



The Pass Democrat

Newsletter of the Pass Democratic Club—March 2020

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“A Very Stable Genius”

While speaking to reporters about the Coronavirus at the Atlanta Centers for Disease Control this past Friday, President Trump revealed to the world that he’s actually a man of science, so much so that he could have taken a different career path. According to Trump, doctors he’s encountered as his administration tries to tackle the growing outbreak have expressed to him how impressed they are with his knowledge of infectious diseases. “I like this stuff,” Trump said. “I really get it ... Every one of these doctors said, ‘How do you know so much about this?’ Maybe I have a natural ability.” Trump claimed his interest in epidemiological research was inspired by his “super genius” uncle, Dr. John Trump, who used to teach at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

HUH?



Joe Biden (Text Join to 30330) ✓
@JoeBiden

We are so much better than who Donald Trump thinks we are. This is the United States of America. We treat each other with dignity, we leave nobody behind, and we give hate no safe harbor.

March Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 175 W. Hays St., Banning
(10 freeway, exit 8th N, right Ramsey, left 2nd, lt Hays)

6:20 PM—DOORS OPEN, 6:30 PM due to Coronavirus, only 2 items are on the agenda and will need to be voted on:

1. *By-law changes to include language to allow for future emergency E-Board "electronic" meetings (i.e., video/tele conferencing, group texting, group e-mail, etc).
2. *Cancel rest of March 2020 General Membership meeting giving PDC E-board permission to monitor, evaluate and cancel future meetings on a month-by-month basis.

President Donald Trump's campaign manager is quietly channeling money to Eric Trump's wife, Lara Trump, and Donald Trump Jr.'s girlfriend, Kimberly Guilfoyle, The New York Times reported Monday.

The payments are hidden from public view because they're made through campaign manager Brad Parscale's private company, Parscale Strategy, based in San Antonio, sources told the Times. Typically, such payments would be part of public filings required by the Federal Election Commission so that donors can find out how their contributions are being used — in this case, to pay members of the president's family.

The family benefits are linked to a network of politically connected private companies — operating with the support and help of Trump son-in-law Jared Kushner — that have charged roughly \$75 million since 2017 to the Trump reelection campaign, the Republican National Committee and other Republican clients, according to the Times.

Guilfoyle last year angrily confronted Parscale about late checks owed to her, two witnesses told the Times. He reportedly promised that the situation would be rectified by his wife, Candice Parscale, who often handles his company accounts. One of Lara Trump's most notorious contributions to her father-in-law's campaign early this year was to mock rival Joe Biden's stutter, which he has grappled with since he was a child.

She was initially hired as a senior consultant in early 2017 by another Parscale company, digital vendor Giles-Parscale, also based in San Antonio, The Associated Press reported. Lara Trump was to serve as a liaison between the company and Donald Trump's campaign, headquartered in Manhattan's Trump Tower, which is owned by the president's Trump Organization. Parscale was named Trump's reelection campaign manager the following year.

The Trump campaign announced in January that Guilfoyle, a former Fox News personality who started dating Trump Jr. two years ago, would lead the joint fundraising drive between the campaign and the RNC. Guilfoyle left Fox News in 2018 following a human resources investigation into allegations of inappropriate behavior, including sexual misconduct, HuffPost reported at the time. An attorney for Guilfoyle denied all accusations as "unequivocally baseless." HuffPost could not immediately reach Parscale for comment.

Parscale declined to comment to the Times "in detail" on the article, the paper reported. He has, however, said in the past that private companies provide greater flexibility in a campaign, given campaign finance law requirements.

Socialism 101

SOCIALISM: The government owns most major industries. A single party or dictator rules the government. The system allows for little personal freedom, and is closely aligned with Authoritarianism.

CORPORATE SOCIALISM: The government mostly benefits wealthy corporations. Most major industries are privately owned, but still receive substantial tax cuts, bailouts, and other benefits at the expense of the taxpayer. It is driven by corporations' ability to influence laws with large amounts of \$\$\$ to pay for legislation that favors corporations' ability to make even more \$\$\$.

With CORPORATE SOCIALISM, the wealthy become even wealthier at the expense of lower classes.

This system is essentially a Plutocracy = rule by the wealthy.

DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM: The government mostly benefits citizens. Major industries can be privately owned (Capitalism) but do not receive handouts from the government at the taxpayers' expense. The tax burden is shared equitably, with wealthy corporations and individuals paying their fair share to help fund public services like education, healthcare, police, firefighters, roads, libraries, etc. With this system, middle class thrives and poverty decreases. This system most closely aligns with Democracy = rule by the people.

Women
for
Justice

**THE PROBLEM WITH
AMERICA IS PEOPLE WHO
MAKE \$700 PER HOUR HAVE
CONVINCED PEOPLE WHO
MAKE \$25 PER HOUR
THAT PEOPLE WHO
MAKE \$7.25 PER HOUR
ARE THE PROBLEM.**

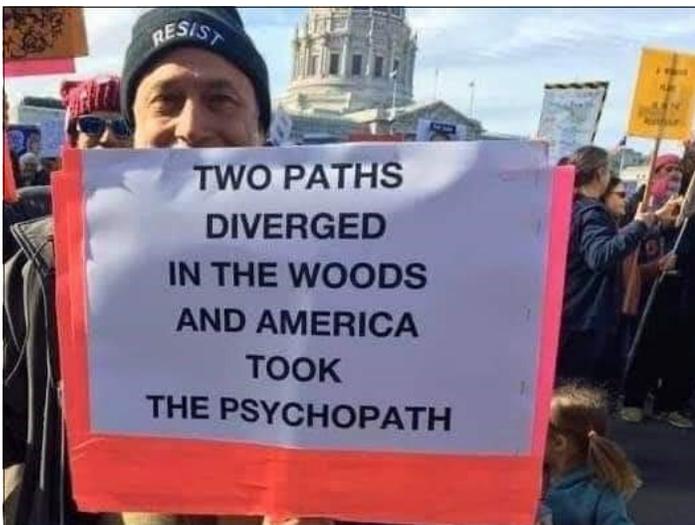
Blue News

The Trump Administration is Stalling an Intel Report That Warns the U.S. Isn't Ready for a Global Pandemic.

Trump administration rolling back women's rights by 50 years by changing definitions of domestic violence and sexual assault.

The Trump Justice Department's definition only considers physical harm that constitutes a felony or misdemeanor to be domestic violence - meaning other forms of domestic violence such as psychological abuse, coercive control and manipulation no longer fall under the department's definition.

On our website (passdems.org) is posted a side-by-side comparison of Medicare-for-all and Public-Plan-Proposals of the 116th-Congress. It's a pdf and 19 pages long, but explains all the various proposed candidate health care plans.



Excerpts from The Atlantic's *The Billion Dollar Disinformation Campaign to Re-Elect the President:*

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Example: A journalist tweeted something that annoyed Donald Trump Jr., prompting the coterie of friends and allies surrounding the president's son to drum up a hit piece, part of a coordinated effort by a coalition of Trump allies to air embarrassing information about reporters who produce critical coverage of the president.

Parscale, Trump's campaign manager, has said the campaign intends to train "swarms of surrogates" to under-

mine coverage from local TV stations and newspapers. Polls have long found that Americans across the political spectrum trust local news more than national media. If the campaign has its way, that trust will be eroded by November. Running parallel to this effort, some conservatives have been experimenting with a scheme to exploit the credibility of local journalism. Over the past few years, hundreds of websites with innocuous-sounding names like *the Arizona Monitor* and *The Kalamazoo Times* have begun popping up. At first glance, they look like regular publications, complete with community notices and coverage of schools. But look closer and you'll find that there are often no mastheads, few if any bylines, and no addresses for local offices. Many of them are organs of Republican lobbying groups; others belong to a mysterious company called Locality Labs, which is run by a conservative activist in Illinois. Readers are given no indication that these sites have political agendas—which is precisely what makes them valuable.

Instead of trying to reform the press, or critique its coverage, today's most influential conservatives want to destroy the mainstream media altogether. "Journalistic integrity is dead, there is no such thing anymore. So everything is about weaponization of information."

It doesn't require an overactive imagination to envision a worst-case scenario: On Election Day, anonymous text messages direct voters to the wrong polling locations, or maybe even circulate rumors of security threats. Deepfakes of the Democratic nominee using racial slurs crop up faster than social-media platforms can remove them. As news outlets scramble to correct the inaccuracies, hordes of Twitter bots respond by smearing and threatening reporters. Meanwhile, the Trump campaign has spent the final days of the race pumping out Facebook ads at such a high rate that no one can keep track of what they're injecting into the bloodstream.

After the first round of exit polls is released, a mysteriously sourced video surfaces purporting to show undocumented immigrants at the ballot box. Trump begins retweeting rumors of voter fraud and suggests that Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers should be dispatched to polling stations. ARE ILLEGALS STEALING THE ELECTION? reads the Fox News chyron. ARE RUSSIANS BEHIND FALSE VIDEOS? demands MSNBC.

The votes haven't even been counted yet, and much of the country is ready to throw out the result. The election's legacy will be clear—not a choice between parties or candidates or policy platforms, but a referendum on reality itself.

Work Together? I don't think so...

- I will not "work together" to build a wall.
- I will not "work together" to persecute Muslims.
- *I will not "work together" to break up families and deport parents.
- *I will not "work together" to help Russia destroy America.
- *I will not "work together" to make propaganda equal fact.
- I will not "work together" to shut out refugees from countries where we destabilized their governments, no matter how bad they might have been, so that we could have something more agreeable to our oligarchy.
- I will not "work together" to lower taxes on the 1%.
- I will not "work together" to increase taxes on the middle class and poor.
- I will not "work together" to help him line the pockets of himself and his cronies.
- I will not "work together" to weaken (or demolish) environmental protection.
- I will not "work together" to sell American lands to companies which then despoil those lands.
- I will not "work together" to remove civil rights from anyone.
- I will not "work together" to waste trillions more on our military when we already have the strongest in the world.
- I will not "work together" to alienate countries that have been our allies for as long as I have been alive.
- I will not "work together" to slash funding for education.
- I will not "work together" to take basic assistance from people who are at the bottom of the socioeconomic ladder.
- I will not "work together" to allow torture and "black op" prison sites.
- I will not "work together" to "take their oil."
- I will not "work together" to get rid of common sense regulations on guns.
- I will not "work together" to eliminate the minimum wage.
- I will not "work together" to suppress scientific research, be it on climate change, fracking, or any other issue where a majority of scientists agree that Trump and his supporters are wrong on the facts.
- I will not "work together" to criminalize abortion or restrict health care for women.
- I will not "work together" to increase the number of nations that have nuclear weapons.
- I will not "work together" to put even more "big money" into politics.
- I will not "work together" to violate the Geneva Convention.
- I will not "work together" to give the Ku Klux Klan, the Nazi Party and white supremacists a seat at the table, or to normalize their hatred.
- I will not "work together" to deny health care to people who need it.
- I will not "work together" to increase the profits of the insurance companies.
- I will not "work together" to deny medical coverage to people on the basis of an alleged or actual "pre-existing condition."
- I will not "work together" to increase voter suppression.
- I will not "work together" to normalize tyranny.
- I will not "work together" with anyone who is, or admires, tyrants and dictators.
- I will not "work together" with 45 or anyone who supports him, because I will not allow one man to feed upon the fears of the populace, blaming minorities for their condition or their inability to thrive.

Instead, I will use my voice and my hands, to reach out to the uninformed, and anyone else who will LISTEN. I will call a lie a lie, a fact a fact, and alternative facts propaganda. If there was anything left out, feel free to add it to this list. This is the first step in becoming part of The Resistance.



Rally

To Support Working Families

The American Federation of Government Employees Local 3854 invites all employees, family, and friends of Labor to an important RALLY to protect our rights.

Location: Outside March ARB (corner of Riverside and Meyer)

Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020

Time: 8-10 AM

Parking:

There is a grass field next to base exchange, or you are planning to attend the air show you should park at the air show then walk back to the rally.



These employees are Air Force Air Reserve Technicians (ARTS) and Civilians that serve our country at March ARB. Many of them are veterans that served our country in the Armed Forces and chose to continue that serve when they left active duty by working at March ARB.

March Air Reserve Base management has ignored labor law and the Federal Labor Relations Authority (FLRA) and are refusing to treat employees with respect and dignity. Join us in our fight for dignity and respect in the workplace.

Attendees will receive a Union T-Shirt.



In addition to attending the rally please call/email the base command and tell them to treat their employees/Air Reserve Techs fair: (951) 655-4520 Melissa.coburn@us.af.mil



SEE YOU AT THE RALLY



LOLGOP
@LOLGOP

At some point it will sink in that Bernie Sanders appeals to young voters by offering them the things Baby Boomers took for granted -- living wage, reliable health care, essentially free college -- and the radical thing is that almost everyone else isn't.

Join or Renew Invite a Friend

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Banning CA 92220

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Employer Name _____

Employer Address _____

Must be a registered Democrat.
Enclose \$30 individual
or \$50 for two at same address

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- Senator Kamala Harris:** DC Office (202) 224-3553
San Diego Office (213)894-5000
- Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz (D-36)** DC Office (202) 225-5330
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PASS DEMOCRATIC CLUB Wednesday, April 7th, SLCC Atrium 6PM

Executive Board Members:

- PRESIDENT** - Sylvia Carrillo, syllycarr@verizon.net
- 1st VP MEMBERSHIP** - Jim Mercado
- 2nd VP VOTER REGISTRATION AND POLITICAL ACTION** - Open
- RECORDING SECRETARY** - Monica Rice
- CORRESPONDING/LOGISTICS** - Emma Hernandez
- TREASURER** - Leeann McLaughlin

Committee Chairs:

- COMMUNICATIONS**—Leeann McLaughlin, casakel@msn.com
- PROGRAM**—DeniAntoinette Mazingo
- PARLIAMENTARIAN** - Pelton Teague
- SCHOLARSHIPS** - Blanche Teague, Margaret Coleman