

Chairman's Chat

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SCRCC Chair/CEO

***This 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.*

***Next 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.*



Happy December and Merry Christmas to all of you, our Spokane County Republicans! I pray blessings and prosperity on all of you and your families!

We have so much to reflect and be thankful for in 2023! We won many important school board races as well as various city council and other jurisdictional races across our county. We revamped our candidate vetting process, as well as many other processes to value the voices of our PCOs. We accomplished a very successful Lincoln Day event and are continuing to build strong foundational processes to ensure future success. We procured marketing efforts across the county to help get conservatives get elected in impactful races that proved very successful! Thank you to all of you that have contributed through your time and your dollars! **Every little and big effort makes a difference!**

Recently we have been very busy preparing for the January 13 th Statewide GOP Caucuses in Spokane! This is an important opportunity for you to engage in, in this “grassroots-voice-of-the-people” event, and have YOUR voice impact statewide and national races! Washington State has 9 critical state-wide races this year that will affect all of our lives greatly. WE NEED YOUR VOICE included in our local Precinct Caucuses! That is why our motto this is year for our Caucuses is “We the People Begins with YOU!” Please make sure you are one of those critical voices heard by attending your local precinct caucus! **Go to SpokaneGOP.com to pre-register and affirm your precinct number to assure you arrive at the correct location for your precinct caucuses.**

In addition, set your calendars for the Spokane County Republican Party Convention February 10 th where all elected delegates (from the precinct caucuses) will vote for their state delegates to the April 19 & 20th Washington State Republican Convention here in Spokane! These next few months are going to be an exciting time for all Republicans in Spokane County, and you are not going to want to miss it! Visitors are also welcome to attend the County Convention – so even if you are not a delegate, we look forward to seeing you there!

Praying for a Prosperous and Healthful 2024 for all!

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What is "YOUR" truth?

The most valuable thing we have is inalienable rights. So significant, that in The Preamble of the Constitution, it is the first thing mentioned and highlighted as impervious to outside influences.

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We have full discretion, full intrinsic ownership when making the decision to share our thoughts, opinions, ideas or, to keep them private. With that freedom however, we must exercise responsibility and use reasonable application when engaging with society. It may be observed that it is "our [individual] truth" residing deep within our consciousness but don't confuse "our" truth with "telling" the truth. They are distinctly different. Your truth is your perspective, your interpretation of an event. It doesn't necessarily mean it is the truth. The radical Left makes "your" truth, "the" truth, but with a caveat. It must align with "their" truth. Bonus: If your truth is award winning for being the most mainstream woke-worthy, well then, you will also be forgiven of any responsibility by the radical Left for being recklessly dishonest. There's no better example than the mainstream media and other Left-networking messengers. Did you hear about the 9-year-old fan who wore a Native American headdress and red and black face paint at a Kansas City Chief's game. Oh my. Call the FBI! Err... that might actually happen.

Deadspin's Carron Phillips was a good little puppy who found a bone for his/her owner (Parent Company). "Ooh, what a good little dog," as they extend a nice pat on the head. The

Hack initially represented his/her truth by conveniently excluding the red side of the young boy's face.

<https://www.newsweek.com/nfl-fans-blackface-game-sparks-fight-1847656>



This is a beautiful picture of an innocent fan quite obviously proud of his team and of his-YES- Native American heritage. And where is his beloved NFL team? Silent. You see where incentivizing one's "truth" can actually be a vicious lie to further a [false] cause?

To quickly address the controversy of "appropriation"; RELAX! Every single one of us has come from an ethnic background with customs we respect. Should Viking football fans be banned from wearing traditional [no horned] helmets? Coming from Nordic heritage, I say no. But go ahead, flood the net with this lunacy. Too many people, cultural backgrounds and opportunities to offend. It's so very exhausting; always being offended! (*Irrational and vast civil liberties will be the death of us IMO.*)

Societies are formed based on a central *Micro or Macro* institution of shared cultures. Belief systems, behavior and like standards are shared in order to achieve harmony. Even if it is a core society of liars, it remains harmonious as long as everyone in the group agrees to lie. Recently, a news network popped up featuring Dan Abrams. While advertising for the

new program he said this;

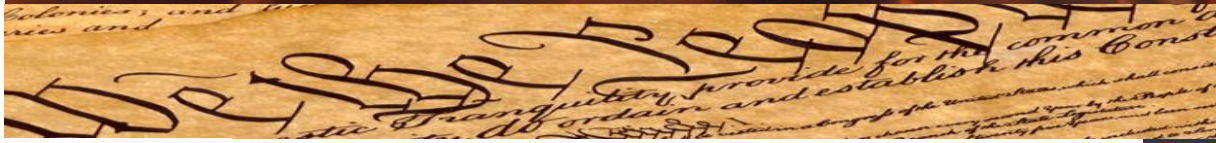
"...at least we're trying to be straight with you".

This coming from a person bringing us the news should scare us all. Even more scary? The surprisingly and sometimes successful corruption of a high-level person as the radical Left demands that she or he fall in line to commit the most unethical practices. We have judges in the United States, telling defendants that they are not in court to be heard and that their speech should be limited. (The defendant(s) happen to belong to the "wrong" political party.) Judges are employed to interpret the law. Those who legislate from the bench seem to be compelled to capitulate to the Left and echo false narratives that a 2024 Republican President [Trump] will end Democracy. (*You first have to be a true Democracy to lose it - it is argued that we are a Republic.*) Though there is no factual evidence to this charge, the radical Left continues to spit out a "phantom objective" of "the phantom threat to Democracy". It is "their" truth. "The" truth however, is clearly found in the four years President Trump was Commander in Chief.

We journey through temporary fogs in life, conforming to the flow of mainstream insanity at times. But eventually we snap back to the rationale that has kept tapping us on the forehead. We *know* the truth. It's there in plain sight. They know we know. They know that there is an awakening coming. That's why Mr. Abrams had to offer that very telling disclaimer.

Beware when they individualize "the truth."

GOD is watching.



By Lori Burns

The Constitutional Corner

We have the most ground-breaking, enlightened and unique constitution in the history of the world. Inspired by God and worked out through countless hours of debate, sweat, tears and prayer, it is the foundation of the greatest nation in history. Flawed, blemished and weak as humans are, this government is only as good as the people that uphold it—us. And our individual rights are only as sacred as we make them.

The communists (The Left) lead a steady corrosive drip, drip, drip to remove our individual rights. Most recently the government that was established to protect those rights and represent our wishes is telling us that we must buy electric cars, heat pumps and LED bulbs. We may not use natural gas and our access to air conditioning will be limited. We may not determine what is appropriate for our children to read in school and we have no say in their “education”. We will be forced to wear useless masks and take untested vaccines and if the government says so, we will shutter our businesses, schools and churches. This is not freedom; it is tyranny. What is worse, is that conservatives are

Olympic-level complainers who will not vote. I have heard story, after story, after story about Republicans who will not vote except in Presidential election years. Stories of voters who will not take five minutes to educate themselves about their elections or five minutes to mail in a WA ballot. “Principled” voters who will not get involved in the elections where we have the most power—the local ones—are ignored year in and year out. The evidence of our failure to protect individual rights is evident in the abysmal turnout and outcome of the this most recent election: an extremist mayor to accompany an extremist city council, voters who prohibit “camping” while at the same time opposing funding a new jail needed to close the revolving door at the current jail.

The misery that exists in downtown Spokane is not the Democrats fault. It is ours. The failures of our schools, the worthless piece of garbage in the governor’s mansion, the lawless WA legislature, the cap-and-trade taxes that have us all staggering under the weight of the price of gas—our fault. Why? Because we complain and bellyache and moan and then never show up. We will not fix the problems in this state until we step up and fight for our individual rights. The only thing I admire about the Dems is that they show up. Apparently that isn’t important enough to us. It breaks my heart.

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.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.

<https://wsrp.org/assets/uploads/2022/05/2022-PCO-Manual.pdf>

Would you consider volunteering?

Past candidates:

KEEP FIGHTING.

WE NEED YOU.

“Grable has the background you’d expect for a speech on security. Over twenty years in uniform for the Department of Defense, a variety of National Security Agency postings, boots on the ground tours in Afghanistan, and a Master’s degree in Strategic Security Studies.

He started with a familiar and often garbled Benjamin Franklin statement, correctly quoted as “Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.”

The context in 1759 was a Pennsylvania debate over the authority of the colonial legislature to levy taxes to be spent on local defense. Franklin was referring to a literal payoff offered by the absentee Penn family landlords in return for Pennsylvania giving up local tax and spend authority. It would have traded the essential liberty of the community to govern itself in order to pay for a little temporary safety. Since 9/11 we have debated as if liberty and security are mutually exclusive. Grable posited a different dichotomy, pointing out the opposite of liberty is not security but tyranny.

The U.S. Constitution was written to protect the liberty of individuals from tyrannical acts of government. We speak of tyranny as just another form of government, as if tyranny only exists in third world countries like Zimbabwe under Robert Mugabe, or back in the USSR under Stalin. Grable instead pointed to the most egregious example of tyranny in recent U.S. history. The internment of Japanese-American citizens and legal Japanese immigrants during World War II is well known in the Spokane community, a reminder we need to be just as concerned about tyranny at home.

We don’t talk about liberty much these days, more often we use the term civil rights. The change in language leads us to fall into the lazy habit of speaking of rights as if they are something granted to us by the government rather than grounded in the individual.”

Excerpt from a column first published November 18, 2016 in The Spokesman-Review, covering a lecture given to the now disbanded Spokane College Women’s Association by Joseph Grable, Sr. on balancing security and liberty. For the complete column see <https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2016/nov/18/sue-lani-madsen-how-much-liberty-are-we-willing-to/>. Reprinted with permission of the author, Sue Lani Madsen, freelance columnist. Follow at <https://suelanimadsen.substack.com/>

2024 Washington Gubernatorial Election

*Primary election - August 6, 2024

*General election - November 5, 2024.

IN ORDER TO WIN BACK OUR STATE AND REINSTITUTE SANITY, WE NOT ONLY HAVE TO VOTE, WE HAVE TO GET INVOLVED. EACH ONE OF US HAS A TALENT. FIND YOURS, JUMP IN AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

WE DESERVE THE GOVERNMENT WE GET SO LET’S ALL DO OUR PART IN REJECTING POLICIES AND PEOPLE WHO DO NOT BENEFIT US AND OUR STATE.

WHY **VOTE?** BECAUSE THEY DO!

*Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

Doesn’t it feel good to say it?

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SAVE the GOP calendar

Saturday, 13 January
2024

Precinct Caucuses for all
Republicans

Saturday, 10 February
2024

Spokane County
Convention

Tuesday, 12 March 2024
Presidential Primary

April 19 - April 21, 2024

WA State Republican
Convention

July 15 - July 18, 2024

Republican National
Convention

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WATCH FOR UPDATES IN WASHINGTON:

2019-20 HB1087 - Long-term care tax and services.

<https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/publications/detail/payroll-tax-for-wa-cares-has-begun-but-meetings-continue-on-program-details>

Additional Information:

<https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/centers/detail/center-for-health-care>

or <https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/centers/detail/center-for-worker-rights>.

<https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/publications/detail/new-state-run-program-will-not-fix-long-term-care-crisis-nor-should-it-offer-peace-of-mind-to-workers-forced-to-fund-it>.

INITIATIVE I-2081 **Parental Rights Initiative. Did you sign?** For more policy issues and petitions, go to <https://letsgowashington.com/>.

FROM OUR WSRP CHAIR, JIM WALSH. **Did you sign the 6 initiatives.** <https://letsgowashington.com/>, or email [Jeryl Reinbolt, jreinbolt777@gmail.com](mailto:jreinbolt777@gmail.com). You can also visit Facebook.com/SpokaneGOP.

I-2113 Reasonable Police Pursuit

I-2109 Repeal the capital gains tax

I-2111 No state income tax

I- 2124 Opt out of state-run long-term care act

I-2117 Stop the hidden gas tax

I-2081 Parental notification

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVLlvWENFYw&list=PLXuqqUtFEHfSwUSWCEC7jQMxakJqbEyi2&index=9&t=20s>

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.

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 terrizelevits@gmail.com.

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