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Oh, Come All Ye Faithful!

**Incline Village-Crystal Bay
Republican Women Christmas/Holiday
Luncheon and Installation of 2021 Officers**

2021 OFFICERS:

Shirley Appel, President
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Tuesday, December 8th

11:30 am to 2 pm at The Chateau,
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Tickets are \$30 per person and include lunch. A no-host bar will be available. Advanced reservations are **REQUIRED**. Attendees without advanced reservations will not be able to have lunch.

★ **Please RSVP to Cretia Eyster**
at cretiaeyster@earthlink.net or by calling
775-298-2988 no later than
Friday, December 4th





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*A*s I write this, recounts are underway in Georgia and the



President's team has sued election officials in Michigan. IT'S NOT OVER! And, as I reminded those in attendance at our November luncheon, it took 27 days to settle to Bush-Gore election in 2000. Tell any Democrat you know to "hold their horses." This election has greatly strained our already fragile democracy, and the least they can do is to allow for a transparent, fair and open process to validate and re-count the ballots that were cast.

An important story for 2020 is Republican Women Did Well! Twelve (12) new Republican women were elected to go to Washington DC. See the side-bar for a list of those who won. Additionally, as I write, there are four more seats where Republican women are leading but the winner has not been declared. This means Republicans could pick up between 10 and 14 more seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Closer to home, two of our club members won re-election – **Sara Schmitz** for IVGID Trustee and **Lisa Krasner** for Assemblywoman. Our Congressman, **Mark Amodei**, will also be returning to Congress and remains a strong voice for us on Capitol Hill. Additionally, many of the down ballot candidates we recommended for judgeships won as well as the newest member of the Washoe School Board, **Jeff Church**, a firebrand fiscal conservative. So, there is much to celebrate.

And I would be remiss, if I didn't recognize the remarkable job the Washoe Republican Party did in winning five of the six seats they targeted. Their efforts ensured that the Democrats will not have a super majority in the Nevada Senate or the Nevada Assembly. Super-majorities are required to pass new taxes, so the Dems in our State House will have less of an ability to push their way around in the 2021 session which begins next February.

We had our own club elections at the November meeting, and I look forward to passing the baton to **Shirley Appel**, who is stepping up to be our next IVCBRW President. Our gala holiday luncheon and installation ceremony takes place on December 8th, and I hope you will join the festivities.

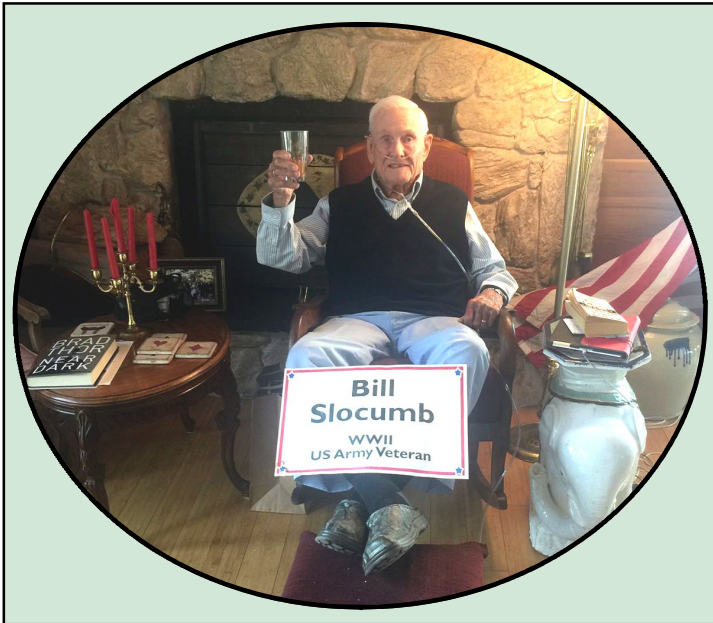
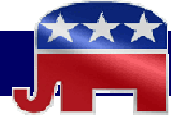
Finally, I would like to personally thank each of you for your support and encouragement during the past year while I have served as your club President. We managed to keep the club active and fiscally healthy, despite the limitations imposed by our Governor and COVID concerns. We had a wonderful July garden party, an elegant September fashion show, a successful May scholarship program, and real in-person meetings with excellent speakers, guests, and social-distancing, of course.

It has been a joy to work with an incredible board of like-minded women who always step up when we need a volunteer to keep the club functioning smoothly. In addition to **Shirley Appel**, **Kathi Congistre** who handles membership, **Kay Lehr**, our outgoing secretary, **Peggy Poindexter**, who will continue as Treasurer, **Connie Skidmore** who serves as Parliamentarian and will become the Club secretary, **Susan Schnetz** our editor extraordinaire, events hostess **Cretia Eyster** who will be the next VP, **Joanellen Slocumb**, **Celine Nugent**, **Claire Price**, Past President **Patricia Moser-Morris** and **Ellie Dobler**, to name just a few. I look forward to working with them and all of you in the coming election cycle to make **Nevada RED!**

Linda L. Smith
President

IVCB Republican Women 2021 Slate of Officers

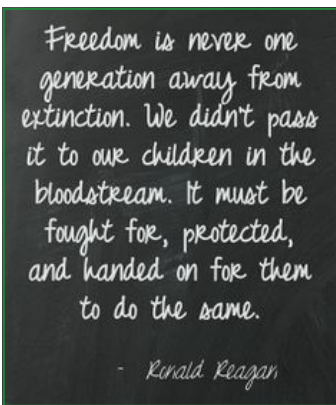
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We honor our associate member Bill Slocumb who is 97 years old and a veteran of World War II.

World War II (WWII) was a long and bloody war that lasted about six years. Officially beginning on September 1, 1939, when Germany invaded Poland, World War II lasted until both the Germans and the Japanese had surrendered to the Allies in 1945.

May 8 marks the 75th anniversary of V-E Day, when WWII came to an end in Europe. In the United States, V-E Day commemorations honor the 16 million Americans who served during the war, even as only a small share of those veterans are alive today.



About 300,000 U.S. WWII veterans are alive in 2020, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which has published projections of the number of living veterans from 2015 to 2045. WWII service members' numbers have dwindled from around 939,000 in 2015. Most living veterans from the war are in their 90s, though

some are considerably older. Of the 350,000 women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the war, about 14,500 are alive today.

KINDNESS GOES A LONG WAY as we celebrate Veteran's Day

Lily Ebert was a teenager in Auschwitz. She had nothing, not even a piece of paper. But an American soldier who helped liberate her gave her a special gift. It was a German banknote on which he had scribbled the words, "As a start to a new life. Good luck and happiness."



It was the first act of kindness Lily could remember, and she remembered it for years. At age 90, she rediscovered the note while going through some papers with her great grandson. They quickly tracked down the identity of the soldier – Pvt. Hyman Schulman, a Jewish-American soldier who served as a chaplain's aide. Though Schulman passed away in 2013, Ebert is now in touch with his children.

Everyone needs a word of encouragement, an act of kindness, and the gift of friendship. Though we may not always be together, our bonds of fellowship are enduring. And our relationships are strengthened as we serve each other.

Good words are worth much and cost little.
— George Herbert

Source: TurningPoint@davidjeremiah.org





Celebrating 2020 Political Victories

REPUBLICAN WOMEN WHO WON CONGRESSIONAL SEATS

- Senator Cynthia Lummis – Wyoming
- Maria Salazar – FL 27
- Ashley Hinson – IA 01
- Michelle Fishback – MN 07
- Yvette Herrell – NM 02
- Stephanie Bice – OK 05
- Nancy Mace – SC 01
- Lauren Boebert – CO 03
- Victoria Spart – IN 05
- Beth Van Duyne – TX 24
- Mary Miller – IL 15
- Michelle Steel – CA 48
- Young Kim – CA 39
- Nicole Mallistakis – NY 11

As of November 20, pending
 Marionette Miller-Meeks – IA 02
 Claudia Tenney – NY 22



Assembly Majority Floor Leader Teresa Benitez-Thompson, right, speaks with Deputy Minority Whip Robin Titus, during the first day of the 32nd Special Session of the Legislature in Carson City.

Nevada grows Majority-Female Legislature

By Riley Snyder, The Nevada Independent

Two years after Nevada made history as the first U.S. state to have women compose a majority of its state Legislature, lawmakers will return to Carson City in 2021 with nearly 60 percent of the seats filled by female legislators — by far the largest percentage of any statehouse in the country.

Though Democrats lost three seats in the Assembly and one in the state Senate after final vote totals were recently released, one of the most notable changes heading into the 2021 Legislature will be the gender makeup; female lawmakers will now represent 38 seats in the 63-member body.

In total, the 42-seat state Assembly will have 27 female lawmakers and 15 male lawmakers, including 19

female Democrats and eight female Republicans. In the 21-member state Senate, men will hold 10 seats and females will hold 11 (two Republicans and nine Democrats). Women held 33 of the 63 seats in the 2019 Legislature, hitting the majority mark after two female Assembly members (Rochelle Nguyen and Bea Duran) were appointed to vacant positions by the Clark County Commission in December 2019.

The increase in female lawmakers can be attributed to a variety of factors, including several retiring or termed-out male legislators being replaced by women and both parties running female candidates in several major races, including three close state Senate seats. That means substantial turnover — roughly a quarter of legislative seats will be filled by newcomers — will result in Nevada again having the nation’s highest percentage of female lawmakers.

Regardless of gender make-up, lawmakers entering the 2021 legislative session will have an immediate and pressing agenda: constitutionally-mandated redistricting; a response to the COVID-19 pandemic and likely additional major budget cuts to the state general fund; and a host of potential tax issues, including efforts by the Clark County Education Association to qualify a sales and gaming tax initiative, and proposals brought

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Majority-Female Legislature

during the 2020 summer special session to hike the cap on mining taxes in the state constitution.

But Jill Tolles, a Republican Assemblywoman entering her third term, said that growing ranks of female lawmakers also have helped bring more legislation to the forefront on previously under-addressed issues, including measures aimed at preventing sexual assault or sex trafficking. Tolles said it was special to be a part of history as part of the first female majority Legislature, but that it will be more important when reaching gender parity isn't newsworthy.

"It's still exciting, and it's still wonderful to see, but I think that one of the things that we saw in 2019 was we very quickly after the celebrations, just rolled up our sleeves and got to work on policy," she said. "And not just policy on some of those issues that we hadn't traditionally given as much light to or given as much time to in the past, but all policies that impact men and women equally."

Nationwide in 2020, only about 29.3 percent of lawmakers in state legislatures are female, according to a tally by the Center for American Women and Politics. Seven legislative districts are going from male to female representative, including:

- Assembly District 2, where Republican Heidi Kasama will take over a seat held by termed-out Assemblyman John Hambrick
- Assembly District 6, where Democrat Shondra Summers-Armstrong will take the seat held previously by William McCurdy (elected to the Clark County Commission in 2020)
- Assembly District 18, where Democrat Venicia Considine will take the seat of former Assemblyman Richard Carrillo. Carrillo left the seat to mount an unsuccessful bid for state Senate
- Assembly District 19, where Republican Annie Black defeated incumbent Chris Edwards in the June primary election. Black did not face a general election opponent
- Assembly District 21, where Democrat Elaine Marzola will represent the seat formerly held by

Democrat Ozzie Fumo (who ran and lost in a bid for state Supreme Court)

- Assembly District 30, where Democrat Natha Anderson will represent a district previously held by Democrat Greg Smith. Smith was appointed to the seat after the resignation of former Assemblyman Mike Sprinkle amid accusations of sexual harassment
- State Senate District 7, where Democrat Roberta Lange takes the seat of termed-out state Sen. David Parks. Lange won a narrow primary victory over incumbent Assembly members Ellen Spiegel and Richard Carrillo, but did not face a general election opponent

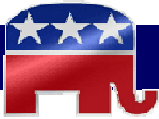
Three districts previously represented by female lawmakers will now have a male representative, including:

- Assembly District 7, previously held by Democrat Dina Neal but that now will be represented by Democrat C.H. Miller
- Assembly District 20, previously held by Democrat Ellen Spiegel but that now will be represented by Democrat David Orentlicher
- Assembly District 37, where Republican Andy Matthews ousted Democratic incumbent Shea Backus

Republican Women Make Great Leaders!

Education is transformational. It literally changes lives. That is why people work so hard to become educated, and that is why education has always been the key to the American Dream, the force that erases arbitrary divisions of race and class and culture and unlocks every person's God-given potential

CONDOLEEZZA RICE,
*first black woman to serve as
Secretary of State*



Media Bias

Ask journalists, and they'll likely tell you they play things right down the middle. They strive to be "fair." They're "centrists." Sorry, not true. The profound leftward ideological bias of the Big Media is the main reason why America now seems saturated with "fake news." Journalists, besotted with their own ideology, are no longer able to recognize their own bias. Despite journalists' denials, it's now pretty much a fact that journalism is one of the most left-wing of all professions.

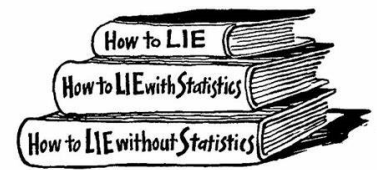
But until recently, that wasn't thought to be true of financial journalists — who have a reputation for being the most right-leaning and free-market-oriented among mainstream journalists.

If that was ever true, it sure isn't today, a new study suggests. Researchers from Arizona State University and Texas A&M University questioned 462 financial journalists around the country. They followed up with 18 additional interviews. The journalists worked for the *Wall Street Journal*, the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, Associated Press and a number of other newspapers.

Source: <https://www.investors.com/politics/editorials/media-bias-left-study/>

"The great principles of right and wrong are legible to every reader; to pursue them requires not the aid of many counselors. The whole art of government consists in the art of being honest. Only aim to do your duty, and mankind will give you credit where you fail." — Thomas Jefferson (1775)

Biden Lied on the Grave of His Deceased Son



There are profane words to describe a father who uses his deceased son's military service to propagate lies.

Joe Biden is a pathological liar — a serial liar. As is the case with such pathology, he now has a difficult time distinguishing fact from fiction. He has been fabricating his own "life story" for decades, including the fairytale lie about his own marriage.

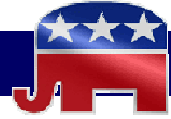
Biden's repeated accusation that President Trump called our troops "suckers" and "losers" while in France for a World War I commemorative event back in 2018. The truth is that Trump has spent the last four years rebuilding and reenergizing our military and its warriors after the demoralizing Obama-Biden regime. The "suckers and losers" lie has, likewise, been completely refuted by a long list of on-the-record denials. But as Biden declared in August, "We choose truth over facts!" In other words, what he says is the truth regardless of the facts.

But the most shameless and disgraceful version of Biden's "losers" lie was when he used the casket of his deceased son as a soap box for telling the lie anew. On Sunday, November 1, two days before the election, Joe Biden was addressing our nation's veterans in Philadelphia. He declared, "Guess what, man? [Trump] talks about you being losers and suckers. My son Beau Biden ... volunteered to go to Iraq for a year. ... He was not a loser. He was not a sucker."

Of course Joseph "Beau" Biden III deserves due recognition for his service. He was an attorney and joined the Delaware Army National Guard and deployed to Iraq in 2008 for a year with the JAG Corps' military lawyers. Beau Biden died of cancer in 2015.

What is a disgrace that defies quantification is that Joe Biden would repeat the "loser" lie (among a litany of other lies in that pre-election speech) while using his deceased son's military service and death as a platform for continuing propagating the lie against Trump.

https://patriotpost.us/alexander/74868?mailing_id=5432&utm_medium=email&utm_source=pp.email.5432&utm_campaign=snapshot&utm_content=body



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Nevada Day, October 31, 2020





QUEEN ELIZABETH AND CHRISTMAS

By Rick Hamel

Article posted 2019
in *Prayer Stories*

My wife and I have been mesmerized by the TV show *The*



Crown and its enthralling story of the life and times of Queen Elizabeth II. As more than one episode has shown, this monarch who carries the title, among others, of “Defender of the Faith,” is not simply mouthing the words. I was delighted when a new book crossed my desk called *The Faith of Queen Elizabeth* by Dudley Delffs.

To pin down such a very private individual is clearly a challenge but when you read some of the things she has said during her 70 year reign, most often from her annual Christmas messages, you get glimpses of her soul. Here is a sampling (thanks, Mr. Delffs):

- ◆ “I want to ask you all, whatever your religion may be, to pray for me that day—to pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve Him and you, all the days of my life.”
– *Six months before her Coronation*
- ◆ “Today we need a special kind of courage. Not the kind needed in battle, but a kind which makes us stand up for everything that we know is right, everything that is true and honest. We need the kind of courage that can withstand the subtle corruption of the cynics, so that we can show the world that we are not afraid of the future.”
– *Annual Christmas broadcast, 1957*
- ◆ “Let us not take ourselves too seriously. None of us has a monopoly on wisdom.”
– *Annual Christmas broadcast, 1991*

- ◆ “For me the teachings of Christ and my own person accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ’s words and example.”
– *Annual Christmas broadcast, 2000*
- ◆ “Grief is the price we pay for love.”
– *Condolence message at service of remembrance after 9/11*
- ◆ “At the heart of our faith stand not a preoccupation with our own welfare and comfort but the concepts of service and of sacrifice.”
– *General Synod Inauguration address, 2010*
- ◆ “For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace...is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, He stretched out His hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ’s example has taught me to seek respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none.”
– *Annual Christmas broadcast, 2014*

Queen Elizabeth’s Full Name

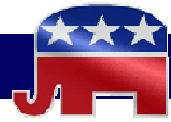
When Queen Elizabeth was born in May of 1926 – her parents, George VI and Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon thought long and hard about her name. The queen’s full name



The Dutchess of York looking at newborn daughter, Elizabeth.

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★ AMERICANISM ★



Queen Elizabeth

is Elizabeth Alexandra Mary. She was named Elizabeth after her mother the Duchess of York who later became Queen Elizabeth. Her middle name, Alexandra was given to her in remembrance of her father's mother Alexandra of Denmark who had passed away six months before the queen's birth. Finally, the name Mary was given to her in honor of her paternal grandmother – Mary of Teck. When the queen was born, she was not in line to sit on the throne. If her parents had known her fate, they might have chosen a different name.

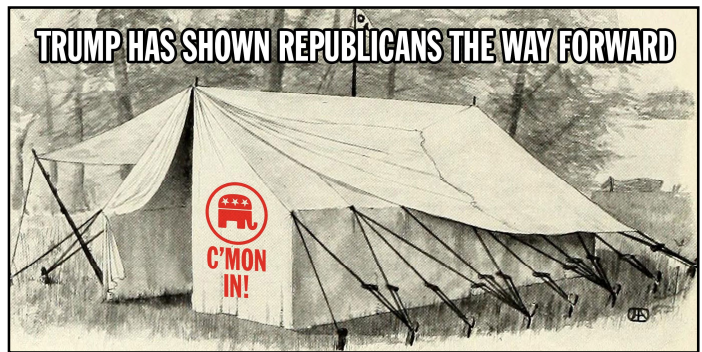


In 2019 Donald Trump was greeted by the Queen at Buckingham Palace during his trip to the palace.

Royal Watchers Report U.S. Presidents' Gifts to the Queen

On President Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama's visit to the Queen in 2009, what gift did they bring to her? According to a U.S. News report, President Barack Obama gave the Queen an iPod filled with photos from his inauguration and clips of his speeches.

On President Trump and First Lady Melania Trump's visit to the Queen in 2019, what gift did they bring to her? The Trumps decided to bring a Tiffany & Co. silver and silk poppy brooch in a custom White House wood jewelry box inside a red leather box for Queen Elizabeth. They also brought her husband, Prince Philip, a personalized Air Force One jacket and signed autobiography by American General and famed World War II air commander James Doolittle, "I Could Never Be So Lucky Again."



The Way Forward for Conservative Politics

President Donald Trump received over 73 million votes in the 2020 election and got by far the most votes of any Republican president in history. For the future of the Republican Party, there IS no Republican Party without Trump supporters, but they are not enough. The way forward for conservative politics isn't clear. One path is to continue in imitation of Trump; a second path is to try to return the Republican Party to its pre-Trump form; and a third path is to learn from the mistakes of both Trump and pre-Trump Republicans and create something new.

Re-creating Trump's appeal via a different candidate will be difficult. No conventional politician can hope to match Trump's name recognition from decades of coverage in the business and celebrity press. None of them will be associated by normal, apolitical people with not only fabulous wealth but also tangible achievements such as hotels, casinos, and golf resorts.

Another element of Trump's appeal that is almost inimitable is his shamelessness. Trump is a genuinely funny guy, and regular politicians may learn how to tell a joke, even if improvisational wit is not teachable. But it is probably much harder to learn his shamelessness.

Trump's convictions are not bound by conventional propriety. Indeed, he is not bound by propriety, only those that conflict with his interests. Other politicians have tried to break norms in the same way but have not been successful.

When people say that Trump fights, in part they mean that at times he seems willing to say most anything without apology to get what he wants or to curtail his

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Nevada Federation of Republican Women Regents Membership 2021

The Nevada Federation of Republican Women (NvFRW) Regents program ensures that our Federation plays a significant role in electing Republicans. Our members have the enthusiasm, the energy and the creative ideas to positively influence the election process and the governance of our state. Regents provide the funding to make remarkable things happen!

When you join a local club, you become a member of a three-tier organization and your dues is split accordingly: \$20 is designated for the National FRW, and **only** \$5 stays with the Nevada FRW. A generous donation to Regents of \$100 per year ensures that NvFRW has the financial means to further our mission to elect more Republicans at the local, state and national levels. **All Republicans are welcome to support Regents!**

Regents make possible:

- Leadership and education training for our members
- Special projects approved by Regents members
- Outreach to our communities to increase Republican visibility
- Expanding our programs to increase membership and develop new clubs
- Support approved political advocacy strategies
- Building a special fellowship among women who share the passion for the Regents program

Please join our dedicated Nevada women with your Regents check to NvFRW! Your generous \$100 annual donation enables NvFRW to be involved, to be relevant and to be visible throughout our State. We welcome you and appreciate your dedication to **"Make NEVADA RED Again!"**

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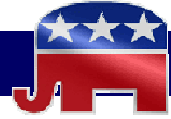
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Thank you for supporting Regents! We're Proud to be GOP!

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Gardnerville, NV 89410

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Membership Application

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- Active \$50, any woman registered as a Republican
- Associate \$20, any woman with a full membership in another Republican women's group,
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The Way Forward



enemies. For people who feel besieged and see Trump as their ally, this brazenness as well as contempt for mutual enemies is reassuring.

A conventional Republican politician that has some of Trump's rhetorical style is Florida congressman Matt Gaetz.

Gaetz could be described as like Donald Trump, but without the fame, money, accomplishment, charisma and wit.

Another part of Trump's appeal that some Republican politicians don't understand is that Trump won over many swing voters by promising them things that most Republican politicians don't want to offer. In other words secular, white, working-class swing voters value hard work, but they also want a measure of dignity and security. These voters wanted a hand up, not a handout.

President Trump has widened the "big tent" to include "forgotten Americans," and constructed the beginnings of a populists workers' party. The challenge now for conservative populism is to continue to construct an agenda that responds to concerns of wage-earners of all races and ethnicities.

Commentary by IVCBRW editor Susan A. Schnetz; some comments from article by Peter Siliakos, National Review.



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