

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 it.

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.

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.

Chairman's Chat

By Brian Steele,
SCRCC Chair

This Issue:

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

Next Issue:

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.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who worked so hard on all the aspects of the election. There was truly a large, combined effort to elect Republican candidates. These efforts resulted in more doors knocked, more funds raised, more advertisements aired than we have seen in a long time. Although we did not see the kind of results that we wanted to nationally, and particularly in the Senate race in our own state, we did have several important wins in our county. This was our first election under the new five county commissioner alignment with the rules of electing. We are pleased that we hold the majority of the commissioner offices. It was particularly important that we won the seat represented by Al French. In the redistricting of the commissioner maps, that seat was identified as a swing district and the Democrats did all they could to win that race. With everyone's combined efforts, we prevailed.

We had several newcomers run for office and we are so grateful for their efforts and congratulate those who won. We do not want to forget those who came up short. The great work they did and their supporters will give us more experienced candidates and campaign workers for the future. We want to make sure that everyone knows about our organization meeting coming up on the tenth of December. If you are a PCO, please save that date on your calendar. More information will be coming in the next couple of weeks.

When I sat down to write this article, the race for County Auditor was still undecided. Much work to find and secure ballots that had not been counted or had problems needing to be fixed was ongoing. The race is not certified until the 29th of November. No matter the finality, it is imperative that we continue to support candidates for auditor who will value making our elections more open and transparent.

Again, thank you to all who have worked so hard. We will be assessing both our successes and losses to determine our path forward and what lessons we have learned. We look forward to input from all who love this great country and want to be involved in securing liberty and a better future for our county, state, and nation.

INFORMATION OVERLOAD

By Juli Skinner

Do these talking points sound familiar?

"...Studies ... indicate that undocumented immigrants are not displacing U.S.-born workers. Rather, they are filling jobs that few Americans are interested in pursuing.¹ ...the vast majority of whom are working, paying taxes, and contributing in both economic and non-economic ways to their community...essential to the U.S. economy."

"Contrary to popular rhetoric, undocumented immigration is not linked to a spike in U.S. crime rates."

<https://www.newamericaneconomy.org/issues/undocumented-immigrants/>

"Lisa Christensen Gee, JD, Senior Policy Analyst, Matthew Gardner, Executive Director, and Meg Wiehe, MPA, State Tax Policy Director for the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy available at itep.org, stated:

'Undocumented immigrants pay on average an estimated 8 percent of their incomes in state and local taxes (this is their effective state and local tax rate). To put this in perspective, the top 1 percent of taxpayers pay an average nationwide effective tax rate of just 5.4 percent.' February 2016"

<https://immigration.procon.org/questions/is-illegal-immigration-an-economic-burden-to-america/>

It's all we ever hear. But is it true?

Since none of us is an expert in all things, independent research becomes necessary if we want real answers. But with information saturation and virtually no trustworthy sources; where do we go to get it? Authored articles love to conflate illegal aliens with DACA, legal immigration and undocumented immigrants whenever it is self-beneficial so as to confuse and distract. Once trusted agencies implode from partisan fervor as they push their biased agendas onto us and we are asked to disregard our own eyes and ears. If you find yourself there, just remember these wise and simple words by Judge Judy; *"If it doesn't make sense, it usually isn't true"*. We know what's happening, not because some say it but because we see it.

Whatever evidence surrounds the origins of Covid-19, it is certain that the Democrats took full advantage of it to control our industries. Workplace mask/vaccine mandates and workers being paid to stay home coupled with the Left's push for higher wages produced early retirements, unmotivated workers and union control. Businesses were

forced to close up or hire under-the-table. With Americans and legal citizens out of the workforce, illegal, unskilled workers filled positions. The truth: Under-the-table workers DO NOT pay payroll taxes. Furthermore, legitimate laborers, The Pew Research Center stated, who made less than \$30,000.00 in 2015, paid only 1.4% of the \$1.45 trillion in taxes actually paid. They do not pay more into the system than the wealthy. Here's a riddle for the Left: With more than 15 million illegal aliens in our country, why are employers still desperate for qualified employees? Hey Dems; here's another riddle: You profess to welcome illegal aliens but called in the National Guard after just 48 hours of their arrival to remove them from your beloved Martha's Vineyard. Perhaps elites only love the *idea* of loving illegal aliens. Optics people.

Crime stats among illegals are also at odds with reality. Numbers spit out by proponents suggest that American born are responsible for more crimes. Well, they outnumber illegal aliens so on its face, it's true. But percentages and ratios matter. The fact is, there are high ratios of violent crimes committed by illegal immigrants (*not legal immigrants just to be clear*) who have been willing to illegally creep into our country. Whatever side you land, it is certain that we cannot risk the safety of our communities with unvetted individuals. <https://www.heritage.org/immigration/commentary/federal-report-shows-open-borders-bring-increased-crimes-and-costs-taxpayers>

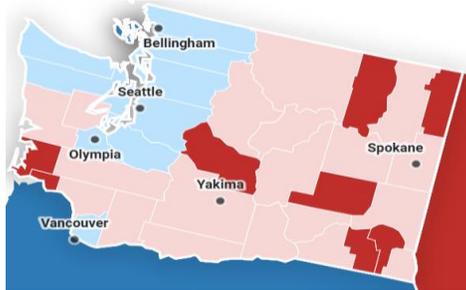
Diverse ethnic cultures enrich our communities. Illegals, however, are more likely to congregate with "their own", leading to self-segregation. This slows assimilation. Generally speaking, they do this out of safety and comfort yet refuse to report crimes for fear of self-exposure. And as they network on where to work under-the-table, buy "underground" products and receive free no-questions-asked assistance, their sanctuary status serves no one.

In closing, when it doesn't make sense, trust your instincts. Seek "another opinion" and don't discount your own experiences. It is okay to question the data and the source offering it.

And the Midterm winners are...

By Juli Skinner

We **WON** the **HOUSE**! Now down to business. 63% voter turnout, down from 71% in 2018 in our state, is not going to cut it. Our votes are being eaten up by the west, therefore, we must turn out in epic fashion. As of today, Joe Kent was down less than 3000 votes. To give you perspective; if two hundred Conservative Republicans encouraged 20 conservative voters to vote, he would have easily won. What does that mean

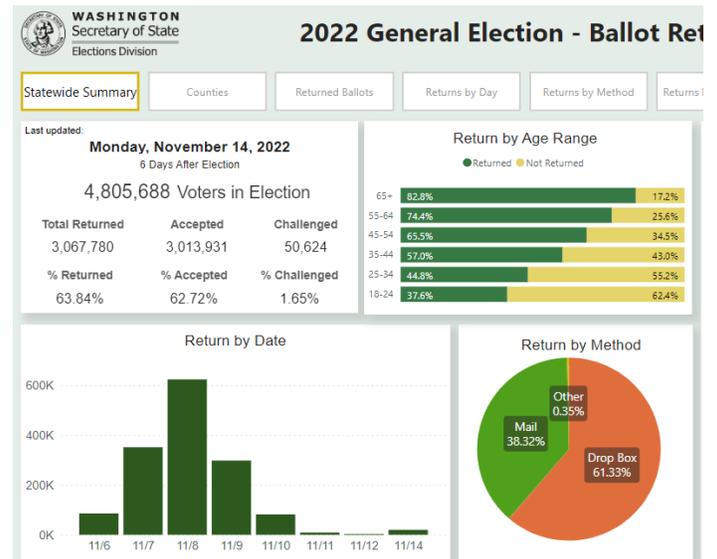


to you? If we do not collaborate and coalesce, it will be a somber certainty that we will lose our side of the state too.

What will motivate you? What will motivate Democrats to cross party lines? Job loss, \$6 per gallon of milk, a \$99 Thanksgiving turkey, \$1,000 a month fuel fill-ups, explicit age-inappropriate sexual video content [porn] in your child's elementary school classroom, labor camps if you speak out against Dear Leader Biden's regime, loss of paternal rights pre or post birth, FBI agents at your door confiscating your guns, loss of a loved one by an illegal alien? Sounds extreme, like your typical scare tactic but seriously - NOTHING is beyond the realm of depravity anymore and everything is okay as long as Democrats say so. We are the frog in the boiling water. Republicans have been idle, hiding from the fear of poor labeling. Well, guess what - it's not working. Let's try something new. Let's be lions, not lambs. Just for a little while. God is not picking sides folks so we need to get up and fight.

Know someone who justifies cheating, believing it's the only way to prove worth? (Indeed, an oxymoron). <https://www.forbes.com/sites/amymorin/2016/05/07/study-says-cheating-may-help-you-get-ahead-but-youll-lose-more-in-the-end/?sh=11deff6765ef>. We live in a state where the 2004 gubernatorial race was won by 129 votes only after an initial loss, then another loss after the first-hand count. You be the judge. Understand and accept: The

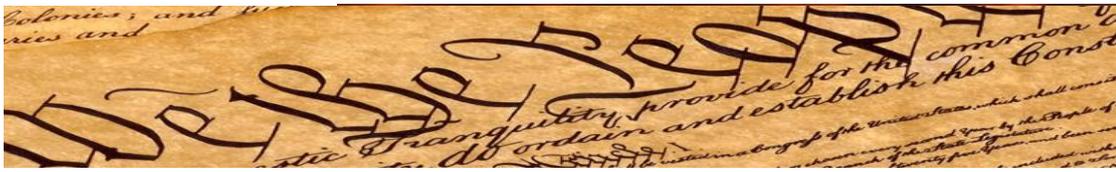
Democrat party has a win-at-all-cost mantra. Let's stop being surprised. We can embrace progress without compromising our standards. We don't have to win at all costs; we only need to play the game. We can, "**WIN UGLY**". For those who don't know what that means: *Achieving victory with unglamorous technique and great effort. To endure many hardships. To overcome many obstacles.*



<https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/research/ballot-return-statistics.aspx>

Mainstream media continues to focus on our underperformance, happy to lie by omission to the detriment of their own reputation and profession. *We lose even when we win. We are bad even when we are good.* Fairness is not what they seek or they would stop cherry picking every story. How are we to reach across the aisle when media and tech are our mouth pieces for the Left, openly practicing bigotry? Why is it that Democrats are good about circling around each other while Republicans form circular firing squads? Barring any *real*/unethical (whatever that means these days) behavior, we **MUST U-N-I-T-E**. It does nothing to strengthen our party principles when our own members support and endorse Democrat candidates. If it is a choice between policy and personality, a vote for policy should supersede personality.

**[President] Donald Trump
is first to announce for the 2024
Presidential bid.**



The Constitutional Corner

By Lori Burns

For most conservatives, the 2022 election was a gigantic letdown. There is much yet to dissect from this disappointing showing, but there are some grim realities that must be addressed. Our individual rights are at stake in every election, but this one in particular demonstrates the distressing ignorance that too many Americans manifest in relation to this subject. It is clear that most Democrats and many “Independents” broke left on the subject of abortion. Conservatives made the mistake of thinking that the Supreme Court ruling returned that power to the states where it belongs and the subject was closed. It is clear now that was not the case.

We believe that our individual rights are given to us by God and not the government. The government giveth; the

government taketh away. God-given rights are eternal. Sadly, many on the left don't have the first clue what that means. It starts with a belief in God or some higher power. If the highest power you believe in is the government, then you are conceding your rights to the capricious and ever-changing whims of mankind. On the other hand, people that believe in a higher power are self-regulating and know they are accountable to that higher power.

One of our greatest failures as a Republican Party is to teach the principles behind individual rights: where they come from, government's mandated role to protect them, what the Constitution does NOT guarantee, etc. We continue to let the corrupt media and the Democrat

Party define the terms, frame the argument and corrupt the message. Until we understand the abject failure of our schools and many of our parents to teach these foundational principles, we will continue to lose elections. They say that defense wins championships, and a strong defense is vital. But if you are incapable of scoring, it doesn't matter how good your defense is. We must re-examine our direction and our priorities and instead of just campaigning, we must teach correct principles so that the electorate may learn to govern themselves and elect a government that will protect individual rights, including those of the unborn, instead of constricting them at every opportunity.

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to all of our candidates who won their races and to all of our candidates who fought a hard fight but came up short.

Don't stop fighting for us.

Sue Lani Madsen: If illegal immigration is in crisis, legal immigration is chronically ill

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First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes immigration – maybe. If illegal immigration is in crisis, legal immigration is chronically ill. Entering the U.S. legally isn't easy, not even with an American spouse.

Audrey Wagner came from Australia in the late 1940s to visit her sister, a war bride who had emigrated to Reardan, Washington. Audrey met the man next door, married George on Christmas Eve and got a six-week extension on her visitor's visa. Then she had to leave the country for a couple of months while her application for resident alien status was processed. A background check turned up a politically radical uncle back home, but we let her in anyway.

The process has become more intense and more invasive since then. The Olesons met while Lau was an exchange student at Davenport High School. Lau proposed in 2013, and the young couple started the Visa K application process. It allows an alien fiancé to enter the U.S. with the intent to marry within 90 days. It is not a fast track to legal Green Card status.

U.S. Immigration wanted the story of how they met, a scrapbook of photos and receipts proving they had been involved in each other's lives, background on parents and grandparents, and proof of financial sponsorship lest Lau become a public burden. Two pastors wrote letters of support saying they would be financially responsible if necessary. It was expensive. "Every time we sent paperwork in, there was a fee for the paperwork and another fee for filing," Brianna said.

Lau had to return to Denmark to wait, then travel to Sweden for an interview. He was required to pass a medical exam and be vaccinated to American standards. Brianna estimates it was 150 pages of paperwork and \$3,500 in fees plus out-of-pocket expenses just to get to the wedding in August 2015. Oleson said she is frustrated with those who don't do it legally but can understand. "It's so expensive, and the system is not set up to be comprehensible. Shouldn't have to hire a lawyer and all of these crazy extras to have your family together." He finally received his permanent and renewable Green Card this year.

Meliah and Michael Apa are high school sweethearts who met overseas at a missionary school, came to the U.S. for college and married last summer in Edwall, Washington. She is an American citizen; he is from Papua New Guinea. They've hired an attorney to help navigate the system from fiancé immigrant to legal resident alien. Meliah [blogs about their experience](#) at AnotherParadise.org. Their biggest challenge is bearing the expense of the process while Michael is not allowed to work without jeopardizing his application. It's a classic Catch-22: Prove you can be self-supporting, but don't get a job.

Susan Wilmoth did not go the attorney route in seeking legal status for her husband, estimating it would have been \$5,000 to \$10,000. Max was an Australian employee for a U.S. company, living in Spokane on a work visa when they met in the 1990s. It took patience to get his status changed to resident alien with a green card and eventually citizenship last year.

Wilmoth started with the fiancé visa application, and recalled the first petty bureaucratic response. Getting the forms meant lunch hours waiting in line at the federal building, plodding through the paperwork, paying \$8 to mail the packet with certified copies of everything and adding a hefty check for the filing fee. She got it back with a note. The fee had gone up \$5. Start over. With new forms. It cost taxpayers more in return mailing than the additional fee was worth.

In every case of legal immigration, somebody has to step up with an affidavit of support. New Green Card holders are barred from applying for any kind of government benefits or entitlements for 10 years. "Seeing people coming across the border getting free housing, free food, free medical care is frustrating to those of us who signed up to take responsibility for anything in any circumstances," said Wilmoth. Like Oleson, Wilmoth is sympathetic and irked at the same time.

Comprehensive immigration reform needs to remove the barriers to the legal route. They are a wall as assuredly as any physical barrier along the southern border and an incentive to play games with the refugee and asylum process.

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