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President's Message by Tom Adams:

On a wet Saturday afternoon, I have been reflecting on the pace of controversy in our world. From the war in Ukraine, the leaking of confidential documents from the Supreme Court, the trial of attorney Michael Sussman in the Russian collusion scandal and that's just for starters. That's a string of trouble for a 79 year old guy (Biden) to manage. Oh yeah, toss in the highest rate of inflation since most of us were in college 50 years ago and a Vice President who's no help.

Before I get to that, special thanks to everyone who put themselves forward for office. As I stopped at both early voting sites to say high to the candidates, I was impressed with the interactions they were having with the primary voters. The interest expressed voters and candidates alike, whether on CRT in the school board race or the tax rate in the race for county commission it was heartening in this day and age. Thank you everyone. Turn out so far, about have way through the early voting, has been about normal for an off-year election. We'll need to work on that in 2026!

Back to controversy. It is hard to believe after 2,000+ years of civilization that one man, Putin, can start a war that kills thousands, military and civilian alike, on his whim. Where was our Joe? The buildup was slow, if followed the taking of Crimea and from a historical perspective was predictable. Former Defense Secretary Robert Gates once said, to paraphrase, "Biden had been wrong on every major foreign policy issue during his years in Washington." We now know Gates was prescient and Biden dangerous.

Special Prosecutor John Durham has now clearly focused a beam of truth on the Hillary Clinton campaign's culpability in the Russian-collusion matter. Shame on her, shame on the press that allowed the story to flourish and shame on James Comey for his role and allegedly attorney Michael Sussman for doing the campaign's dirty work. The Biden Justice Department needs to let this prosecution play out to the end.

Inflation and the administration's lack of response to it is the number one topic of conversation at the community lunch table at "Pete's Family Restaurant" community most days. Can't find labor? Can't pay for gas? Can't afford a new (or old) car. Its inflation, man! Can't find Joe?

Kamala. Kamala? Seen here lately. The legacy media refers to the MILLIONS, who have crossed the border that Kamala is supposed to keep out as "migrants". They are not. They are "illegal aliens" and we should refer to them that way. Kamala

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should stop them from getting in. No, not walk the border with a rifle, but provide the brave Border Patrol officers with the where withal to stop it. And, finish the wall!

This is a compelling commentary providing reason enough, and more, to return Congress to Republican hands and the Presidency to sane Republican administration in 2024.

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My personal thanks to Fox News commentator and columnist Deroy Murdock for headlining this year's Reagan Lincoln day dinner. The donation of his time and the formulation of his message was a true gift to the Moore GOP. Thanks to my son Ben Adams and his friend Brandon Sokol, Sr. VP for Mergers and Acquisitions for NewsCorp for their assistance in bringing Deroy to us.

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We'll see you at the Golf Tournament on June 20th at CCNC Have a great summer.

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Tom



The 26th Annual **John Reburn** Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 20, and we are again playing at CCNC. See more detailed information in the attached application insert and the article later in this newsletter.

Sponsor one or more First Responders as soon as possible so we can get the invitations out early.

Vote on May 17 in the Republican Primary

If you did not vote early, you must vote in person at the polling location based on your Precinct. If you have any doubts about where to vote, see the following website link, click and find where to vote:

https://www.moorecountync.gov/images/departments/board-of-elections/Polling_Place_List.pdf

A printed copy of this list is also an insert to this newsletter.



Let's Have
Lunch
TOGETHER

Our Thursday, May 19 luncheon meeting is the fifth at our alternate location, Little River Golf & Resort. Take the Hwy 15/501 N. Exit off the Pinehurst Traffic Circle, go about 5 miles and take the Little River exit on the right. Registration starts at 11:30am with lunch starting at noon. Reservations are required by

Sunday, May 15 at 6pm. Click on the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd50Ah2x7n03FvscfkSTACYCvEJWcJeWm7c8oWMLJX0luHzDg/viewform>

April Luncheon Meeting Report:

The Club monthly luncheon meeting in April was again held at Little River Golf Resort with the Lighthouse Restaurant serving in the large meeting room on the second floor of the Clubhouse. Attendees began arriving as early as 11:00am in order to get registered for lunch and find a table with other early attendees. Registration officially began at 11:30am as over 120 found their name tags and approached the registration table. As they registered, attendees were advised to get lunch at one of the three buffet lines and go ahead and eat. The early attendees greeted each other and were also greeted by the candidates for local, county, state and federal offices who were also in attendance.



upcoming convention. Stewart spoke briefly and asked for the support of those who planned to attend the District 9 GOP Convention.

Next, Adams called Past President, Bill Demastus,



forward to introduce the keynote speaker, Admiral Leighton “Snuffy” Smith. Demastus introduced Admiral Smith by telling the attendees about Admiral Smith’s long and successful career in the Navy where he started as a Naval Aviator and was promoted to a

four-star Admiral. As was stated in the program report in last month’s newsletter, Admiral Smith was a Navy Combat pilot who flew 280 missions in Viet Nam. For that service, he was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses. After Viet Nam, he was a key architect of the Navy’s transformation into the Cold War. As an Admiral he was the senior military officer in Kosovo.



At noon, President Adams called the meeting to order. Following introductions, Adams asked Bill Demastus to offer a prayer and bless the meal. Following the prayer, the attendees stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. As attendees were seated, Adams asked Club

Treasurer Jim Legg forward for a report on the club financial status.

Adams then advised that the scheduled program Speaker, Admiral Leighton “Snuffy” Smith would speak at 12:30pm.



As attendees were completing their lunch, Adams again came forward and introduced Donna Stewart from Chatham County, a candidate for the NC GOP District 9 Chair of the



“Snuffy” took the stage and mesmerized the audience with stories and details of his many adventures as he commanded Naval operations in Kosovo. He detailed the efforts to rescue a downed pilot in a combat zone where rescue would have been considered impossible by others in command. Only the determination of “Snuffy” and those Marines who undertook the

mission made the rescue possible. At the conclusion of his talk, Admiral Smith received a standing ovation.

Following Admiral Smith's presentation, President Adams called VP of Programs, Pat Haggerty, forward to introduce two NC GOP office holders who would again be candidates for office in the future. Haggerty told the crowd that Richard Hudson, US Congressman and Tom McInnis, NC State Senator would make a few short remarks.



Haggerty first called McInnis to the lectern. McInnis explained that his Senate District in NC was re-drawn along with the other district changes in NC. He will still represent Moore County and advised that he would be moving here before his current term expires in 2023. He thanked Moore County Republicans for their past support and asked for continued support in the future.



Hudson then took the stage and said he would be running again this year for the NC District 9 US House of Representatives Seat. He asked for the attendees vote in the upcoming May 17 Republican Primary where he would face three other candidates. Hudson also thanked Moore County Republicans for their support in past elections and asked that they continue to support him



after he won the May Primary and became the Republican candidate in the fall general election. Hearing no further announcements and having no other business, the meeting was adjourned at about 1:30pm.

(Editor's Note: Thanks, again, to member Bradly Dick and Fire House Photography for the picture of Admiral Smith shown in this article.)

Newsletter Information:

This, and future issues of the newsletter are being posted on the Club Website, www.MCRMC.club. Those having an email address will get notice that the newsletter is available and a copy by email. Those who do not have an email address will get a paper copy by US mail. If you have an email address but also want a paper copy, just send an email to me, and request one: paulshaffer1943@gmail.com



Program News for May by Patrick Haggerty – VP Programs:

The May 19th meeting is potentially another double header. With so many Republicans running for the nomination to replace U.S. Senator Richard Burr, it's probable there will be a run-off. We have invited those candidates to the May meeting who will likely be on the run-off ballot. It will not be a debate; it will be a candidate forum. Both candidates will be allotted time to state his or her case and take questions from you.



In case one of the candidates is successful in getting 40% of the vote, which eliminates a run-off, we expect to have that candidate as our speaker. If you have not already done so, be sure to vote on May 17th.

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You can register now at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/174MOOCxFJKN7O1UibVQvSvPo3D3q6a5OJAKr44LYQPwU/viewform>

Elected Officials Contact Information:

To get the most recent elected officials contact information, visit the Moore Count Board of Elections Website:



<https://www.moorecountync.gov/images/departments/board-of-elections/elected%20officials%202022.03.03.pdf>

Jim Legg - Treasurer

Money quote of the month by Jack Yelton:

"There is a very easy way to return from a casino with a small fortune: go there with a large one."



Beginning Balance, April 1, 2022	\$ 17,513.19
Contributions received in April	1,397.26
Disbursements in April	1,559.48
Ending Balance, April 30, 2022	<u>\$ 17,350.97</u>

Please contact me if you want more detailed financial information. Also, you can login to: <https://cf.ncsbe.gov/CFOrgLkup/DocumentGeneralResult/?SID=STA-C4328N-C-001&OGID=4627> to review current and past report submissions.

Moore County GOP News:



Tom Beddow - Chairman



See the following information about our annual fundraising event. As you read this, we are within days of the event and may very well be sold out. However, there may be a few tickets still available, so click on the blue reservations link and/or sponsorship link see if you can still attend. For those

who have already bought sponsorships and tickets, thanks for your support of our County GOP.

RESERVE SEATS:

<https://mccgopnc.wufoo.com/forms/lincolnreagan-dinner-2022-general-admission/>

SPONSORSHIP OPTIONS:

<https://mccgopnc.wufoo.com/forms/lincolnreagan-dinner-2022-sponsor/>

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Watch for other opportunities to support us. If you have not already done so, visit the Moore County GOP Headquarters in Olmstead Village. We are open during the week from 10:00am to 2:00pm and will expand our hours as we get closer to the fall general election. Also, be sure to visit our website often to get more information about all things Republican in Moore County and around the country: www.moregop.com.

Golf Tournament Fundraiser – June 20th at CCNC

Plan to play, set the date and put your foursome together NOW! This year we will have a similar format, **scramble**, but a few differences and a couple of significant changes. SEE THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION AND GET A TEAM TOGETHER TODAY.



First note that the golf price is different but the same total as last year with the “kitchen sink” package, which is not being offered this year. Instead, all teams will compete on an equal level without the need to purchase mulligans.

Note that registration starts at 7:30am and there is a FULL BREAKFAST before a shotgun golf start at 9:00am. Again this year, a delicious lunch will follow golf with guest remarks and awards after lunch.

There is a new fun feature this year which involves two youth representatives from the First Tee of the Sandhills. Each First Tee youth player will be located on a Par 3 hole tee. When a foursome plays one of these Par 3s, each player can purchase a chance to win a raffle ticket or two for \$10 cash. When the player purchases a chance, if their ball lands on the green of the Par 3, they will get a raffle ticket. In addition, the First Tee Youth will hit a ball. If that ball lands on the green all players who purchase a

The 2022 Lincoln Reagan Dinner

Keynote Speaker: Deroy Murdock
Lifelong Conservative. Reagan volunteer (1980).
Scholar. Author. Commentator.

Sunday
May 15, 2022

The Country Club
of North Carolina



Sponsor reception
4:30 pm
General reception
5:00 pm
Dinner seating
6:00 pm

General admission: \$125
Individual sponsor: \$325
Platinum sponsor (table of 8): \$2,600

raffle chance whose ball is closer than the youth will get a second raffle ticket.

At the luncheon, there will be a drawing and the winning ticket holder will get a new custom driver. All proceeds



from this extra on course game will go to the First Tee – Sandhills. Plan to participate and **remember to bring two \$10 bills!** Learn more about First Tee by going to:

www.firstteesandhills.org

For those who cannot play golf, you can still participate as a supporter taking advantage of tennis, fitness center, or the pool and then join the golfers for lunch. If nothing else, just join all the others at lunch. For those who cannot otherwise participate on the day of the tournament, we will gladly accept a donation as shown on the application.

Do you or someone you know, individually, or as a business want to sponsor a hole. Hole sponsors will have a sign on a tee for all the golfers to see as they play. Support Republican candidates and be recognized by being a hole sponsor. Ask all your friends and business acquaintances to consider being a hole sponsor for this event.

Finally, also note that we are again accepting sponsorships for First Responders. You can sponsor one or more First Responders in addition to participation in other ways. This is a terrific way to honor the great work and dedication of our police, fire, EMS and other individuals that put their life on the line to help and protect the citizens of Moore County.

Note that you need to get your applications completed and paid for on the dates noted.

We expect to sell out the maximum of 144 players, so REGISTER TODAY!

**Moore County
Republican Women News:**

**Letter from the President by Maureen
Krueger**



Why this Primary is so important Now that early voting has begun, we're in the midst of a primary election. For



many public offices, this primary determines the entire election. Candidates vying for our precious votes are like competitive political athletes. Their prize, if they win, is a bit of our personal sovereignty. We willingly give up authority of self-governance through our vote. This is the only power granted to elected officials by We The People.

Every election cycle seems to start earlier, get nastier and cost more money than the one before. And every election cycle, we're told that this is the most important election of our lifetime. And rest assured that will be the cry in November.

That's why this primary is so important. We are choosing the BEST candidates to elect in November, including NC Senator, our Congressional representatives and the all-important judges. Locally in Moore County, we are selecting the BEST candidates to be our District Commissioners - a key position that impacts our everyday lives. And, of course, the future of our kids will be influenced by our School Board selections - we need to eliminate just one person from the ballot. Don't let it be one of the two who were endorsed by the Moore County GOP (Bruno and Benway).

Experts are predicting just a 25% turnout for the primary. Let's make sure 20% of that number are conservative Republicans!

At Moore Republican Women, we spent most of our meetings this year vetting candidates. We listened to their speeches, asked questions, and compared them to their opponents. Now is the time to decide who is the most electable candidate who reflects your values. Vote.

Maureen

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Tom's Thoughts

Problem with Electric Vehicles Push: Need Chinese Battery Components

There is talk of an electric vehicle battery manufacturing plant being built in NC. It appears that there could be an issue with building this plant or any other plant due to a lack of raw materials. Here is a quote from the article below:

..... *the United States is dependent on the Chinese Communist Party for the necessary critical minerals and other elements needed to build them.*

The two most essential and expensive components of lithium-ion batteries, cathodes and anodes, are almost exclusively produced in China.

Another note - in order to open a new mine there is an extensive environmental impact report that needs to be completed and reviewed by the government. That takes a significant amount of time, probably measured in years given the details of similar reports.

See the Article Below for More Details.

Key Points are **Highlighted**

Article

Problem with Electric Vehicles Push: Need Chinese Battery Components

[Breitbart](#) · by Penny Starr 25 Apr 2022

Joe Biden and other Green New Deal advocates continue to push for electric vehicles but without the necessary domestic supply of batteries.

For now, the United States is dependent on the Chinese Communist Party for the necessary critical minerals and other elements needed to build them.

The two most essential and expensive components of lithium-ion batteries, cathodes and anodes, are almost exclusively produced in China.

According to Axios, the U.S. [is behind](#) Europe and China in its battery capabilities:

Demand for batteries will skyrocket over the coming decades. If the U.S. wants to control its own energy destiny, it'll need a secure, resilient supply chain for critical minerals and other components.

“If we don't do this, if we don't as a country invest in our supply chain, it will go to the lowest-cost country, which is China,” says Michael O’Kronley, CEO of Ascend Elements, a battery recycling company.

President Biden wants half of all vehicles sold in the U.S. to be electric by 2030. But the U.S. has only about 5% of the manufacturing capacity needed to hit that target, Jigar Shah, head of the Energy Department's Loan Programs Office, [told Reuters](#).

The article notes that the race to electric vehicles is also taking place in other countries, driving up prices for some of the necessary components, including nickel and lithium.

Biden, meanwhile, is invoked the [Cold War-era Defense Production Act](#) to push for more domestic mining, processing and recycling of critical minerals.

Simon Moores, CEO of London-based Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, said fixing the supply chain is critical.

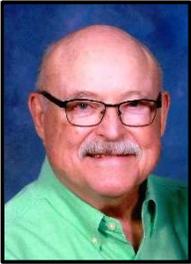
“If the U.S. does not connect every link in the supply chain from mine to battery cell, then its EV ambitions could fall apart,” Moores said.

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If you have read this far, you will note that I have stuck my ramblings between Tom's News and The Resolve Blog. In this case that would be a thorn between two roses! I have just a couple of current events that I would like to say a few words about this month.

First and foremost is the upcoming Primary Election with it being the one of two extremely important elections this year. You have likely already seen comments from others and the previous article about the election on the front page. The most important thing about the Primary Election is for all, every Republican and all conservative non-affiliated voters getting out to vote. If you are reading this and have not yet voted, you must vote in-person on election day, Tuesday, May 17, which is just around the



corner. Included with this newsletter is an insert that lists all of the voting locations with Precinct information so you can know where to go to vote. Election hours are 6:30am to 7:30pm.

Any voter in line at their assigned polling place at 7:30 p.m. will be able to vote. The busiest times tend to be early in the morning and just before the polls close. Avoid longer lines by voting at off-peak times. To get more details about voting, go to the following link, email readers can just click on the following:

<https://www.ncsbe.gov/voting/vote-person-election-day>

My comments beyond voting will be on the SCOTUS leak of a draft decision concerning the Roe v. Wade case and the decision of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court. At that time, the Court ruled that the Constitution of the United States protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction. It is being reported that the leaked "draft decision" would negate that decision. The result would seem to be to turn the decision to have an abortion over to the States and therefore regulation of abortion becoming a matter of state law.



The purpose of my remarks on this issue is not to comment on abortion and/or what the state(s) should or should not do. That is for heated debate only after SCOTUS actually issues an opinion. Rather, I will comment on why I think the draft, if it really is as represented, was released. Allow me to start by stating why I do NOT think this leak happened. Unlike many in the press are reporting, I do NOT believe the intent was to influence the US Supreme Court and/or to try and change the position of any of the sitting Justices. I firmly believe that each Justice, conservative or liberal, will decide on this case based on their own conclusions without regard to what is being said in the press. Further, I do not think that any decision will be influenced by demonstrations before the US Supreme Court building or at a Justices' home. I am personally convinced that by the time you are confirmed to the Supreme Court, you will make decisions without regard to outside pressures.

Having said that, why DO I think the draft decision was leaked. Simple stated, I think it was a concerted effort to create an issue that will influence both the Primary and General Elections this year. I believe that the liberal left thinks they have put forward a reason for all who lean left and more importantly a vast majority of women voters (along with liberal and some moderate men) to vote Democrat in both the Primary and General Elections this fall. I further think that those who leaked this and those who are most vocal about the leak believe that this issue will push the debate and therefore the voting decisions away from the disastrous Biden Presidency and move our total attention to this one issue. While I do not believe that the leak and subsequent media attention will succeed to such a high extent, I do believe that it will create much noise on the screen of issue debate. Without doubt it will blind some portion of the voting public to the issues we conservatives want to spotlight in the two elections. Whatever your views on abortion and a potential ruling next June or July by

SCOTUS, we must not forget the importance of getting candidates elected that will see all of the issues and get this country back on track toward fiscal conservatism. We cannot let this leak and the hubbub it has caused to allow interference with the goal of taking back control of our country.

With those rants, let me close by saying I hope to see you at our May 19 Luncheon meeting.

Reslove Blog:



(Editor's Note: Several newsletters back, we started including an article from the blog: RESOLVE. To see all the most recent articles, go to the following: www.resolvenc.blog (If reading this in the paper newsletter, type the link address in your web browser.)

[Run, if you dare](#)

By Steve Woodward

Many citizens have in recent months found themselves grappling with unusual impulses. Such as: an overwhelming desire to punch Anthony Fauci.

Among these widespread urges, one in particular has caught many off guard. "By golly, I'm running for school board."

Some in Moore County have thought about it simply because a board seat is reserved. You do not have to wait in line for it. In intense heat. Bone-chilling cold. Soaking rain. If you're just some taxpayer with a piece of your mind scribbled on paper, you have grown weary of being told to line up, mask up and shut up. You figure a school board position might also grant immunity from the threat of physical removal by Moore County Schools security officers (although, I'm guessing, a few thought about dragging out David

Hensley by the ankles after he recently outed their woeful lack of active-shooter training).

Beyond avoidance of harassment, many citizens across the nation have thrown their names into the ring as school board candidates. Others have enlisted hundreds to form community watchdog groups to monitor board activities, call out hypocrisy and, when necessary, tee up lawsuits.

For the rest of us now awakened to the ill intent running deep within the bowels of public education, we know that, short of running for a board seat, we must become more vigilant, ask more questions, demand greater transparency. That starts with paying attention to who is running in this very election cycle.

But I contend it must go further than that. Whether we support or oppose a particular candidate, what really matters is that citizens force these candidates to put an end to the platitudes and start talking straight, laying out detailed solutions to problems, both readily solved and complex.

Because once elected, some board members become masters of evasion, half-truths and data manipulation and, worse, they get better at it as time goes by. Exhibits A, A, A and A are named Caldwell, Carter, Dennison and Thompson.

But let's say we give them the benefit of the doubt for a moment. When they were candidates did anybody ask them the questions I want to ask them, or the questions I will continue to ask the latest roster of candidates vying for two at-large seats in the May primary?

Probably not. We settled for, "We can do better and we will," when queried about declining student performance scores on the fundamentals — reading and math. We

settled for, “Why, won’t you just look at those graduation rates!”

But who is asking: Are we hiring the right teachers? Are we ever firing some of them based on tepid student performances? Who is responsible for learning outcomes if not teachers? Or, are the teachers caught in the middle?

Were they handcuffed by Moore County Schools and its dictatorial superintendent, the infamous and now departed Dr. Bob Grimesey? Or by the state Department of Instruction and feckless Superintendent Catherine Truitt? Or by the radical Left dominated state Board of Education, led by a Black Lives Matter militant?

None of the aforementioned wish to elevate your children. They desire to *own* your children. This being the reality of our time, I have no choice but to make candidates uncomfortable. In fact, I have a responsibility.

Rollie Sampson, “unaffiliated” at-large candidate: During a March 19 forum you said Moore County schools are declining because we have defunded essentials such as teachers’ aids. Who defunded them? The answer is, the defunders are the current and past board members supporting your candidacy. This suggests you have an ulterior agenda. What is it?

Robin Calcutt, “Republican” at-large candidate: Your time employed as a Moore Schools administrator saw you overseeing planning, accountability and research. That’s a lot of responsibility. Yet, this time frame aligns with a breathtaking decline in student performance scores. As a school board member, would you undo what you did as an administrator?

Ken Benway, lifelong Republican and retired active duty military: You have noted that

security on high school campuses, particularly Pinecrest High School, is marginal, that students eat lunch in their cars with doors locked. What steps would you take to dismantle the Moore County Schools team of school resource officers (aka, a private police force answering to the Superintendent)? And then what?

Shannon Davis, Republican, Moore County parent and novice candidate: You are a staunch opponent of inappropriate books in our school media centers, and “woke” curricula. Please explain your game plan to systematically cleanse libraries of gender dysphoric content and a curricula of lesson plans that trample Christian values and American exceptionalism. How do you overcome the establishment as one person?

Pauline Bruno, longtime Republican Party volunteer, and retired career school teacher: You advocate for eliminating digital learning for young grade schoolers, and returning textbooks and paper-and-pencil activities. It is a noble but challenging goal. Please propose a blueprint that would activate this transition, addressing the inevitable costs of unwinding the digital programs and restoring traditional learning tools to classrooms? If this is desirable but not cost effective, there will be pushback.

Class dismissed.

EC Member: Tom Brady

In the Men’s Club raffle ticket corner, I would like to thank everyone who either purchased or sold tickets, or both; even a single ticket. Sales are going well. Of the 300 tickets to be sold all but 10 have been issued. Most of those issued will be sold soon. We have around 25-30 tickets that will take a little extra effort and if not sold before the dinner on the 15th perhaps we will make them available there.

If you have not had a chance to purchase tickets yet please contact me and I will see to it that you get one or more. A nice cash prize may come your way as a result of your contribution.

Thanks. W. Tom Brady, Raffle Sales Coordinator

From Outside the Club

Blaze media

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Rand Paul corners Mayorkas over 'disinformation governance board' — and buries CNN in the process

[CHRIS ENLOE](#) MAY 05, 2022

Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) tore into Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas on Wednesday, grilling him over the creation of the agency's "disinformation governance board."



What happened?

During a tense exchange at a Senate hearing, Paul asked Mayorkas whether the infamous anti-Trump dossier included "Russian disinformation." Mayorkas, however, declined to directly answer the question, triggering a heated back-and-forth about the scope of the highly controversial government office.

"Here's my question: The FBI concludes that the Steele dossier was full of Russian disinformation. CNN propagated this disinformation gladly for years and years," Paul said. "The difference, I guess, between your opinion and our opinion is that as despicable as it is that CNN propagated this disinformation, I wouldn't shut them down, I wouldn't lecture them, I wouldn't put it on a government website that CNN is wrong for propagating disinformation."

"The problem you have is you're not even willing to admit — I mean, we can't even have an agreement on what the FBI said was disinformation," Paul added, noting that failing to agree on what is and what is not "disinformation" is a serious issue.

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In response, Mayorkas said the board would not be responsible for policing disinformation *writ large*, but only "when there is a connectivity between disinformation and threats to security of the homeland."

"Well, the Russians might be considered that. You mentioned the Russians the other day when you tried to pivot away from this being about censorship," Paul fired back. "Let's just say ... you've discovered tomorrow Russian disinformation that is going to hurt our national security, and CNN is broadcasting it, what are you going to do?"

Mayorkas then presented an example of combatting immigration-related disinformation on social media. But what about Russian disinformation? After all, DHS [said](#) a key goal of the board is combatting Russian disinformation.

"Here's the problem: We can't even agree what disinformation is. You can't even agree that it was disinformation that the Russians fed information to the Steele dossier," Paul noted. "If you can't agree to that, how are we ever going to come to an agreement on what is disinformation so you can police it on social media?"

Mayorkas responded that the board is tasked with ensuring there are "guardrails, definitions, standards" that protect civil rights, privacy, and free speech.

"I think you've got no idea what disinformation is," Paul shot back.

"Do you know who the greatest propagator of disinformation in the history of the world is? The U.S. government."

"Think of all the debates and disputes we've had over the last 50 years in our country. We work them out by debating them. We don't work them out by having the government being the arbiter. I don't want guardrails. I want you to have nothing to do with speech," Paul added.

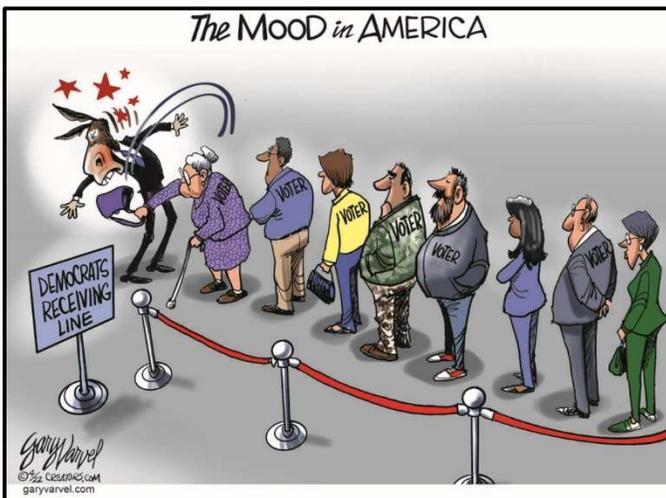
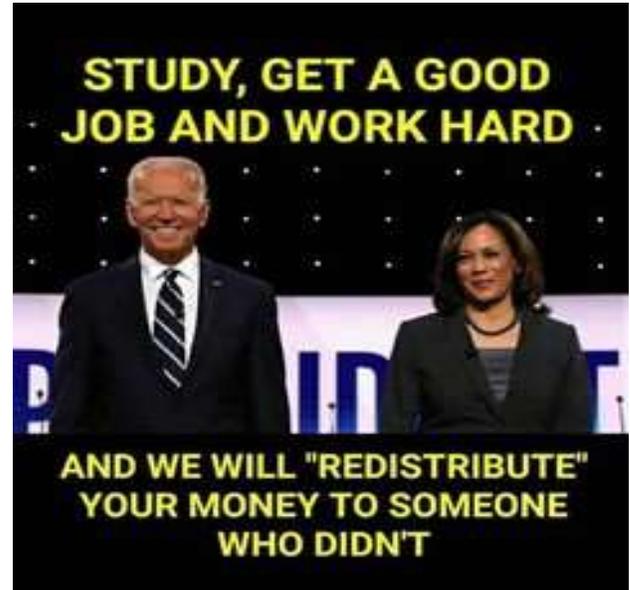
"You think the American people are so stupid they need you to tell them what the truth is?"

"You can't even admit what the truth is with the Steele dossier. I don't trust government to figure out what the truth is," Paul said.

During the hearing, Mayorkas also admitted that he was unaware that Nina Jankowicz, the executive director of the disinformation board, called the Hunter Biden laptop story Russian disinformation.

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