

The Pass Democrat

Newsletter of the Pass Democratic Club—October 2019
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*Pass Democratic
Club presents...*

Halloween

Horrors!!

Wednesday

October 16

6:30 pm



All Democrats welcome including young Democrats.
Food, Games, Costume Contest, and Ghoulish Surprises are in store!

Banning Women's Club
175 W. Hays Street, Banning

Children welcome! Food, drink & fun tickets \$1 each, 6/\$5 or 12/\$10

NOTICE

Beginning next month, the newsletter will include the previous month's general meeting minutes and perhaps other business matters to shorten the meetings or allow time for election issues or presentations. This may also provide the opportunity to include more events. Please submit inclusions at least one week prior to the general meeting. Email casakel@msn.com if you have ideas, events or news for publication in the newsletter, our website, social media or the Record-Gazette.

October Meeting

Wednesday, October 16th

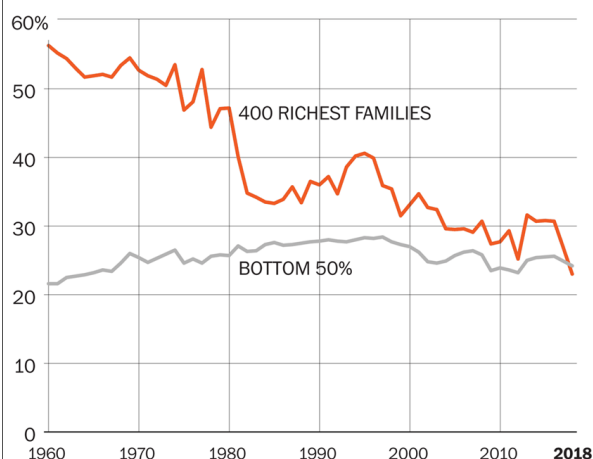
175 W. Hays St., Banning
(10 freeway, exit 8th St N, right
Ramsey, left 2nd, right Hays)

Doors open at 6:00pm
Meeting begins at 6:30pm

**Special Presentation
Halloween Horrors!
See above for details...**

In 2018, the super-rich paid a lower tax rate than the bottom 50%

Average effective tax rates of the 400 richest families and the bottom 50 percent of U.S. households



Source: Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman

THE WASHINGTON POST

Note: Includes federal, state and local taxes.

For the first time in history, U.S. billionaires paid a lower tax rate than the working class last year.

In 2018, the average effective tax rate paid by the richest 400 families in the country was 23 percent, a full percentage point lower than the 24.2 percent rate paid by the bottom half of American households.

In 1980, by contrast, the 400 richest had an effective tax rate of 47 percent. In 1960, that rate was as high as 56 percent. The effective tax rate paid by the bottom 50 percent, by contrast, has changed little over time.

The top 400 families have more wealth than the bottom 60 percent of households, while the top 0.1 percent own as much as the bottom 80 percent.

But the tipping point came in 2017, with the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The legislation, championed by President Trump and then-House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.), was a windfall for the wealthy: It lowered the top income tax bracket and slashed the corporate tax rate.



Blue News

For-profit health insurance is on track to earn more than big tech in 2019. Between Apple, Netflix, Google, Amazon and Facebook \$783 billion is projected to be generated. Humana, Anthem, Cigna, United Health and CVS Health has big tech beat with a whopping \$787 billion in profit in the year 2019 alone. Absurd, health care is a human right, but we treat it like a business model for corporate gain.

We must recognize that despots can only rise to power when there are enough people who support them and enforce the proclaimed power of the despot. Without that support, they are nothing. The GOP is complicit in creating the American despot, Trump. He would be powerless without their support. We must hold the GOP accountable for the inaction and actions they have taken to install and maintain this despot. We must admit that our fragile democracy has failed. Only if the 2020 election cleans house will we have a chance to right the ship and return to a democratic civilization. If not, we will repeat the history of Europe in the 30's and 40's and that will be ugly and terrifying. Not to mention what the GOP is doing to our planet and the potential genocide of the human race on this rock.

Socialism: You have 2 cows. Give 1 cow to your neighbor.

Communism: You have 2 cows. Give both cows to the government, and they might give you some of the milk.

Fascism: You have 2 cows. You give all of the milk to the government, and the government sells it.

Nazism: You have 2 cows. The government shoots you and takes both cows.

Anarchism: You have 2 cows. Keep both of the cows, shoot the government agent and steal another cow.

Capitalism: You have 2 cows. Sell one cow and buy a bull.

Welcome members!

Emma Hernandez

Jazmine Colon

Donna Pfeiffer

Sharon Nevills

John Butkis

Nancy Gall

I'm a progressive/ liberal, but that doesn't mean what many apparently think it does.

Let's break it down, shall we? Because quite frankly, I'm getting a little tired of being told what I believe and what I stand for. Hint hint: it's not socialism. Spoiler alert: Not every liberal is the same, though the majority of liberals I know think along roughly these same lines:

1. I believe a country should take care of its weakest members. A country cannot call itself civilized when its children, disabled, sick, and elderly are neglected. Period.
2. I believe healthcare is a right, not a privilege. Somehow that's interpreted as "I believe Obamacare is the end-all, be-all." This is not the case. I'm fully aware that the ACA has problems, that a national healthcare system would require everyone to chip in, and that it's impossible to create one that is devoid of flaws, but I have yet to hear an argument against it that makes "let people die or go bankrupt because they can't afford healthcare" a better alternative. I believe healthcare should be far cheaper than it is, and that everyone should have access to it. And no, I'm not opposed to paying higher taxes in the name of making that happen.
3. I believe education should be affordable. It doesn't necessarily have to be free (though it works in other countries so I'm mystified as to why it can't work in the US), but at the end of the day, there is no excuse for students graduating college saddled with five- or six-figure debt.
4. I don't believe your money should be taken from you and given to people who don't want to work. I have literally never encountered anyone who believes this. Ever. I just have a massive moral problem with a society where a handful of people can possess the majority of the wealth while there are people literally starving to death, freezing to death, or dying because they can't afford to go to the doctor. Fair wages, lower housing costs, universal healthcare, affordable education, and the wealthy actually paying their share would go a long way toward alleviating this. Somehow believing that makes me a communist.
5. I don't throw around "I'm willing to pay higher taxes" lightly. If I'm suggesting something that involves paying more, well, it's because I'm fine with paying my fair share as long as it's actually going to something besides lining corporate pockets or bombing other countries while Americans die without healthcare.
6. I believe companies should be required to pay their employees a decent, livable wage, and provide some benefits. Somehow this is always interpreted as me wanting burger flippers to be able to afford a penthouse apartment and a Mercedes. What it actually means is that no one should have to work three full-time jobs just to keep their head above water. Restaurant servers should not have to rely on tips, multibillion-dollar companies should not have employees on food stamps, workers shouldn't have to work themselves into the ground just to barely make ends meet, and minimum wage should be enough for someone to work 40 hours and live.
7. I am not anti-Christian. I have no desire to stop Christians from being Christians, to close churches, to ban the Bible, to forbid prayer in school, etc. (BTW, prayer in school is NOT illegal; *compulsory* prayer in school is - and should be - illegal). All I ask is that Christians recognize the right of others to live according to their beliefs. When I get pissed off that a politician is trying to legislate Scripture into law, I'm not "offended by Christianity" -- I'm offended that you're trying to force me to live by your religion's rules. You know how some get really upset at the thought of Muslims imposing Sharia law on them? That's how I feel about Christians trying to impose biblical law on me. Be a Christian. Be whatever. Do your thing. Just don't force it on others.
8. I don't believe LGBT people should have more rights than anyone else. I just believe they should have the *same* rights as everyone else. Equal rights for all, right?!? Otherwise, that's discrimination.
9. I don't believe illegal immigrants should come to America and have the world at their feet, especially since THIS ISN'T WHAT THEY DO (spoiler: undocumented immigrants are ineligible for all those programs they're supposed to be abusing, and if they're "stealing" your job it's because your employer is hiring illegally). I believe there are far more humane ways to handle undocumented immigration than our current practices (i.e., detaining children, splitting up families, ending DACA, etc).
10. I don't believe the government should regulate everything, but since greed is such a driving force in our country, we NEED regulations to prevent cut corners, environmental destruction, tainted food/water, unsafe materials in consumable goods or medical equipment, etc. It's not that I want the government's hands in everything -- I just don't trust other people trying to make money to ensure that their products/practices/etc. are actually SAFE. Is the government devoid of shadiness? Of course not. But with those regulations in place, consumers have recourse if they're harmed and companies are liable for medical bills, environmental cleanup, etc. Just kind of seems like common sense when the alternative to govern-

ment regulation is letting companies bring their bottom line into the equation.

11. I believe our current U.S. administration is corrupt and trending fascist. Not because I dislike them or because I can't get over an election, but because I've spent too many years reading and learning about the Third Reich to miss the similarities. Not because any administration I dislike must be Nazis, but because things are actually mirroring a number of present and past authoritarian and fascist regimes. Hell, the Germans think Trump is Nazi-esque, and they know a little bit about the subject.

12. I believe the systemic racism and misogyny in our society is much worse than many people think, and desperately needs to be addressed. Which means those with privilege -- white, straight, male, economic, etc. -- need to start listening, even if you don't like what you're hearing, so we can start dismantling everything that's causing people to be marginalized.

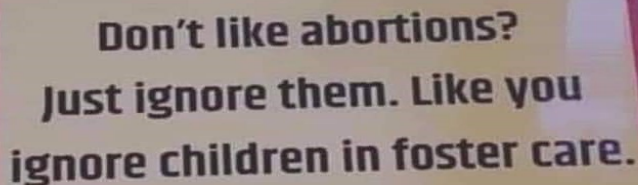
13. I am not interested in coming after your guns, nor is anyone serving in government. What I am interested in is the enforcement of present laws and enacting new, common-sense gun regulations like background checks. Got another opinion? Put it on your page, not mine.

14. I believe in so-called political correctness. I prefer to call it basic respect and social politeness. If I call you Bob and you say you prefer to be called Robert, I'll call you Robert. It's the polite thing to do. Not because everyone is a delicate snowflake, but because as Maya Angelou put it, when we know better, we do better. When someone tells you that a term or phrase is more accurate/less hurtful than the one you're using, you now know better. So why not do better? How does it hurt you to NOT hurt another person?

15. I believe in funding sustainable energy, including offering education & training to people currently working in coal or oil so they can transition into new jobs. There are too many sustainable options available for us to continue with coal and oil. Other countries are moving successfully to renewable & sustainable energy. We need to get on the sustainable energy bus so that we don't find ourselves buying our energy & technology from the rest of the planet. Sorry, billionaires. Maybe try investing in something else.

16. I believe that women should not be treated as a separate class of human. They should be paid the same as men who do the same work, should have the same rights as men and should be free from abuse. Most importantly, they should be the only ones who are allowed to make decisions about their bodies. Why on earth shouldn't they be?

I think that about covers it. The bottom line is that I'm a liberal because I think we should take care of each other. That doesn't mean you should work 80 hours a week so your lazy neighbor can get all your money. It just means I don't believe there is any scenario in which preventable suffering is an acceptable outcome as long as money is saved.



Don't like abortions?
Just ignore them. Like you
ignore children in foster care.



Things we *can* afford:

1. Iraq & Afghan wars: \$4-6 trillion
2. Wall Street bailouts: \$12.8 trillion
3. Big Oil subsidies: \$37.5 billion/year
4. F35 program: \$1.5 trillion

Things we *can't* afford:

1. Healthcare
2. Infrastructure
3. Public transport
4. Education
5. Renewable energy
6. Clean environment
7. Feeding the poor
8. Public elections

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DENIANTIONETTE MAZINGO FOR ASSEMBLY

California Assembly Candidate, DeniAntionette Mazingo, received a highly-coveted early endorsement from the California Democratic Party. Deni secured the election by earning 91% of the voting solidifying her as the state party endorsed candidate!

For more news or to donate, please follow DeniAntionette Mazingo for California State Assembly on Twitter at @DeniMazingoCA and on Facebook at Deni for State Assembly or visit DeniMazingo.com.

Donald Trump visited the wall at the US border this week. He said, *rock climbers had tested it and agreed could not be climbed.*

These Mexicans are racing to see who can climb Trump's un-climbable wall fastest. *The current record is 45 seconds.*



Everyone thank the *Stable Genius* for giving Mexicans a \$7 billion Jungle Gym.



American  News X

Indivisible's HubDialer!

It's absolutely essential that the Senate holds an open and transparent impeachment trial that allows for the full array of evidence to be presented and considered -- but Mitch McConnell is the one who gets to set the rules for the trial -- and frankly, we don't trust him to do it fairly. That's why we've got to demand that Senators publicly support a fair and open impeachment trial.

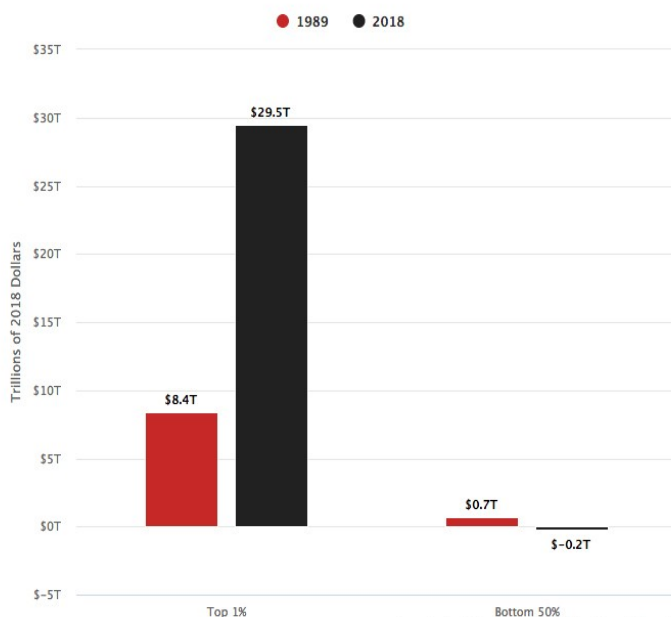
You can volunteer from anywhere, and we'll follow up and make sure you have everything you need to contact voters once you sign up. In order to volunteer, folks will need access to a computer or tablet to log in to our remote phone-banking system as well as a phone to actually make the calls.

RSVP for one or multiple shifts -- any amount of time you can commit to calling makes a real difference in this critical fight to protect our democracy.

Use this link to sign up for a shift making calls to voters in key areas to connect them directly to their Senators.

<https://act.indivisible.org/signup/impeachment-senate-calls/?t=6&akid=54082%2E1409256%2EDox30Y>

Total Wealth of Top 1% and Bottom 50% (1989-2018)



Source: Author's Calculations of Distributive Financial Accounts



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Help build the Prize Fund – \$100

Help fill the Golfer Goody Bags – \$50

All proceeds advance our goals to fund our Regional Headquarters in Lake Elsinore and elect democratic candidates.



WHEN: Monday, October 28, 2019
WHERE: Temecula Creek Inn
"Creek" and "Oaks" Courses
TIME: 7:00 AM Check-In
8:00 AM Shotgun Start
FORMAT: Scramble
COST: \$125/Single or
\$450/Foursome
(Includes Luncheon)
FIELD: First 72 Players
LUNCHEON GUESTS: \$40 per person

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<https://votefwd.org/#target->

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Must be a registered Democrat.
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 or \$50 for two at same address

PASS DEMOCRATIC CLUB Wednesday, November 6, SLCC Atrium 6PM

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