with what we are all feeling.

[http://www.shadowstats.com/alternate\\_data/inflation-charts](http://www.shadowstats.com/alternate_data/inflation-charts)

The most galling thing about our current situation is that these are largely self-inflicted wounds. The U.S. has been printing money for decades, spending money we don't have, buying our own debt and propping up the stock market. Sadly, that blame lies with both Republican and Democrat administrations. Our fiscal irresponsibility as a nation is coming back to haunt us. COVID was an uncontrollable factor, devastating the world in multiple ways. However, the heavy hand of illegal government mandates that shuttered small businesses, forced employment losses over vaccinations, squeezed the medical world to the brink of death and closed schools for ridiculous amounts of time have exponentially compounded every problem we already had. Paying people to stay home, driving many to unplanned early retirement, preventing people from receiving medical treatment deemed "non-emergent" by the government and preventing doctors from treating COVID patients as they saw fit have both decreased our population and our work force. Add to the mix the disastrous Biden administration policies on, well, everything and we have the perfect storm for financial disaster in our country. Specifically, Biden's energy stance has taken us from being

energy independent 18 months ago to spending record amounts on gas and diesel with no end in sight. As if that weren't enough, Biden has left our southern border wide open, straining the nation's resources to the breaking point. No formula for our babies. No chips for our cars. Little or no fertilizer for our farmers. \$40 billion to protect Ukraine's border while leaving ours open to bad actors from all over the world. Fentanyl pouring across the southern border, not only killing hundreds of addicts each week but also taking the lives of folks with no known addictions whatsoever. Sickening suicide rates in our children.

Mr. Biden. Put up the wall. Close the border! Open the pipelines! Restart the fracking. Ramp up the oil leases. Grant the permits and turn this economy back on. Stop wasting the emergency oil reserves which have done exactly nothing to lower gas prices and apply some common sense. It takes a special kind of skill to throttle an economy this bad, an economy that was just waiting to be unleashed once COVID retreated. Biden's decision making could not have been more destructive to our economy if he had tried. Our only hope is to retake the House and the Senate in November, stop the bleeding and force reason on this White House. And the Republicans, if we win, had better be deadly serious about immediately fixing the issues. This long since ceased to be about politics; it's about the survival of our nation.

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

We have great opportunities ahead of us in this election cycle. There is a tremendous slate of candidates throughout the County. We offer our sincere thanks to all those who have been willing to become candidates and wish them all great success.

Many refer to this as a Red Wave year. One thing I have learned from those who are great surfers is: if you see a great wave coming you must paddle harder to get on it and ride it. This election cycle is no different. There are many exciting opportunities including the great candidates we have in the 3rd Legislative District. We need the entire County to focus on this opportunity. If we can increase the margin of voting in the 3rd Legislative District, we will not only be able to win those races but also help flip the house in our State. The argument has been put forward that in the long run that will still not make a significant difference because we will still have a Democrat Governor who would veto any changes to reverse any past legislation that has been so destructive but also veto any new legislation to fix many of the problems that have been caused by such poor laws enacted in the last several sessions. There is a strategy in place to overcome these issues. There is a move in place already to gain enough signatures on eleven different initiatives to the legislature that would put in place a number of fixes to the most egregious laws that have been passed. These initiatives once passed by the legislature, cannot be vetoed. So here is the plan: 1. Take control of both the State House and Senate. 2. Gather enough signatures to qualify the eleven initiatives to the legislature. 3. Submit and pass the eleven initiatives in both the House and Senate. We are calling on everyone to help flip seats in the 3rd as part of the effort to take control of the legislature. We need volunteers to help on campaigns and help raise funds. We have been able to secure the assistance of another county in phone banking for our candidates in the 3rd. It appears that at least one more county and maybe two will also be willing to help. The odds of being successful in flipping the House and State Senate are very good.

If you can help with campaigns directly or in gathering signatures, please go to the Spokane GOP website and volunteer. This will allow us to send veto proof initiatives to those bodies and undo many of the worst laws

## GET INVOLVED

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/>

### SAVE THE DATES:

**Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.  
 11am – 2pm. Spokane County  
 Republican Party 1st Annual  
 Campaign Kickoff Barbecue.**  
 We will be gathering at a beautiful, private location on the Spokane River for a catered, country style lunch. All Spokane County Republican candidates, who were victorious in the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 2, will be invited to come and meet with the current and newly elected County PCOs and interested Republicans. Limited attendance. Tickets should be available to purchase at [www.SpokaneGOP.com](http://www.SpokaneGOP.com) no later than August 1.

### **CANCELLED** **CAPR Summer Picnic**

**Our  
 supporters  
 going many  
 directions  
 once the sun  
 shines! Have  
 fun!!**



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passed by the last two legislative sessions by the Democrats. So, the strategy is: 1. Flip the House and Senate. 2. Gather enough signatures to qualify the 11 initiatives. 3. Pass the initiatives in the House and Senate. This will take a lot of work. We need all the PCOs and volunteers to understand this plan and get involved in whatever way they can to help make this happen whether it is in the 3rd or other races throughout the county.

Brian Steele,  
SCRCC Chair



**Researcher Steve Busch on City Water Rationing plan: Is Spokane running out of water?**

See his video here:

[https://youtu.be/L\\_VF-fzvUyU](https://youtu.be/L_VF-fzvUyU)

**Answer to above question? Is the Spokane River going to run out of water? Not likely. According to Wikipedia the Spokane River is the "outflow" of one of the largest dammed-up water reservoirs on earth--Lake Coeur d'Alene.**

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**2022 SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP**

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Interested in sharing your ideas, knowledge or time? Please consider volunteering for a GOP committee position. If interested in helping with the Communications Committee or submitting work, you **MUST** meet the submission deadline. Contact Terri for more information at [terrizalevits@gmail.com](mailto:terrizalevits@gmail.com).

**Spokane GOP Connects with the Community**

The first ever Primary Kickoff Event, themed "State of the Free Market", was held Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The goal for this event was to reach a new audience, the business community, and educate them on the free market, introduce them to some of our elected officials, candidates running this year, and then discuss some of the most important principles of the Spokane GOP platform.

After networking and eating some breakfast, our 290+ guests were treated to a highly educational, fascinating, and timely presentation by 3 key researchers at the Washington Policy Center. With these folks coming from a nonpartisan organization, plus leading with education and relatable anecdotes, we were able to build the bridge between the Spokane GOP and our business community.

The event was considered by the committee, the Spokane GOP chair, and its guests to be successful and motivating. Many folks expressed a desire afterwards to get more involved and were very interested in attending another event such as this. We have a survey going out in the next couple of weeks to the registered guests to gauge interest and insight for our next year's primary kickoff event.

By Ashley Gorman

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