

**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.

**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.

## Chairman's Chat

By Brian Steele,  
SCRCC Chair

*This Issue:*

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

*Next Issue:*

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

The 2022 election is now on us and the ballots will be sent to the general electorate on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We have a couple of very important things to discuss with you and to ask for your help with.

First is the advertising campaign we are launching concerning vote Republican. We have three advertisements that have been put together by our marketing and finance committees. We ask you to go to our website <https://www.spokanegop.com/> and view them. We are asking all Republicans to join and to help with whatever donation they can in order to saturate the market with both television and radio spots. We are attempting to raise \$250,000 for complete market saturation. We know that this will make a difference to every race in our county.

The second is our "Call Ten" initiative. We know that the biggest reason that we do not win more races Statewide and even some in our own county is because we have a lower turn out from conservative voters. The voter turnout in King and Pierce counties is several percentage points higher than in the rest of the State. If the rest of the counties including Spokane County would vote at the same level, we would be able to win more statewide races and even flip some of the critical races in Spokane County. We are asking every person to call ten friends and make sure they have voted. If they feel that their vote does not matter or won't make a difference help them understand how important their vote is. Then ask them to also call ten friends and do the same. We are trying to make sure that every voter gets a personal encouragement to vote and understand how important each vote is. As we are successful with these two initiatives, we know that it will make a huge difference in the outcome of this year's elections. So much is on the line. The make-up of our first County Commission with five commissioners, the important house seats in the 3<sup>rd</sup> legislative district, and our County Auditor to name a few.

Thank you for all your support and help.

# TOUGH LOVE

By Juli Skinner

Are you a parent who has children so that you can *love them*, or, are you a parent who has children so that you can *be loved*? The latter construct tends to be the “yes” parent(s). They view their children as their equals or their friends and excusing infractions on a massive scale somehow provides a false sense of reciprocation. They fear using the word “no” because of its power to demote them down to mere “parent”. Conversely, the former type of parent risks the “I hate you” and the tantrums in the middle of the grocery store because saying “no” is seen as an essential part in preparing children for survival in a world of injustices; large or small. This parent constantly swims against the tide of passive parenting, never giving in to the calm of easy. Let’s now apply this analogy to our current politics.

No matter the parenting style, our children will eventually slip from the grip of guidance and onto or into adulthood. As parents, our job is to raise future productive members of society. What we seem to have now is a plethora of little idiots who want their college education for free and the right to terminate (*I am not supposed to say kill*) their babies at-will. If we do not become comfortable with saying “no” and bequeathing consequences as a tool to teach, there will be no end to entitled, spoiled, ill-mannered narcissists running our country. It is time to give tough love. The petulance of the representative Democrat Party has been dividing this country, folding the remnants into full on Socialism. It is exhausting and the country has had enough.

Just as children do, Socialist Democrats are gaslighting and deflecting their own bad behavior.

If you recall some of the most ridiculous statements by Mrs. Pelosi and Mr. Schumer like claiming they “*don’t govern by temper tantrum*” at a time when President Trump was facilitating our security at the border, you would laugh. Really! *Who* has tantrums?!

If ever you find yourself in a position of quandary, ask yourself before you act, “*Would my mother be proud?*” Well Nancy; would she?



We have done a poor job in saying “no”. Years of passive parenting led us up to the undercurrent of Socialism *and* the 2016 victory with President Trump. His courage and leadership showed us that we *can* actually push back against a damaging country-killing ideology. Unfortunately, we struggled to reestablish the universal rules of orthodoxy because of the radical subculture being allowed to grow. As Socialist Democrats pull us in the wrong direction, let level heads prevail. Democrats: Push the Socialists out of your party; they hold anti-American views and are assisting in helping to divide our country. Republicans: Back our conservative candidates; they are not radicals. They share your vision. Independents: Balance it all out.

Historically, we have achieved decent healthy debate, breaking through the hype and finding common thread. Get back to governing for the people. Be the adult in the room. Say “no”.

## VETERAN: DOES YOUR VOTE MATTER?

### YES!

Some may recall George Bush won the 2000 Presidential election by a mere 537 votes. An example closer to home is the Washington State 2004 gubernatorial race where after two automated recounts and 2 hand recounts, the election was decided by 129 votes. Considering only 40% of registered Washingtonians voted in the recent 2022 primary election (41.6% in the 5th Congressional District), here's why Veterans can determine election results--even in Washington.

Veterans, do you know that Washington is home to 551,000 veterans and 2,000,000 family members, and that you make up approximately 11% of our state's voting-age population? There are 63,000 Veterans in Washington's 5th Congressional district, almost 12% of the districts voting population. The percentage of Veterans is similar in other districts. These numbers clearly show that if veterans mobilize, they can in fact determine election outcomes—your vote can be a game changer. Before you vote, however, know the candidates' voting record, their campaign platform, who endorses them. Focus on what is most important to you and the future of your children and our country—is it the economy, crime, drugs, national defense, border security, education, energy independence, integrity of our institutions and media, big tech, level of government control over our lives, survival of free enterprise, protecting free speech, the right to bear arms and right to life, etc.

If you are one of the 75% of Americans who believe the country is going in the wrong direction, why would you vote for the party who charted the current course? As founder and CEO of Washington Veterans Vote, I urge every veteran to register and VOTE for change in this midterm election!

Jerry Hust

*Founder and CEO, Washington Veterans Vote  
"Leave No Vote Behind"*

## Abolishing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment...For YOU.

By Juli Skinner

*Defensive Gun Use (DGU) is the use of a gun in deterrence of a crime. The gun need only to be brandished in deterrence of a potential perpetrator and is counted in some statistics.*

Leftwing media and anti-American officials deliberately highlight tragic mass shootings while omitting DGU numbers. But we cannot have evidentiary debate with extremists and activists when people like former director of CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention, Mark Rosenberg said,

*"We need to revolutionize the way we look at guns, like what we did with cigarettes. It used to be...a glamour symbol - - cool, sexy, macho. Now it is dirty, deadly - - and banned".*

Certainly the CDC has earned an "F" on Covid-19 handling but their temporary gun stance had an air of objectivity with the Gary Kleck and Marc Gertz 1995 study which extrapolated 60,000 – 2.5 million lives saved by DGU each year. However, it was no longer politically advantageous to carry such a report and in predictable fashion, was pulled by the CDC. Yet the 45,222 (including suicides) firearm death stats of 2020, remain. As we speculate on why Kleck's report is under new scrutiny; ask yourselves, why then do agencies still lend credence to its validity? - The 2013 National Academies' Institute of Medicine and National Research Council study under Obama and the 1.5 million DGU incidents estimated by the Department of Justice. - You're smart. You see what's afoot. They control the narrative; misinform the people. There is an end goal. It is more efficient for the elites to rule over us if we are unarmed.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/paulhsieh/2018/04/30/that-time-the-cdc-asked-about-defensive-gun-uses/?sh=5ed58789299a>

<https://www.nra.org/gun-laws/armed-citizen/>

<https://www.heritage.org/firearms/commentary/why-these-defensive-uses-firearms-should-disarm-second-amendment-skeptics>

<https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/firearms/fastfact.html>





# The Constitutional Corner

By Lori Burns

“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.” The 2nd amendment was never about hunting nor is it really about self-defense (although that is of obvious importance). The Founders were adamant about American’s ability to protect their rights. To quote Hamilton in Federalist #29, “...if circumstances should at any time oblige the government to form an army of any magnitude that army can never be formidable to the liberties of the people while there is a large body of citizens, little if at all inferior to them in discipline and the use of arms, who stand ready to defend their own rights and those of their fellow-citizens.” All other arguments pale to this one. That was the intent of the Second Amendment.

This bulwark of freedom is constantly under attack, however, by those who fail to understand its absolute necessity to preserve freedom, whether you personally own a gun or not. The relentless and misguided efforts of the left to infringe on our rights to own guns, buy

ammunition, freely carry and store arms in our private residences are a daily, probing attack. It will never matter to them how many times the Supreme Court has preserved this right as inviolable, the machinations continue. Some of the most nefarious and new efforts to erode the underpinnings of the 2nd amendment include: ESG scores that grade both citizens and corporations and then strive to limit their financial transactions where guns or ammunition are involved, credit card companies collecting information about their clients on behalf of the federal government (a special purchase classification for gun related purchases that can be reported to government entities, i.e. a gun registry), federal agents requesting to “check on” the guns of private citizens without a warrant, federal agents gathering background checks that they are not allowed to access without warrants, and finally, requiring carry permits for a right that is guaranteed by the Constitution. With great power, comes great responsibility; a level of responsibility that is manifest every day, in every way, by nearly all

legal gun owners in the U.S. We have laws to regulate the purchase and use of guns that need to be enforced according to the rule of law—fairly and consistently. It is, almost without exception, criminals who commit crimes with guns, not legal gun owners. We must remain hyper-vigilant about the constant efforts to erode this right. If your bank/s are part of ESG or this new credit card purchase labeling, call them and complain. If they will not respond favorably, move your money to a bank who will. If a federal agent asks to see your guns, the proper response is, “May I please see your warrant?” The corruption in our federal agencies must be rooted out and that will only be accomplished by electing those who understand the severity of this problem and the urgent need for correction. Finally, my response to those horrific gun crimes that we all hate, is this: “The gun did not kill those people. The complacency, degeneracy and degradation of our society is killing people. Guns do not commit crimes. Evil people do. It is time to address the evil.”

## WAKE UP

### SPOKANE COUNTY

## PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS (PCOs)

Terms begin - December 1, 2022.

If you do not know your Precinct number, you can find it at:

<https://voter.votewa.gov/>

Submit your name and birthday & click registration link to get your precinct number.

PCOs are such important connections between the people and the candidates. Please let us know if you do not have a PCO in your precinct.

## Would you consider volunteering ?

By Pam Rabb, Guest Writer

To reiterate, 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. There would likely be no Constitution if the founders had not promised to debate and add the individual rights outlined within the Bill of Rights. Men of their word, the Bill of Rights was added in 1791. Why were these rights so important to the founders? The truth is many felt they were unnecessary as they could not imagine a populace giving up the basic liberties gained by the blood and sacrifice of their fellow countryman without a fight. Fortunately for us the anti-Federalists knew better.

The anti-Federalists, those opposed to the new Constitution, insisted on explicitly stating these basic individual rights. They knew this form of government was not immune to the flawed character of power-hungry elites and sought to give the people the tools to push back against the possibility of such a thing occurring. Tyranny, even in a representative government, was a real possibility if the people did not know their individual rights. The preamble of the Bill of Rights states "...in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added." It is our responsibility to maintain these rights for future generations.

It could be said the individual right to keep and bear arms is the most important of all the rights. Without the ability to defend ourselves, our state, and our nation all the remaining rights are easily removed.

*It used to be a welcomed tradition to vote on election day. Now the advice is to vote early because it minimizes the amounts of resources campaigns must expend in following up with late voters. The conflict is, many voters have lost voting confidence, which is understandable. Whatever you decide, do your due diligence. Get involved and don't fear speaking out if you see anomalies. Finally, when you do vote, track it by using the link below. But VOTE! Happy voting!*

County Election website:

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

## Vote NO on City of Spokane Prop 1 - Nov. 8

Appointment of the City attorney - 5 liberal members of the City Council voted to put it on the ballot. They seem to be slowly doing their best to gain more power, eroding our Strong Mayor form of government approved by Spokane voters over 20 years ago. Currently, the Mayor is the head of the executive branch, similar to the Governor's role at the state level and the President's role at the federal level. Measure:

<https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVoteDetail.aspx?ID=&part=32323310&ptlPKID=&ptlhPKID=&tab=VotersGuide#/measure/5597>.  
Questions? Contact Gretchen McDevitt, [mcdevittgh@gmail.com](mailto:mcdevittgh@gmail.com).

### Encouraging News!

Spokane residents showed up to testify on October 4<sup>th</sup> and the 3 member Spokane City Redistricting Committee voted unanimously to recommend Map #1 to the Spokane City Council for adoption. Our City is divided into three districts and with small changes, Map#1 addressed more fairly, boundaries based on population. Map #2 was opposed because it seemed biased in favor of progressives; possibly unethical since it was created by Council Member Zack Zappone, one of only two liberal Committee advisors. City Council will soon vote on whether or not to approve this map. Contacting City officials can make a huge impact! Ask them to approve the unanimous recommendation of the Committee. Maps can be viewed online: <https://my.spokanecity.org/bcc/boards/city-council-districting-board/>.



### Endorsed:

House of Rep. 5<sup>th</sup> Dist: Cathy McMorris Rodgers  
U.S. Senate: Tiffany Smiley  
Secretary of State: [Write-In](#) Brad Klippert  
Spokane County District Court Judge:  
Pos. 3: Jenny Zappone  
Dist. 3 State Rep:  
Pos. 1: Scotty Nicol  
Pos. 2: Natalie Poulson  
Dist. 4 State Representative:  
Pos. 1: Suzanne Schmidt  
Pos. 2: Rob Chase and Leonard Christian  
Dist. 6 State Senate: Jeff Holy  
Dist. 6 State Rep:  
Pos. 1: Mike Volz  
Pos. 2: Jenny Graham  
Dist. 7 State Senate: Shelly Short  
Dist. 7 State Rep:  
Pos. 1: Jacquelin Maycumber  
Pos. 2: Joel Kretz  
Dist. 9 State Rep:  
Pos. 1: Mary Dye  
Pos. 2: Joe Schmick  
Spokane County Sheriff: John Nowles  
Spokane County Treasurer: Michael Baumgartner  
Spokane County Auditor: Bob McCaslin  
Spokane County Assessor: Tom Konis  
Spokane County Clerk: Tim Fitzgerald  
Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney: Larry Haskell  
Spokane County Commissioner Dist. 1: Kim Plese  
Spokane County Commissioner Dist. 2: Michael Cathcart  
Spokane County Commissioner Dist. 3: Josh Kerns  
Spokane County Commissioner Dist. 4: Mary Kuney and Paul Brian Noble  
Spokane County Commissioner Dist. 5: Al French

### Recommended:

Spokane County District Court Judge:  
Pos. 6: Deanna Crull  
**DEBATE:** Tiffany Smiley and Patty Murray Sunday 10/23 at 5 Pm at Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center. <https://share.newsbreak.com/1sica9ak>

SAVE THE DATES

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS coming up...

## INITIATIVES

- 1). **Initiative I-1474**  
**RESTORE POLICE PURSUIT.** Don't Let the Bad Guys Get Away.
- 2). **Initiative I-1475**  
**TRIM THE SALES TAX 1%.** Keep More of Your Own Money.
- 3). **Initiative I-1480**  
**EMERGENCY POWERS REVIEW.** Emergency Powers Shouldn't Last Forever.
- 4). **Initiative I-1491**  
**REPEAL THE CAPITAL GAINS TAX.** There is No Greed Worse than Government Greed.
- 5). **Initiative I-1495**  
**CURRICULUM TRANSPARENCY.** Our Kids Education Should Not Be Secret.
- 6). **Initiative I-1502**  
**ELECTORAL COLLEGE ALLOCATION.** Make Washington State's Vote for President Matter:
- 7). **Initiative I-1505**  
**VOTER PROTECTION ACT.** Bipartisan review of Election Results.
- 8). **Initiative I-1508**  
**CUT GAS TAX BY 24.7 CENTS.** Save Money When You Fill Up.
- 9). **Initiative I-1509**  
**PROPERTY TAX \$250K EXEMPTION.** Make Home Ownership More Affordable for Everyone.
- 10). **Initiative I-1510**  
**MAKE HARD DRUGS ILLEGAL.** There is Nothing Compassionate about Overdose Death.
- 11). **Initiative I-1512**  
**KEEP GUNS FROM CRIMINALS.** Prosecute Criminals, Not Law-Abiding Citizens.

## GET INVOLVED

### LEGISLATIVE PETITIONS

[www.LetsGoWA.com](http://www.LetsGoWA.com)

(425) 403-8185

*It's that easy.*

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### SUPPORT US

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

**VOTE:**  
Mid-Term Election  
November 8

**Saturday October 22**  
Shadle Public Library  
Initiative Signing

12-4pm



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/>

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).