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*You're invited by the Incline Village-
Crystal Bay Republican Women*

TO A BBQ AT THE HOME OF
CLIFF AND ELLIE DOBLER

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

995 Fairway Blvd, Incline Village | 5 to 8:30 pm
BBQ \$75 per person



We will be hosting a **MEET AND GREET** for the Republican candidates running in the November 5th General Election.

Join us for BBQ pork ribs, chicken, potato salad, green salad and baked beans catered by Carson City BBQ. For more than 25 years, award winning Carson City BBQ has been perfecting the art of catering. You won't want to miss this "delicious" event!

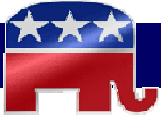


RSVP/payment must be received by August 9th at 12 noon!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



July did not disappoint with very warm summer weather so everyone could enjoy all of our wonderful summer activities. Swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, hiking, and biking. In the evening Music at the Beach, Classical Tahoe and the Shakespeare Theater continue or just relaxing on your deck enjoying the company of friends and family.

July is almost behind us but what a month it has been for IVCBRW Club! July 4th week festivities began with our Local Heroes Parade and Community Fair. Members of our club met at Kathi Congestri's home to decorate our parade float organized by Shirley Appel. It was a fun afternoon creating a beautiful patriotic float from a simple trailer towed by Kathi's husband John in the parade. Following our decorating we all enjoyed our traditional pot luck dinner and wine on Kathi's back deck. Tuesday morning July 2nd was parade day with members leading our float carrying our new banner. Our "singing float" with our riding members singing patriotic songs and waving flags to the crowd received a warm reception. At the end of the Parade we participated in the Community Fair at Aspen Grove where we set up our IVCBRW Club booth on a very windy morning! Included at our booth was our boutique, voter registration, membership sign up, as well as the ever popular "give away" American flag pins and pens to all the children that stopped by. A fun day for all!

July 22nd was our second event at the Chateau with China expert, author, and speaker Gordon Chang and his lovely wife Lydia. The evening started with cocktails and a sit down dinner followed by Gordon's speech and book signing. The audience participation during the Q and A session was nonstop. The highlight of the Q and A session was our scholarship recipient Lainey Lowden who

showed poise, intelligence, and confidence asking Gordon a question about young people's use of TikTok. Our club is very proud of Lainey and her ambition to be an orthopedic surgeon. Special thanks to Patricia Moser Morris for all of her time and effort coordinating this evening and also to Sara and Patrick Schmitz for hosting the Changs.



Our **August 13th** event will be our **Garden Party at the home of Cliff and Ellie Dobler**. This is a casual evening in Ellie's beautiful garden with the popular and delicious barbecue dinner catered by Phil Hyatt owner of Carson City Barbeque. We will invite local candidates to attend in order to meet and greet all of our members and guests. Don't miss this fun evening!

Cretia Oyster

2024 Meeting Calendar

AUGUST 13 – Garden Party at the Dobler Residence, evening social.

SEPTEMBER 10 – Possible Candidate Forum, TBD.

OCTOBER 8 – Annual Business Meeting at the Chateau.

NOVEMBER 12 – Veterans Day Luncheon at the Chateau.

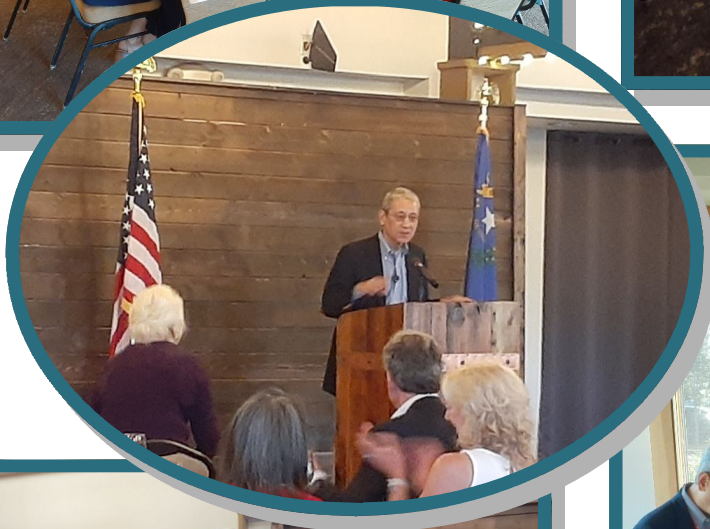
DECEMBER 10 – Christmas Party and Officer Installation, luncheon at the Chateau.



—MEMBER NEWS—

Our visit with July speaker,
GORDON CHANG

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Gordon Chang Sounds the Alarm

By Patricia Moser Morris

Most Americans alive today were born after World War II, so they have no experience or even memory of a time when another country, Hitler's Germany, actually went to war to conquer the world. Many Americans do not know that human history is a long, dreary chronicle of efforts by various empires to conquer other peoples, often including the entire world that was known to them at the time. So, many Americans -- most Americans? - - find it hard to believe that there is a country even now that has set about conquering the world. They find the very idea impossible to believe -- even absurd -- even a "conspiracy theory."

Gordon Chang, renowned expert on China, came to see the club last month to explain to us that there is a country -- China -- whose government has a plan that they have thought out, written down and shared with the world not just to dominate, but to rule the world. China plans that by 2049, the 100th anniversary of the Chinese Revolution, it will be ruling the world. Gordon explained that the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) understands that to do this, it will have to eliminate the United States. He told us about a general high up in the Chinese military hierarchy who has explained that China is developing viruses and other diseases to which Chinese people would be immune, but that would be lethal to non-Chinese. Does this sound familiar to you? By now, pretty much everyone is aware of the Wuhan Institute of Virology that most observers believe created and spread the COVID-19 virus to the rest of the world -- the first time in history that one country has deliberately attacked all the other countries on the planet.

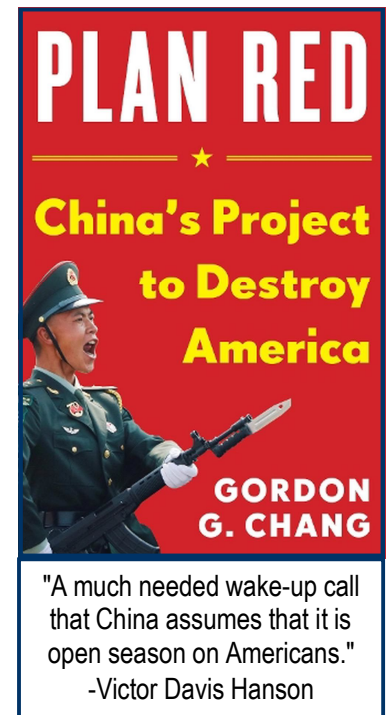
However, Gordon explained, this is far from the only way that the CCP is attacking America. The CCP is using one of the best qualities of our society, our openness and high level of trust, to attack and destroy us. It has effectively been at war with us for years using a multi-pronged attack. For example,

The CCP has infiltrated Academia with such programs as "Confucius Institutes" in universities and -- believe it or not -- "Confucius Classrooms" in kindergarten through 12th grade education. Another example: The CCP has developed relationships with Mexican drug cartels, provides them with the ingredients to make fentanyl, and assists them in smuggling it into the United States and in laundering the proceeds through the Chinese financial system. With the help of the Chinese government, drug cartels have already smuggled into the United States more than enough fentanyl to kill the entire population.

The bottom line is that the Chinese Communist party is an existential threat to the United States, to the current international order, and to human civilization. This is not a "conspiracy theory" and it is not an exaggeration!

Gordon Chang shared with us much of his enormous knowledge of China and of the Chinese government/CCP's goals and what it is doing to achieve them. His breadth of knowledge is so comprehensive that I can only convey a sliver of it by what I have written here. I urge you to do as I have done: **Pre-order his new book, *Plan Red: China's Project to Destroy America***, that will be published on **October 1st**, from [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). Order the book, read it, and pass it on to a friend. Do what you can to spread the word!

We also had Gordon's presentation videotaped and will advise when and where we have posted it as soon as it is ready.





Membership



By Nancy Carlson

We Need You!

Are you interested in helping with the newsletter, membership activities, program activities, finance? Let me know, we can use your help!

Welcome to Our New Members!

A warm welcome to our latest new members, please give a warm welcome to Diane Honda, Ann Hamilton, Suzanne Lowden and Tania Modic!

Legislative Corner – Your Federal Representatives

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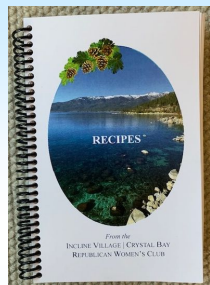
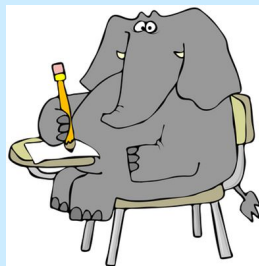
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WORDS OF WISDOM

“The way to secure liberty is to place it in the people's hands, that is, to give them the power at all times to defend it in the legislature and in the courts of justice.”
– JOHN ADAMS



Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women's Club now has their very own cookbook for members and friends! You'll enjoy 260 pages of recipes including sections for Appetizers, Breads and Miscellaneous, Meats/ Poultry/Fish, Vegetables & Sides, Soups & Salads and Sweets. Cookbooks will be on display for purchase in our Boutique at our events.



Vice President Kamala Harris' favorability among Americans has plummeted to a record low, according to a new NBC News survey. It found that nearly half of respondents, approximately 49 percent, have a very negative or somewhat negative view of Harris while just 32 percent have a very positive or somewhat positive view of the vice president.



COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

July went by so quickly and was so full of activities. I will start with the 4th of July activities that our club participated in. It was a lot of fun!

We started out our July 4th activities meeting at the home of John and Kathi Congistre where we decorated the parade float and then enjoyed a potluck dinner. The food was great as well as the comrade of friends – we finished about 7 pm that night. The next day was the parade and Community Fair on the Village Green at Aspen Grove. We sang all the way around the parade route to the cheers of the audience as we passed by. At the fair our booth was maned by several of us while Celine Nugent and Connie Skidmore did Voter Registration and Membership and Ramona Bigalow took care of our boutique.

The July 22nd evening event with Gordon Chang and his wife Lydia was a success. Once again Patrick and Sara Schmitz hosted them at their home. There were just over 100 people that attended at the Chateau. The Chateau staff did a great job of serving a delicious dinner. Be sure to read the article by Patricia Moser Morris continuing to give us more information on Gordon Chang's newest book, **Plan Red**, on page 4 of this newsletter.

Because of the 4th of July holidays the first week of July, there was no Community Forum that Friday. However, there was quite a lot of discussion the third Friday about things going on around the lake. One was about the two new schools going in and the Use Permit issues regarding traffic to and from the schools. Then there was a discussion about the STR's and ADU's. For those who do not know what an ADU (Additional Dwelling Unit) is. The County has changed the short-term-rental Ordinance to say that an ADU can be built on a single family property that has a main residence and

is at least one-half acre. This would allow the owner to use the ADU for their own living quarters and use the main residence as an STR. The original purpose of the ADU was to help with workforce housing. There were many good points brought up in this meeting about many other things as well. If you are interested go to ivcbcommunityforum@gmail.com.

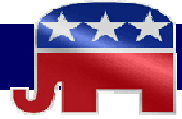
As you know I also attend the Thursday morning Conversation Café. Our meetings are always interesting and informative. At the last meeting we had 30 people and most of the discussion was in regards to the forensic due diligence report on IVGID. It was pretty well summed up in the article that was written in the Tahoe Tribune.

My last reminder is about the August 13th BBQ gathering at the home of Cliff and Ellie Dobler. The event is being catered by Carson City BBQ. We are combining this with a **Meet and Greet** with the candidates that are remaining in the race on November 5th. If you would like to help any of them out with a donation, there will be envelopes available. The cost of this event is \$75 per person. The menu will be BBQ pork ribs, chicken, potato salad, tossed green salad and BB beans. Hope to see you there for a fun evening from 5 to 8:30 pm.

Take care and see you next month!

Shirley Appel





About JD Vance

On July 15, 2024 former President Donald Trump announced that Senator J.D. Vance (R-Ohio) was his vice presidential pick, ending months of speculation. “After lengthy deliberation and thought, and considering the tremendous talents of many others, I have decided that the person best suited to assume the position of Vice President of the United States is Senator J.D. Vance,” Trump said in a Truth Social post.



Sen. J.D. Vance (R-Ohio) and his wife Usha Chilukuri Vance. (Illustration by *The Epoch Times*, Shutterstock, Getty Images)

Mr. Vance was born on August 2, 1984. Turning 40 in August, he’s the first millennial on a major party ticket and one of the youngest vice presidential candidates in history. Mr. Vance was raised Protestant, but later converted to Catholicism, officially becoming Catholic in August 2019.

Mr. Vance is married to Usha Chilukuri Vance, whom he met at Yale Law School. They married in 2014. Ms. Vance currently works as a corporate litigator. She has clerked for Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts and then-appellate Judge Brett Kavanaugh. She would be the first Hindu spouse of a vice president and the first person of color to be second lady. Usha and JD Vance have three children: Ewan, 7, Vivek, 4, and Mirabel, 2.

JD on Politics

JD Vance is commonly considered to be a populist conservative. His political ideology is often placed alongside the ranks of former President Trump, Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), and pro-Trump swaths of the House Freedom Caucus.

Years before being a staunch ally of former President Trump, Mr. Vance wrote an op-ed in *The New York Times* in which he called the former president “unfit for our nation’s highest office.” Since 2016, Mr. Vance said his views on the former president have changed, and he’s recanted his statements. The reason for this, he said, was seeing how former President Trump handled the job. In a May interview with CNN, he told anchor Dana Bash, “I didn’t think he was going to be a good president, Dana, and I was very, very proud to be proven wrong. It’s one of the reasons why I’m working so hard to get him elected.”

Mr. Vance has been in politics just over a year and a half, joining the Senate – his first political office – in January 2023. Since joining the Senate, Mr. Vance has regularly voted with the most conservative wing of the Senate Republican conference on an array of key issues, from foreign aid to government finance. The political arm of the conservative think tank the Heritage Foundation rates him as voting with conservative positions 93 percent of the time.

In the Senate he serves on the Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee; the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee; and the Special Committee on Aging. In June 2023, Mr. Vance announced that he would use his power as a senator to place holds on all future nominees to the Department of Justice. He cited the department’s prosecutions against the former president as the reason for the hold.

Mr. Vance indicated he supports leaving abortion to the states.

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About JD Vance

Mr. Vance served in Iraq as a Marine combat correspondent during the mid-2000s. Though he served in the Iraq War as a Marine, he has since been critical of the conflict, saying he regrets supporting it. “I served my country honorably, and I saw when I went to Iraq that I had been lied to, that the promises of the foreign policy establishment of this country were a complete joke,” he said on the Senate floor this year in April.

Mr. Vance is also critical of continued U.S. support for the war in Ukraine. Since taking office, he’s voted against every Ukraine aid package that’s come to the floor. He’s called for Europe to bear the brunt of financing the war. Mr. Vance wrote in an April op-ed for *The New York Times* that the current trajectory of the war is unsustainable for either the U.S. or Ukraine.

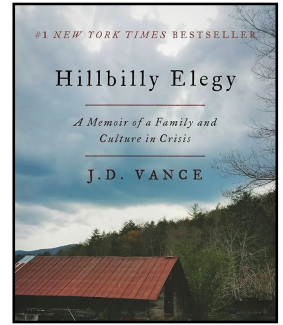
Mr. Vance supports aid to Israel. In a May 2024 speech at the Quincy Institute, Mr. Vance gave a contrast between supporting Israel and Ukraine. With Ukraine, he said, there’s “no strategic end in sight” and that the Europeans are not doing their fair share. But Israel, he said, is “doing the most important work to give us missile-defense parity.” He also opposed the 2015 Iran nuclear deal and applauded President Trump for withdrawing from it in 2018.

JD has taken a tough stance on China. Between the wars in Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan, Mr. Vance said that we should be focused on our own problems and that’s mostly China. He thinks the Chinese are focused on real power and their government is focused on how strong the United States actually is and it’s ability to push back against them. “We’ve got to focus there, and right now, we’re stretched too thin,” he emphasized.

JD’s Childhood and Growing-up Years

Mr. Vance grew up in a lower-class family in Middletown, Ohio, and often experienced financial and familial hardships. Mr. Vance became well-known for his best-selling memoir, *Hillbilly Elegy*,

published in 2016. He details his time growing up in poverty-stricken areas of the Rust Belt and the book traces the drug abuse issues and financial hardships experienced by many in the white working class. Mr. Vance’s book was adapted into a namesake Netflix film in 2020.



In both his memoir and the movie adaptation, Mr. Vance explains his experience of the decline of the Rust Belt and the impacts it had on those living there. Speaking about his native Middletown, Mr. Vance wrote in *Hillbilly Elegy*, “There is a lack of agency here – a feeling that you have little control over your life and a willingness to blame everyone but yourself.” He says that some of these experiences have continued to shape his political life and decisions.

Despite growing up in Ohio, Mr. Vance said he considered his great-grandmother’s house in rural Kentucky as home. “My address was where I spent most of my time with my mother and sister, wherever that might be. But my home never changed: my great-grandmother’s house, in the holler, in Jackson, Kentucky.”

Mr. Vance’s parents, Donald Bowman and Bev Vance, divorced when he was very young, leaving him to be raised by his mother. His father is described as having been largely absent from JD’s life although they connected later in life. At birth, JD Vance was named James Donald Bowman. Years later he temporarily took on his stepfather’s surname, Hamel. He eventually settled on Vance, which belonged to his mother and grandparents.

In his book JD recounts in detail his mother’s struggles with opioid addiction, including heroin. The struggles of home life, compounded by his mother’s struggles with drug addiction, eventually led to Mr. Vance living with his grandmother. His grandparents, James “Papaw” Vance and Bonnie “Mamaw” Vance, moved to Kentucky, unmarried

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About JD Vance

and with child, in the 1940s, but ultimately divorced. They remained on good terms. In his memoir, Mr. Vance credits his time living with his grandmother while he was in high school with helping him to commit to his studies and, ultimately, escape the poverty he grew up in.

JD Vance's Education

Mr. Vance has a dual undergraduate degree in political science and philosophy from Ohio State University. He graduated summa cum laude in 2009. He earned a juris doctorate from Yale Law School in 2013. While studying law, Mr. Vance served on the editorial staff of the Yale Law Journal.

After graduating from Yale Law School, Mr. Vance worked at the law firm Sidley Austin LLP before joining billionaire Peter Thiel's Mithril Capital in San Francisco. Mr. Thiel later spent more than \$10 million in support of Mr. Vance during his 2022 Senate run. JD started an Ohio-based company called Narya, which he describes as "an early-stage venture capital firm focused on using technology and science to solve for the future."

Source: *The Epoch Times* Association Inc., July 2024.

JD Vance's Marine Corps Service Would Set Him Apart from Most Vice Presidents

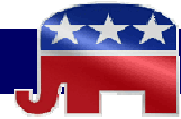
The following is an excerpt from Hillbilly Elegy, Vance's memoir about growing up in Appalachian culture, his Marine Corps service, and his eventual studies at Yale Law School. Vance offers clear-eyed and powerful testimony about the gaps in American society, told from the perspective of a guy who's experienced both sides of the divide.



My final two years in the Marines flew by and were largely uneventful, though two incidents stand out, each of which speaks to the way the Marine Corps changed my perspective. The first was a moment in time in Iraq, where I was lucky to escape any real fighting but which affected me deeply nonetheless. As a public affairs marine, I would attach to different units to get a sense of their daily routine. Sometimes I'd escort civilian press, but generally I'd take photos or write short stories about individual marines or their work. Early in my deployment, I attached to a civil affairs unit to do community outreach. Civil affairs missions were typically considered more dangerous, as a small number of marines would venture into unprotected Iraqi territory to meet with locals. On our particular mission, senior marines met with local school officials while the rest of us provided security or hung out with the schoolkids, playing soccer and passing out candy and school supplies. One very shy boy approached me and held out his hand. When I gave him a small eraser, his face briefly lit up with joy before he ran away to his family, holding his two-cent prize aloft in triumph. I have never seen such excitement on a child's face.

I don't believe in epiphanies. I don't believe in transformative moments, as transformation is harder than a moment. I've seen far too many people awash in a genuine desire to change only to lose their mettle when they realized just how difficult change actually is. But that moment, with that boy, was pretty close for me. For my entire life, I'd harbored resentment at the world. I was mad at my mother and father, mad that I rode the bus to school while other kids caught rides with friends, mad that my clothes didn't come from Abercrombie, mad that my grandfather died, mad that we lived in a small house. That resentment didn't vanish in an instant, but as I stood and surveyed the mass of children of a war-torn nation, their school without running water, and the overjoyed boy, I began to appreciate how lucky I was: born in the greatest country on earth, every modern convenience at my fingertips, supported by two loving hillbillies, and part of a family that, for all its quirks, loved me unconditionally. At that moment, I resolved to be the type of man who would smile when someone gave him an eraser. I haven't quite made it there, but without that day in Iraq, I wouldn't be trying. . .

Enjoy more from *HILLBILLY ELEGY* by J.D. Vance Copyright © 2016 by J.D. Vance. Reprinted courtesy of Harper, an imprint of HarperCollins Publishers.



Membership Application

New Member Renewing Membership

If you receive this application/renewal form via email, please print a copy and mail with your check to the address below.

NAME as it appears on VOTER REGISTRATION: _____

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SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

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Fax Number: _____ Birthday (Month, Day) _____

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MEMBERSHIP STATUS , PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- Active \$50, any woman registered as a Republican
- Associate \$20, any woman with a full membership in another Republican women's group,
- _____ OR any man registered as a Republican
Primary Club Membership

CHECK AREAS OF INTEREST:

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MAIL APPLICATION AND CHECK to the following address:

Membership Chairman
IV/CB Republican Women
P. O. Box 3009, Incline Village, NV 89450

Always more information for you at our website: ivcbrw.org



Incline Village-Crystal Bay Republican Women Vision and Mission Statement

Vision: To support individual freedom and responsibility under the Constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence by making Nevada a Red state again and keeping it that way.

Mission: To promote the principles and philosophy of the Republican Party at the local, state, and federal levels by taking action to:

- Support the election of conservative Republican candidates.
- Educate club members and local voters.
- Communicate with local, state and federal legislative bodies to enact constitutional, conservative legislation.
- Collaborate with Nevada Republican Women's clubs to leverage best practices to improve club effectiveness.
- Promote Republican and conservative values through social media, print media, and community participation.
- Effect change in our schools to support conservative and constitutional values.
- Protect the integrity of local, state, and federal elections.

August Member Birthdays

Claire Berg	1 August
Celine Nugent	25 August
Dolly Lee	26 August
Jill Minkle	26 August
Pamela Black	27 August
Cheryl Anderson	28 August
Gail Arnold-Kowallis	28 August
Nancy Manter	30 August
Susan Calfa	30 August

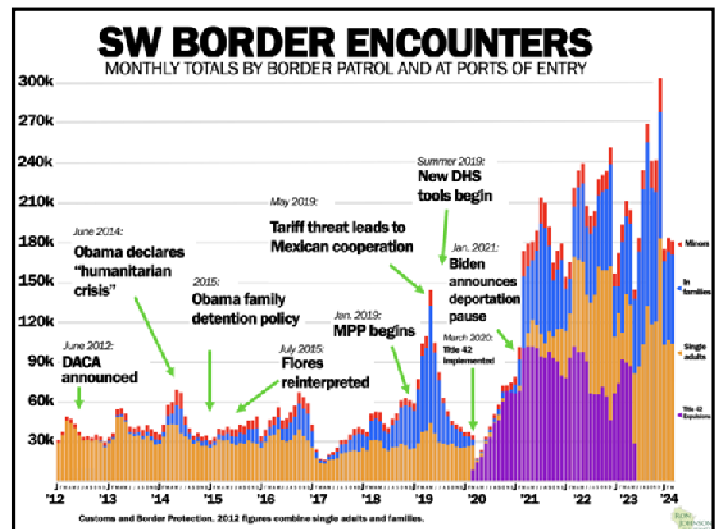


Chart that former President Trump turned to show his audience before he was shot.



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