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Visitors stand at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington

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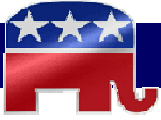
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Are you looking for a resolution to keep in the 2021 New Year?

If you would like to visit the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC via this article, you can mentally join with millions of Americans blessed with 245 years of freedom. In front of the Lincoln Memorial there, inscribed on a wall, is the perfect New Year's resolution for Americans and people from other countries who still admire this nation despite all its conflicts and contradictions. The words come at the end of the speech Abraham Lincoln delivered during his second inauguration.

The sentence is so familiar to us – "With malice toward none," it begins – as to have become almost meaningless to some. But reading the whole address in the presence of the statue of Lincoln, especially at night or on a gray day, with visitors from home and abroad quietly, respectfully taking it all in, gives it a

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I want to wish one and all a Very Happy, Healthy, and Successful 2021. It is my honor to be taking the reigns as President of Incline Village/Crystal Bay Republican Women's Club.

As you know we will not be having a luncheon meeting this month, but God willing we will

begin again in February. I hope to have some educational speakers that will enlighten us about the importance of how to make Nevada "RED" again and put more Republicans back in office in our State and Country.

Things are going to be challenging for Republicans in the next four years, but at least we did pick up some much needed seats in both our Legislature here in Nevada and also in the House of Representatives in Washington DC. It is with hope and God's help that we will pick up two more seats in the Senate from Georgia.

The COVID 19 Virus has made our lives difficult over the past year and will probably continue to into this year, but we have to hope that once the vaccine becomes more widespread, our lives will once again start to normalize. We may have to keep our meeting numbers to a minimum for the foreseeable future, so as soon as I know what that minimum is going to be, I will let you know. It is very important to make your reservation for the luncheons by the Friday before the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

I want to reiterate once again how important it is to RSVP on time, as the Chateau has to order our lunches by Friday afternoons until the Grill opens in May – and if we have people back out or make their RSVP late, it is a burden for both the Chateau and those of us that organize the meetings.

I would love to receive feedback from you as to the kind of speakers and events you would like this year. Since 2022 will again be an election year in our State we need to

start educating ourselves this year as to the effects it will have on us.



So let's keep the Faith and start the New Year out on the right track. I will keep you posted as soon as we have put together the event schedule and luncheon menus.

Hope to see you in February. My love to all of you!

Shirley Appel

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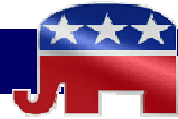
2021 New Year's Resolution

sort of mystic power. Lincoln begins with thoughts on the tragedy of the war soon to end, then quickly gets to the root of it – to what split the country and set Americans to killing one another: "One-eighth of the whole population were colored slaves. . . . These slaves constituted a peculiar and powerful interest. All knew that this interest was somehow the cause of the war."

And then it gets biblical, more prophetic than political, suggesting the need for a people to reflect not on their grievances and desires but on their own shortcomings and their duty to the greater good and the fellow humans they have wronged. "Fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away," Lincoln said. "Yet, if God wills that it continue until all the wealth piled by the bondsman's two hundred and fifty years of unrequited toil shall be sunk, and until every drop of blood drawn with the lash shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said 'the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.'"

Yes, the speech was about our national sin of slavery, but it was also about the malign power of "interest" – demagogic political interests, financial

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2021 New Year's Resolution

interests, shortsighted self-interest on the part of many individual Americans who have lost sight of the common good and of the need for simple justice and equality in society. Just a short walk from the somber, seated Lincoln stands another memorial, dedicated to Americans who did serve the greater good – the statuary tribute to those who fought and died in the Korean War. It portrays 19 service members slogging along in the rain, and there is a startling realism to it. “Tensely they scan, listening for danger; some are gesturing, hollering, warning one another,” the late Charles Krauthammer wrote in 1995. They are, he noted, a reminder that there “are battles worth fighting; they should be chosen with great care and fought with great purpose, but there are purposes worth fighting for.”

Resolved for this New Year, in words spoken nearly 154 years ago:

“With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation’s wounds . . . and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.”

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-perfect-new-years-resolution-for-2019/2018/12/31/390b175a-0abe-11e9-88e3-989a3e456820_story.html

May the father of all mercies scatter light, and not darkness, upon our paths, and make us in all our several vocations useful here, and in His own due time and way everlastingly happy.

George Washington

Letter to the Hebrew Congregation of Newport, Rhode Island, August 17, 1790.

2020 Gave us a New Vocabulary

Commentary by Susan A. Schnetz

Early in 2020, chaos defined the year with some state governors going beyond their jurisdictions by issuing restricting directives on the very people they promised to serve. These oftentimes unconstitutional edicts created some new words and phrases, even introduced new controlling “experts” into our lives. Let’s review a few of them . . .

The New Normal has emerged as one of 2020 phrases. Maybe we should reject this along with the kindred-word cousin “sub-normal.”



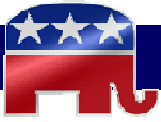
Social Distancing might be one we don’t need to keep in our vocabulary either, since we now realize what the term means and most of us are careful to apply its wisdom so as not to be infected or infect others with the coronavirus.

Lockdowns happened in 2020 to all of us - some state governors locked down their citizens and businesses more than others. For instance, Nevada wasn’t as bad as California, but even so, the lockdowns affected most of us. We saw ourselves, our families, friends, and others lose financial stability and many businesses had to shut down or close forever, and worst of all, we were not given a lot of hope that we would be released any time soon from the lockdowns to enjoy our freedoms again.

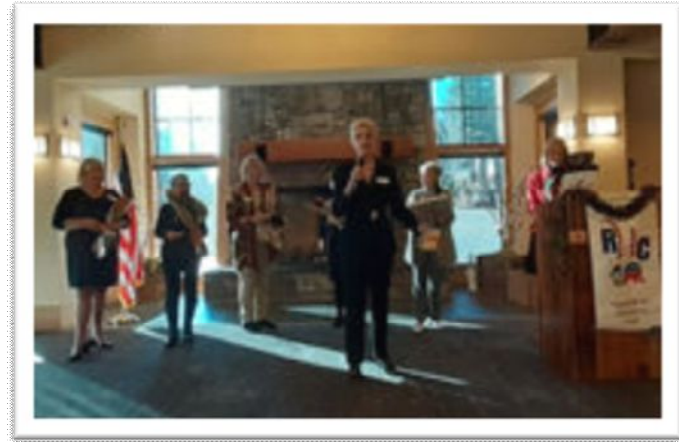
Dr. Anthony Fauci - the Dark Knight in Dull Armor arrived on the scene to instruct us, “No need for masks,” “Yes, you need to wear a mask,” and then dashed our hopes and declared that it would take years to get a vaccine for COVID. His latest gloom-and-doom now that the vaccine is here, is that there’s a new variant strain of COVID that we should fight against by continuing to mask up, practice social distancing and maintaining lockdowns.

Reimagine. Most of us wonder about this overused word this year used to “reimagine” (or rewrite) our American history alongside the Cancel Culture tactics of Socialism.

Let’s reject the 2020 misery list and together with our patriotic heroes of American exceptionalism re-establish the tried-and-true (and constitutionally sound) words/phrases we enjoyed before the pandemic like **Right to Life, Liberty, Pursuit of Happiness, Freedom of Religion, Faith and Independence.**



Congratulations to the Newly-Installed 2021 Executive Committee



Chaplin Diana Jones asking God to Bless our Country



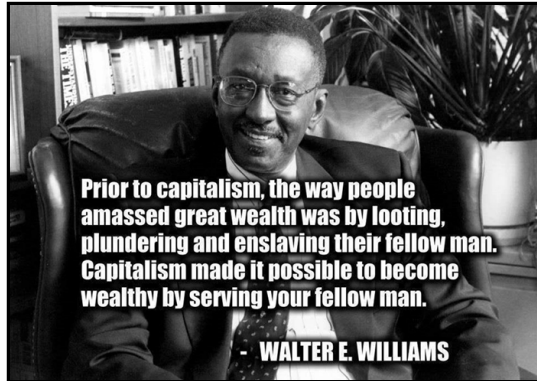
IVGID Trustee Sara Schmitz administering the oath of office to the new officers



Presenting the new 2021 Executive Committee . . .

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Linda Smith



Walter Williams on Liberty, Rights, Property and Coercion

Walter E. Williams, who many consider one of the greatest modern economists, has passed away at age 84. My connections with Walter go back to UCLA, where we both got our doctorates, though I was a bit later, and it was my misfortune we did not overlap. Then I started writing popular articles in defense of Americans' liberty not too long after he did, which made me very aware of his writing. In fact, I once jokingly told my wife that I didn't like him because his articles were often too good a substitute for mine!

In 2016, I published a book titled *Lines of Liberty*, in which I curated what I felt were the best quotes on liberty I could find, by those who had labored in the front lines to defend it. Walter was not included, like his best friend, Thomas Sowell. But that was only because I had restricted my attention to people who had died, so I could consider the entirety of their work. Now, while I have not yet had time to do more than scratch the surface of his work, offering a few of his important insights may be the best tribute I can offer. Walter Williams will be gone, and widely missed, but his insights are not.

On Property, Rights and Justice

- My definition of social justice: I keep what I earn and you keep what you earn. Do you disagree?...how much of what I earn belongs to you--and why?
- If one person has a right to something he did not earn, of necessity it requires that another person not have a right to something that he did earn.
- Nothing in our Constitution suggests that government is a grantor of rights. Instead, government is a protector of rights.

- There is no moral argument that justifies using the coercive powers of government to force one person to bear the expense of taking care of another.
- Government has no resources of its own... government spending is no less than the confiscation of one person's property to give it to another to whom it does not belong.
- No matter how worthy the cause, it is robbery, theft, and injustice to confiscate the property of one person and give it to another to whom it does not belong.
- The act of reaching into one's own pockets to help a fellow man in need is praiseworthy and laudable. Reaching into someone else's pocket is despicable.

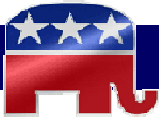
Liberty versus Coercion

- Government is about coercion. Limiting government is the single most important instrument for guaranteeing liberty.
- Democracy is little more than mob rule, while liberty refers to the sovereignty of the individual.
- The essence of government is force, and most often that force is used to accomplish evil ends.
- The moral tragedy that has befallen Americans is our belief that it is okay for government to forcibly use one American to serve the purposes of another – that in my book is a working definition of slavery.

Protecting our Rights and Liberties

- Always be suspicious of those who...claim their way is the best way and are willing to force their way on the rest of us.
- Politicians have immense power to do harm to the economy. But they have very little power to do good.
- If we care about our remaining liberties we must at some point ...let politicians and bureaucrats know we will not tolerate further encroachment on our God-given rights to liberty.
- Most of the great problems we face are caused by politicians creating solutions to problems they created in the first place.

Article written December 3, 2020 by Gary M. Galles, who is a Professor of Economics at Pepperdine University. Condensed and edited by Susan A. Schnetz for inclusion in The Elephant's Tale.



Life With the Vaccine

Will we return to normal soon, or will things continue as they have?

The end of this year marked some highly anticipated good news: The first coronavirus vaccines were shipped out and taken by eager recipients. However, given the general lack of trust in our institutions and between (and even among) the two political sides, it's no surprise that there's division over the vaccine itself. I can't wait to take it, say some. Nobody's injecting me with any of that, say others. And then there's California, which may consider "historic injustice" when deciding who gets the vaccine first.

To say the whole thing has been grossly politicized is an understatement. Predictably, there's also division over what life will look like now that there is a vaccine. The "experts" tell us not to be in any big hurry to return to normal because it will be late spring or summer before herd immunity is achieved – assuming any number of variables.

"Can I stop wearing a mask after getting a COVID-19 vaccine?" asks an Associated Press FAQ. "No," comes the immediate answer, which might as well have added, AND you should be ashamed for asking, you careless mouth-breather.

In truth, there are legitimate reasons for continued vigilance. Both major vaccines require two shots, and the second one comes three weeks later for the Pfizer dose and four for the Moderna one. Full protection

takes a couple of weeks after the second shot. Moreover, vaccinating hundreds of millions of people will take time, and, as previously mentioned, there are likely millions who will refuse.

Yet, there are reasons to question the wisdom of the experts. "I would recommend to people to not abandon all public health measures just because you've been vaccinated," the Great and Infallible™ Dr. Anthony Fauci said in November. "Because even though for the general population it might be 90 to 95 percent effective, you don't necessarily know for you how effective it is." (*Huh?*)

Likewise, Dr. Vin Gupta, NBC's analyst for health policy, lectured this, "Just because you get vaccinated with that second dose does not mean you should be participating in things like traveling in the middle of an out-of-control pandemic or that you're liberated from masks." (*Really?*)

Interesting choice of word there: "liberated." It wasn't lost on Senator Ted Cruz, who responded, "This is a bizarre, lunatic, totalitarian cult. It's not about vaccines or protecting people's lives – it is instead profoundly anti-science, and is only focused on absolute government control of every aspect of our lives."

Congressman Jim Jordan agreed. "First, it was, don't wear a mask," he noted. "Then, it was slow the spread. Then, it was lock everything down. Then, it was wear a mask. Then, it was wait for the vaccine. Now that we have the vaccine, they tell us it's not going to stop. Freedom!"



There are far too many in this country who are either statist themselves or who have succumbed to that siren song, sacrificing, as Ben Franklin once put it, "essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety." Politicians with a preexisting condition of totalitarianism used the pandemic to justify totalitarian edicts. And millions of

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Life With the Vaccine

Americans are doing what these politicians and their media mouthpieces are telling them to do – live in fear and panic.

Well, for all of you grassroots Patriots who tire of such tyranny, here are a few thoughts that should resonate:

- We don't want another \$1,200 going to people who don't need it. We want government to quit redistributing income and to get out of the way.
- We don't want an extra \$300 for unemployment. We want an end to the lockdowns that take our jobs.
- We don't want to be confined to our homes, ordering everything from Amazon and skipping dining out. We want local small businesses to thrive and that corner chef to stay in business.
- We don't want kids staring at a computer screen and struggling to stay motivated. We want them in school.
- We don't want virtual church or 25 percent capacity. We want to join our brothers and sisters in corporate worship.

And whether you think masks save countless lives or they're useless virtue signals – or somewhere in between – we all look forward to no longer having to wear them.

So, what will life be like in the coming months? It certainly appears that it will be much the same, with varying lockdowns to go with mask and distancing mandates. Is that because such things are necessary, or because there are just some folks who won't let go of their power over others?

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https://patriotpost.us/articles/76544?mailing_id=5523&utm_medium=email&utm_source=pp.email.5523&utm_campaign=snapshot&utm_content=body



–A Message from the President– NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN

As the clock winds down on 2020, we can look back with tremendous pride at what we have accomplished together during one of the most challenging and consequential years in our nation's and organization's history.

Despite the worldwide COVID pandemic; despite numerous natural disasters across the country including derechos, hurricanes and fires; despite the violence in the streets by anarchists ravaging our communities; and despite elections that left us with more questions than answers, we NFRWarriors remained resolute and strong.

Thanks to your steadfast commitment and exceptional efforts, NFRW not only survived, but thrived. With great resolve we embraced our Mission of 82 years to “Build Leaders, Energize Communities and Keep America Strong” – and we succeeded! 2020 marked a year of ongoing and ardent advocacy work and activism in a myriad of areas ranging from campaigns to legislation.

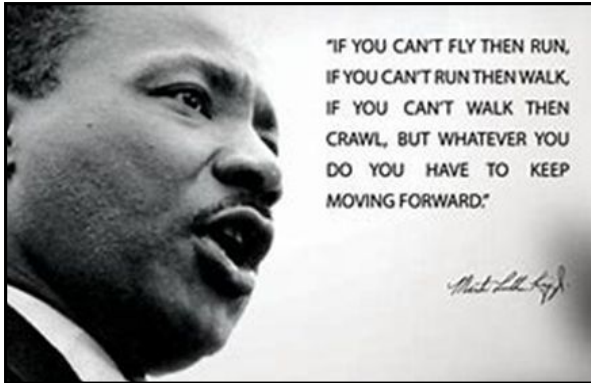
NFRW reached out to our members with new and novel virtual training and educational programming through NFRW Zoom rooms and social media and email messaging. We worked from home and travelled across our communities, states and nation to support key issues and Republican candidates. The historic accomplishments of 2020 -- and there were many -- could not have happened without you. And as a result of hard work and the belief in what our organization stands for, we have fortified our membership and finances.

The coming year will provide many opportunities for all of us to shape the direction of the country we so dearly love. Our voices need to be heard! Until then, on behalf of our NFRW Executive Committee and staff, I wish all of you and your loved ones a most happy and healthy New Year!

With heartfelt gratitude,

Ann Schockett





Was Martin Luther King Jr. A Republican?

Yes, Martin Luther King Jr. was a Republican, but didn't always vote that way. The Republican Party had initially attracted many black voters by supporting ending slavery and enfranchising African Americans during the Civil War and Reconstruction. But in the late 1800s, as more western states joined the Union, party leaders began to depend less on wooing black southern votes. The parties would realign in the mid-20th century, as African-Americans moved North to cities where Democratic Party machines courted their votes, and they played a key role in electing Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression.

Martin Luther King (B-January 15, 1929, D-April 4, 1968) was born in Atlanta, Georgia. A Baptist minister who advocated the use of nonviolent means to end racial segregation, he first came to national prominence during a bus boycott by African Americans in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955. He founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957 and led the 1963 March on Washington. The most influential of African American civil rights leaders during the 1960s, he was instrumental in the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed discrimination in public accommodations, facilities, and employment, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. King was

awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1964. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

OBSERVING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is an American federal holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year. King's birthday is January 15. The holiday is similar to holidays set under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act. The earliest Monday for this holiday is January 15 and the latest is January 21. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated on the third Monday of January.



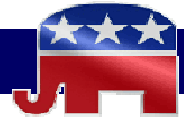
About Poinsettias

Poinsettia plants are native to Central America,

especially an area of southern Mexico known as 'Taxco del Alarcon' where they flower during the winter. The ancient Aztecs called them 'cuetlaxochitl'. The Aztecs had many uses for them including using the flowers (actually special types of leaves known as bracts rather than being flowers) to make a purple dye for clothes and cosmetics and the milky white sap was made into a medicine to treat fevers.

The poinsettia was made widely known because of a man called Joel Roberts Poinsett, which is why they are called Poinsettia! *He was the first Ambassador from the USA to Mexico in 1825.* Poinsett had some greenhouses on his plantations in South Carolina, and while visiting the Taxco area in Mexico in 1828, he became interested in the plants. He sent some of the plants back to South Carolina, where he began growing the plants

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Vintage New Year's Cards

Pointsettias

and sending them to friends and botanical gardens.

One of the friends he sent plants to was John Bartram of Philadelphia. At the first Philadelphia flower show, Robert Buist, a plants-man from Pennsylvania, saw the flower and was probably the first person to sell the poinsettias under their botanical Latin name, *Euphorbia Pulcherrima*, meaning "the most beautiful Euphorbia."

Pointsettias were first sold as cut flowers. It was only in the early 1900s that they were sold as whole plants for landscaping and potted plants. The Ecke Family Growers in Southern California were the first to sell them as whole plants, and they remain the main producer of the plants in the USA.

Source: <https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/poinsettia.shtml>

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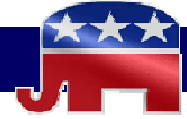
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If it be asked, What is the most sacred duty and the greatest source of our security in a Republic? The answer would be, An inviolable respect for the Constitution and Laws – the first growing out of the last . . . A sacred respect for the constitutional law is the vital principle, the sustaining energy of a free government.

Alexander Hamilton,

*Essay in the American Daily Advertiser,
August 28, 1794.*

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