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This Issue:

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.

Next Issue:

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

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.

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.

Chairman's Chat

P. Brian Noble, SCRCC Chair/CE

How do we get where we want to go?

Thank you for taking the time to read the Chair/CEO article. Even by writing this article, I know some may be offended or frustrated. However, I believe our mission is too important not to address what I have observed in my first 30 days as the Spokane County Republican Central Committee chair.

Who has remained throughout history the best Party because it stands for the Constitution?

Choices: Republican, Democrats, or Independents. Answer: Republicans.

Who has the best platform?

Choices: Republican, Democrats or Independents. Answer: Republicans.

Which Party has stood over time for the most freedom for all of its citizens?

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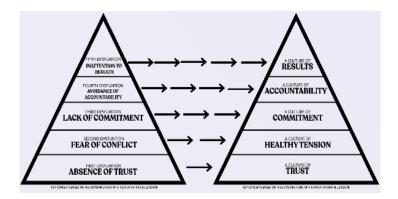
Which Party has stood for life, the vulnerable, and stewardship of our God-entrusted resources?

Choices: Republican, Democrats, or Independents. Answer: Republicans.

We are the best Party, yet we have moved to distrust, division, demonization, and ineffectiveness that produces minimal results because of our Party's individualism and lack of a shared worldview. The democrats love that we fight each other harder and more passionately than we fight them. Why? Democrats don't have to debate ideas; all they must do is call names that cause fear and distrust. Once fear is accomplished, we break down as a party with a lack of trust, and internal struggles exaggerate the dysfunction of the Republican Party.

I was thinking about one of my favorite books written by Patrick Lencioni, a New York Times Best-Seller, The Five Dysfunctions of a Team. The triangle on the left is from his book. The triangle on the right is some of my thoughts on translating Mr. Lencioni's dysfunctions into healthy cultures.

What if the Republican Party worked on building a healthy culture? A culture based 100% on Truth and 100% on Charitable Judgments. I have been thinking about this quote all week. Is it true? What is true about it? Is it false? What is incorrect about it?



"The person who agrees with you 80 % of the time is a friend and an ally – not a 20% traitor"— Ronald Reagan

Here are the questions I am asking myself.

• What steps can I take to be passionate about my beliefs yet not demand uniformity like the Democrats?

- How can I embrace my individualism, so it does not isolate others with a different view?
- Where is the line that someone needs to move from a friend to a traitor?
- In politics, am I calling names, so I don't have to debate issues?
- What is healthy debate?
- What is unhealthy debate?
- What should be a public debate?
- What should be a private debate?

Here is what I know – The mission is critical, the vision is clear, and the strategy will produce results. Let's build a culture of trust, healthy tension, commitment, accountability, and results.

MISSION: Get Republicans Elected

VISION: Fill Every Seat in Spokane County with a REPUBLICAN

STRATEGY: Empower PCOs and their neighbors to be grassroots leaders in their communities to win over people's hearts to conservative values.

God Bless, and God Bless the United States of America

DRAIN THE SWAMP

By Juli Skinner

A collection of sitting water, the swamp is a subcategory of the Lentic ecosystem thriving in uncultivated areas. It attracts and facilitates its own existence. As with many biotics, swamp creatures ensure their own survival by conforming to their surroundings. In nature, swamps are essential to the world. In government, swamps create an imbalance in our country. The biodiversity is so isolated and legislators so conforming to the status quo that agitating the swamp becomes our only method of survival.

Don't be offended with the term, "Drain the Swamp". Simply put, legislators in both parties are acting with desperation, passing the \$1.85 trillion Omnibus in December with 9 House Republicans, including former U.S. Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-WA, and all but one House Democrat. https://www.newsweek.com/full-list-houserepublicans-voted-pass-omnibus-bill-1769440. Seven of the nine Republicans no longer serve in congress. (Just saying...). \$750,000 for modernized Metropolitan Opera fire alarms. \$3.6 million for a LGBT and company New York Museum! \$3.6 million (in part) for the Michelle Obama Trail. \$200 million for Gender Equity and Equality Action Fund. \$7.5 million to study Domestic Radicalization Phenomenon. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDRli-S46qA. No bill is perfect. True. But is it worth being indebted to China's loan-sharks (sorry- no offense to sharks) for years to come? It's our government's job to allocate money; but it's our job to elect good candidates and to hold those in office, accountable to the Constitution.

Who doesn't want freedom? We fought wars for it. We no longer need to take up arms but our elected officials must fearlessly stand up for it. The central purpose of January 6th was not to overthrow a government, despite what you've been told. It was a warning that constituents will no longer sit by and let this country fall. But, "the dismal election gains", you say? Republicans are complacent, playing by the rules and trusting that others do too. We sit back stunned that anyone with a brain would vote for repugnant candidates but surprised when Joe Kent loses by a handful (relatively speaking) of votes. He lost for no other reason but lack of attention from our party. You don't like him? Well, do you like his successor's predictable and unwelcome votes in the House so far? We do not have to sell our integrity for a win but we do have to get serious; sometimes we do have to eat crow when it becomes obvious that the alternate choice will be a failure for our country. The initial rejection of a House Speaker is not nothing. We are angry. Six of ours were chastised for holding up the process. Au contraire- the sassy six said what many of us were screaming; REPRESENT US! We do not want token representatives. We do not want dependence on government. We do not want to be patted on the head and told; "next time". The path of communistic continuum stops now. If anything, the sassy six stirred up the swamp and if they didn't know then, our representatives know now, what we expect of them. Through this historic process, crow was eaten and concessions were made.

Kudos.

Now let's ALL get to work.



The Constitutional Corner

By Lori Burns

Our Founding Fathers were wise beyond their capacity to see into the future and divine the potential consequences of the Constitution they wrote. Their effectiveness came about because they were studentsstudents of history, students of human nature and students of government in all its forms. The driving force behind their break from England was the actions of a tyrannical king and the erasure of their voice in their governance. Our problems are not a reflection on them, they are in fact a reflection on our failures to study what they did and remain faithful to the wise and astoundingly insightful principles they established.

The revolutionary concept of a limited government was a direct result of King George III erasing their rights as British citizens. Understanding that mankind is a greedy sort, particularly when it comes to treasure and power,

they provided every safeguard they could conceive to limit the power of government. Their intent was to give the federal government just enough power to provide for the necessary powers to create a nation, such as military powers, the ability to establish treaties with other nations, the limited power of taxation, courts, roads, mail service, etc. But even when they fought hard about and agreed to a federal government, they divided its powers in thirds by creating the Judiciary, Legislative and Executive Branches of government. Branches that could and should monitor and check the power of the others and jealously guard their own. Further, they specifically stated in the Tenth Amendment that every power not specifically given to the federal government remained vested in the states and individual citizens. How far we have fallen!

Each year our power as individuals and states is eroded as the Federal Government takes more power unto itself. The distant behemoth that exists in Washington D.C. is slow to respond, difficult to change and has become a selfperpetuating tyrant that exists to further its own existence. Power always craves more power and will viciously and ruthlessly fight to maintain this status quo.

We are left as citizens with mountains of crippling regulations, red tape and taxationleaving us to live under the pretense of freedom. Lest any of us believe that we are still a free nation, perhaps we may re-examine the governmental response to COVID. Limited government is essential to be a free people but we are far, far from it. How can we regain it and do we even care any more? The future will tell.

WAKE UP SPOKANE COUNTY

PRECINCT COMMITTEE OFFICERS (PCOs)

Terms began -December 1, 2022.

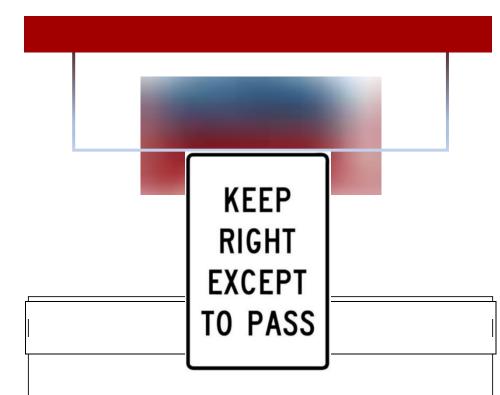
If you do not know your Precinct number, you can find it at:

https://voter.votew a.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?



When you enter the freeway, you stay in the right lane until you want to pass another vehicle. You do this because you cannot impede the "passing" traffic by "camping out" or remaining in the passing lane without using it to pass another vehicle. (It's the law – in most states). If you're not going to pass – get out of the way.

Republicans: Don't camp out in the passing lane. Get engaged. Get moving. Each and every one of you have something to offer in getting our country back on track and in driving a new hope for the People. We need each other and we need to unite against the true enemy of our time: darkness. We are the party that ended slavery. It's way past time for another amazing accomplishment. Let's be that courageous party again.

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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 <u>MUST</u> meet the submission deadline. Contact Terri for more information at <u>terrizalevits@gmail.com</u>.