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## **AUGUST**

**SpokaneGOP** 



Chairman's Chat This Issue:

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

**Next Issue:** 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.

#### The 100% Political Tension

Have you noticed politics is filled with tension? Often, I am internally in a tug-a-war for battling desires and an unachievable outcome. There are multiple desires inside of me that never seem to be able to align when it comes to voting for candidates. The perfect candidate for any position would embrace 100% of my values, be 100% electable, be 100% bold, be 100% an excellent negotiator, be 100% uncompromising, be 100% eloquent, be 100% likable, be 100% funded to win the race, be 100% authentic, be always 100% truthful, be 100% principally based, be 100% vocal and bold but also be 100% a good listener and 100% humble. For some reason, I have not found this candidate or elected official that is all these 100%s. Not only can I not see the candidate or elected official with all of my 100%s, but my 100%s do not match every other citizen in our community's 100%s. Then the question becomes, which of these 100%s am I willing to compromise? Not only that but what percentage of these 100%s am I willing to accept? Then you add moral mandates, spending, taxation, and justice, and you have so many decision points it sometimes becomes difficult to vote.

QUESTION: What does a voter do when they don't like anyone who made it through the primary?

I am not going to answer my questions this month – I will ask you to think on this and send me your opinions – I will post these on the opinion page of the SPOKANE GOP WEBSITE. Email your answer to the question to <a href="mailto:chair@spokanegop.com">chair@spokanegop.com</a>

I look forward to you answers.

Will you help me move the Spokane County Republican Party forward? Our mission, vision, and strategy are simple.



Will you help me move the Spokane County Republican Party forward? Our **MISSION**: Get Republicans Elected who will move the Republican platform forward; our **VISION**: Fill Every Seat in Spokane County with a REPUBLICAN; our **STRATEGY**: Empower PCOs and their neighbors to be grassroots leaders in their communities to win over people's hearts to conservative values.

Please continue your donations. We need monthly donations for an effective and influential party to accomplish our mission, vision and strategy. Your monthly contributions will cover the SCRCC overhead and allow us to ensure freedom in our county. Thank you!

God Bless and God Bless the United States of America

## **HOW** Much for that Box of Cereal?

By Juli Skinner

To reiterate: Most of us are not economists. We are mothers, fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers. We are caretakers of loved ones and independent survivors of the current economic strife. We don't get into the weeds of verbosity and we don't care! "Depression"? "Recession"? "Downturn"? "Inflation"? "Stagflation"? "Soft landing"? We are not sitting at the kitchen table, analyzing market trends and investments. We are not pouring over charts and graphs. No, simply, we are looking at our bank accounts. We are weighing the benefits of traveling over the Washington/Idaho border to fill our tank when on "E". We are looking at grocery receipts and gasping at the total printed at the bottom. We are staring in bewilderment at the price on a box of cereal.

Left: Grocery store receipt; one bag, 1 box of assorted chips and 3 gallons of milk. \$200.00. Right: \$7.49 for a box of cereal.





We are working harder than ever to make up for workforce deficits due to Covid-19 government incentives as our buying power goes poof. We are counting every penny despite, perhaps, having a decent job. It seems as though there is no sense of urgency behind the aging, senile gaff master Biden as his puppeteers steer him and us toward the proverbial cliff's edge of bankruptcy all the while shouting "Bidenomics, Bidenomics" (like it's a good thing). While Reaganomics 1980s focused on stimulating the economy without intrusion from the federal government, Bidenomics pushes intrusion using guilt trips and [unattainable] promises of wombto-tomb caretaking for every person in America. Once again, we are told to look at a shiny object, not the facts. "Unemployment is down!" Compared to ...? Lots of businesses are still understaffed. "Wages are rising (mostly)." Uh, but consumers are paying for those raises through inflated goods and services purchased.

Additionally, not every working person receives inflationary wage adjustments. **"The economy is strong!"** Well, let's look again at the first part of this article. shall we?



War, pandemics and/or inflation play integral roles in our economy and there is little doubt that deliberate manufactured events have found their way into our country during its lifespan. Americans literally breathed easy before the "plandemic" masked us all. (By the way, have you heard about the Covid come-back hitting the news cycle – just in time for 2024 elections?) Circumstances surrounding Covid-19 origins are suspect and we cannot deny that it drove fear into our citizens, disenfranchised 2020 voters, pitted vaxxer against non-vaxxer, destroyed small business, killed our elderly and for the next 200 years will be used as a template for purging future undesirables; people and policy. A side note: How ironic is it that we are closer to WWIII now than when President Trump was in office. Another missed call from the radical Left.

Bad economies do not only cause loss in wages. Remember Youngstown U.S.A. 1977?

https://billmoyers.com/story/black-monday-77-mill-shutdown-youngstown-gave-birth-rust-belt/

It is an important example of a historic devolving economic community. The regional depression caused a decline in social, psychological and lawful behaviors in addition to a loss in livelihoods. It was a complete downfall of the human spirit. Biden touts a bright future while most people dispute it. And with good reason. It is exhausting; this game of chess with one side willing to throw all decency aside to win favor while the other side hopes to kill them with kindness. You guess which is which. Meanwhile, the gap between elite ruling class and everyone else widens one \$7.49 box of cereal at a time. The answer? Get involved in your community, support our candidates and get them elected. Vote like your life depends on it. Your voice counts.





## The Constitutional Corner

By Lori Burns

The communists in the current administration are deliberately striving to dismantle our economy as we have known it for centuries. Under the guise of environmentalism, they are using extraconstitutional authority to achieve an ideological goal. That goal is not to save the planet regardless of their flowery speeches; it is to divide us into two classes: the Haves and the Havenots.

As usual, the Founding Fathers knew best when they gave legislative authority to elected officials. Elected officials at least have the appearance of being accountable to the voters. When those elected officials abdicate their authority and allow it to be usurped by executive orders or bureaucratic "rules", we are no longer free and we have no government accountability. Biden's never-ending quest to eliminate the gasoline engine, destroy the use of coal and natural gas, mandate changes to water heaters, dishwashers,

washing machines, toilets, showers, etc. without any science or technology to back it up is pure dictatorship. We should all support and seek technology that is energy efficient and preserves our beautiful world in every way possible. But, putting the cart before the horse has never worked. The government did not have to mandate that change from the horse and buggy to the automobile. People saw the benefit and embraced it. When our technological discoveries have advanced to the point that we have a viable, affordable and efficient replacement of the gasoline engine, for example, no one will have to force us to change—we are smart enough to figure that out on our own. The actual results of this dictatorial rule and sham environmental efforts are many and nefarious.

1) It will keep third world countries from emerging from that status; "We've gotten ours; sucks to be you."

2) The rich will get richer and everyone else will get poorer. That is demonstrably true just over the past two and a half awful years of "Bidenomics". The ruling class will have plenty of food, private planes, hot water and chauffeur driven cars, while the rest of us...well, they don't really care.

3) Our ability to feed, clothe, house and comfortably provide for ourselves will disappear. This will create a people desperate enough to be ruled by anyone promising to provide government solutions to our problems. The real solution remains, and always has, in principles of truth and constitutionality—not the government! Freedom and accountability are our only hope. These liars are destroying a once great nation...and we should stop letting them.

## 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.

https://wsrp.org/as sets/uploads/2022/ 05/2022-PCO-Manual.pdf

# Would you consider volunteering

## <u>Underground Economy Discussion Brings Out the Hypocrites on Both Sides</u>

Excerpt from a column published in August 2018 with advice for the Labor Day weekend. See the original column at <a href="https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/aug/31/sue-lani-madsen-underground-economy-discussion-bri/">https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2018/aug/31/sue-lani-madsen-underground-economy-discussion-bri/</a> for the rest of the story.

It's a great conversation non-starter for Labor Day, but a good way to begin an argument. Mention how the complex web of labor regulations is driving the underground economy and you'll be accused of wanting a return to sweat shops and child labor. Explain how President Franklin Roosevelt felt about public sector unions (he was against them) and clearly you support 18-hour work days and unsafe working conditions.

If you're at a politically diverse picnic this weekend, brace yourself.

A 2014 press release from the Washington House Democrats points out how "those who swindle the system not only put you at risk, they also pilfer profits from good businesses. Plus, the underground economy cuts into the state's revenue for education, public safety, transportation, environmental protection, and other basic public services."

All of which is true. But point out to a Democrat how promoting the industrious Mexican immigrant down the street selling old country tamales out of her home kitchen is swindling the system, violating public health and safety regulations, and unfairly competing with legitimate businesses and somehow that's different.

It isn't - it's a classic example of the underground economy. And if you're a Republican, somebody will point out how citing regulations as a reason to shut down the operation is racist, or at the very least hypocritical coming from the side that consistently complains about regulatory burdens on small business.

No matter how hot the weather, the temperature at the Labor Day picnic will be decidedly frosty by the time dessert comes out.

There used to be one economy, with no or very limited regulation. There were problems, serious problems. The 19th and 20th century labor union movement accomplished much good in reshaping expectations about time and working conditions. And now regulations are the source of new problems.

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## 2024 Washington Gubernatorial Election

\*Primary election - August 6, 2024 \*General election - November 5, 2024.

DEAR DEMOCRAT FRIENDS: WE NEED YOU! You have the power to restore democracy by calling out the Socialist wing of your party and becoming your party's silent hero. Influencers continue to put up what they call, Socialist-Democrats. It is an abomination of your ideology. This is not who most of us are as Americans. We love our children and don't want them to make drastic life altering decisions until they are intellectually capable. We want to take home the pay that we've earned. We support Israel. We want energy independence. We respect freedom of speech. We honor our military and oppose a monarchical government. We necessitate free and fair elections and want law and order. So far, WE are in sync. We can discuss government size later. But right now, balance is tipping in favor of Socialists who have highjacked your party and who are pushing policy that is contrary to the foundation of our country and our constitution. Socialist-Democrats do not represent you. We are asking you to join us in going back to the healthy balance we have historically enjoyed between our parties by crossing party lines. You do not have to change your party affiliation and your vote is secret. But WE must, TOGETHER, purge extreme and harmful ideologies of all kinds. Democrats, Independents and Republicans can form an unexpected alliance to rid our beloved country of this cancer and restore our nation to the decent country our founders fought for. We cannot do this without YOU.

Respectfully, Your fellow American

CANDIDATE NEWS: Visit Spokane GOP endorsements and recommended candidates for the latest news.

A very sincere THANK YOU to all candidates and volunteers who participated in advancing 78% of our recommended candidates (report by Rob Linebarger, GOP Candidate Committee Chair). Any candidate who did not advance; PLEASE do not be discouraged. Get your name out there and return to the playing field. We still need you.

After thoughtful discussion, the GOP Board recommends Nadine Woodward for Mayor of Spokane City and Earl Moore for Spokane City Council, District 3. Now – let's get behind our candidates!

#### **QUESTION:**

WHY VOTE? MY ONE LITTLE VOTE DOESN'T COUNT!

### ANSWER:

1800 - Thomas Jefferson won by ONE vote (In the House of Representatives after a tie in the Electoral College)

1824 – Andrew Jackson lost by ONE vote in the House of Representatives after Electoral College dead-lock.

2017 – Shelly Simonds (D) won by ONE vote in Virginia House of Delegates. (Later overturned).

-VOTE!----- BECAUSE THEY DO!

https://www.npr.org/2018/11/03/663709392/why-every-votematters-the-elections-decided-by-a-single-vote-or-a-little-more

KEEP WATCH FOR UPDATES IN WASHINGTON ON: 2019-20 HB 1087 Concerning long-term care tax and services.

https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/centers/detail/centerfor-health-

care or https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/centers/detail/ce nter-for-worker-rights.

https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/publications/detail/newstate-run-program-will-not-fix-long-term-care-crisis-norshould-it-offer-peace-of-mind-to-workers-forced-to-fund-it.

#### **REFERENDUM-101**

Concerns the protection of parents' rights and safety of our children (2023) SB 5599.

WE DID NOT GET ENOUGH SIGNATURES TO

MAKE THE BALLOT. A Parental Rights Initiative, I-2081 is available to sign NOW through mid-December. https://letsgowashington.com/

#### SAVE THE DATES

Friday August 18, 2023 Spokane GOP Governor Forum Semi Bird and Jim Daniel

Saturday September 2, 2023 **BIG PHAT** 3 pm

https://www.spokanegop.com/



## LEGISLATIVE WATCH

Washington Legislators meet again on the 8th of JANUARY 2024. Keep track of "Good", "Bad" and the "Ugly" bills in the legislature: WSRP Olympia Watch, https://wsrp.org/olympia-watch/. Watch the progress of the bills. Contact your legislators to voice your support or opposition. Your input is critical. Find bills at http://leg.wa.gov. Add the bill number to get the text, summary, when a public hearing will occur and videos of hearings. When a bill has passed out of one chamber, you can also see who voted "yea" and "nay" by clicking on View Roll Call.

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#### House Republicans

https://houserepublicans.wa.gov/2021/02/01/how-vou-can-be-involved-in-thelegislative-process/

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