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You're Invited to the

REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S AUGUST GARDEN PARTY

**At Crosby's Backyard Patio
Tuesday, August 11**

868 Tahoe Boulevard #4, Incline Village
– 5:30 to 8 pm –

Come and join us for a fun, casual evening on the back patio of Crosby's. We will be meeting with our elected primary Republican candidates that will be going on to the November mid-term election and enjoy each other's company with conversation, good food and drink. The proceeds will help us send money to support our political PACs that help our candidates win in the November mid-terms.

~ MENU ~

BBQ RIBS | Hickory Smoked St. Louis Style Pork Ribs, Sweet Chipotle BBQ Sauce
APPLE & FETA SALAD | SAUTEED GREEN BEANS with bacon & onions
SWEET POTATO FRIES | HOUSEMADE STRAWBERRY CUPCAKES
Complimentary Sodas, Teas and Coffee
Alcohol Beverages are No Host

Dinner will be \$65 per person

Please RSVP to Shirley Appel at mrsradar@aol.com
or sign up at our website [IVCBRW.org](https://ivcbrw.org) before
NOON August 7, 2026.



RSVP to Shirley Appel at mrsradar@aol.com, or purchase tickets at <https://ivcbrw.org> and click on "pay." RSVP/PAYMENT of \$65 must be received by NOON Friday, August 7th.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now, more than ever, it has become important to not rely on one source for our information. We read *The Wall Street Journal* and watch Fox News or Newsmax, but that, I have found, is not good enough. Lately I have found that Fox News reports on news are a day or two behind certain podcasters and information outlets like the *Epoch Times* and the *Daily Wire*.

One gem I have found was the recent posting about the Promise to America by “mainstream” Democrats within the party. This is in conflict with many of the beliefs of the increasingly left faction of the Democratic Party. Signed by 13 congressmen and candidates from the Democratic Party, the Promise to America states it supports the U.S. Constitution, border security, patriotism, and the like. What makes this laughable is that one of the signees, Susie Lee, yes, THE Susie Lee of NV CD1, just two months ago delivered a foul-mouthed, four-letter diatribe against Trump’s handling of illegal immigrants. What does this say?

Ladies, what this says is we are making an impact. By speaking out against the far-left agenda, average Americans are voicing discontent with the direction the Democratic Party, or should I say, the Democratic Socialist Party of America is taking us. The Promise to America is a response by middle-of-the-road Democrats and by those in purple districts like Nevada’s to that discontent. Most Democrats and most Americans do not want to live in a socialist country and resent the anti-American sentiment voiced by the left. Finally, they are waking up to the fact that most Americans voted for Trump for a reason.

Susie Lee may have signed her name to this document, but her past record indicates this is more out of political expediency than any real sentiment. She is positioning herself to save her seat in the coming election. Beware. Now, more than ever, we



have to be aware of wolves in sheep’s clothing. They may say the right things, but do they “walk the walk,” or are they just “talking the talk?”

We often say, “This election is of critical importance,” and over time we get jaded to the expression. ***Yet in America they ARE all important!*** Quoted in many forms by different authors the expression, “The price of freedom is eternal vigilance,” rings ever true. Ronald Reagan once said, ***“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.”*** A generation ago, Great Britain had freedom of expression. People could literally get up on a soapbox in public and voice their complaints. Now, freedom of speech is denied by their government. Let this not happen to us! Stay engaged. Be kind and compassionate, but firm and reasoned. Our ideas will win the day.

Your Lady in Red,

Suzi Cornell 775-813-0622

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CALLING PATRIOTS!

In addition to being the Achievement Awards chair, I track Political and Campaign Hours for our club. **In election years I also run a voter registration program and schedule poll watchers for the Election. I NEED VOLUNTEERS.** We sit in front of the post office weekly for 2 hours on Thursday or Friday mornings. Training is minimal. Please email, text or call me.

Celine Nugent

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MEMBERSHIP CORNER

The summer is really here to stay. The weather has cooperated to a fair extent with a few days of rain, which we sure needed here in the mountains.

We had a great Fourth of July week. Thank you to everyone who showed up to decorate the float, walk/ride in the parade, and volunteer at the booth. As you can see from the photos of our club members, it was a fun-filled three days. The town was packed with lots of people having a good time. If you were not here, I hope you enjoyed your Fourth.

We had three renewing members in June and July to bring our total of full members to 71. That is good, but for those who have still not renewed, PLEASE do so ASAP. We need your support for our mid-term election in November!

Our annual Garden Party is on August 11th.

This year it will be at Crosby's in the back patio, see the flyer in this issue of the newsletter. We are inviting the candidates that won their primaries in June. It should be a nice way to meet and greet them.

Don't forget about our wonderful fashion show on September 22nd. Why so late? Retail Therapy will be presenting their fall fashions which do not come out until the middle of September. We are having the event at St. Patrick's Church, with a sit-down lunch and our models will present the 2026 fall and winter fashions. Hope to see you there!

We will also be nominating our new executive board. At our Garden Party, full members will be voting on the nominating committee. The nominating committee consists of Shirley Appel (Chairman) and Joannellen Slocumb, Kay Lehr, Trudi Adam, and Kathi Congistre. The nominees will be approved at the September meeting, and then the final vote will be in October. So don't

leave on your winter retreats until after the board has been voted in!

Well, I think I have given you enough news to think about for now. Hope to see you at our upcoming events.

Shirley Appel

Membership Chairman 2026 | mrsradar@aol.com





Our Second Annual Garage Sale was a Success!

THANK YOU MEMBERS from **Cretia Eyster** for all the wonderful donated goodies! She reports, "We had a lot of laughs and fun. The garage sale made \$2,400!!"



The Rise of Socialist-Marxist Ideology in the United States



As of July 2026, there are over 250 members of the *Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)* who hold elected public office across 40 states, marking a significant increase in socialist representation since 2015. The DSA has seen a resurgence in membership and influence, particularly since 2016, with notable elected officials including Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rashida Tlaib, and the recent election of Mayor Zohran Mamdani in New York City.

America is a constitutional republic where the powers of government are defined and limited by the Constitution. This framework ensures that both the

government and its citizens are bound by the rule of law. Today, however, there is growing concerns that many disillusioned young people in the United States, who have been indoctrinated in our public schools and universities by anti-American radicals in the education system, now, embrace Socialist-Marxist ideology and have turned away from our constitutional government.

The founding father of socialism is Karl Marx, along with his collaborator and friend Friedrich Engels. Marx was an atheist socialist who insisted that his was the only "scientific" socialism based not on wishful thinking, but the inexorable laws of history. He listed 10 necessary measures as steps along the way to utopia, including a progressive income tax, the abolition of private property, free education for all, and centralization of the means of communication and transport in "the hands of the state."

Socialism has never worked anywhere. Socialism in all its forms – Marxism-Leninism in the Soviet Union, Maoism in China, "state socialism" in India, "democratic socialism" in Sweden, National Socialism in Nazi Germany – has never come close to realizing the classless ideal of its founding father, Karl Marx. Socialism's failure to deliver on its promises of bread, peace, and land to the people is confirmed by the repeated, open resistance of dissidents: in Hungary in 1956, Czechoslovakia in 1968, Poland in 1980 with the formation of Solidarity, and China's Tiananmen Square in 1989 – just to name a few failures.

- Socialism is godless.
- Socialism forbids the age-old right of private property.
- Socialism insists that human nature is malleable, not constant.
- Socialism depends upon dictatorship to attain and remain in power.
- Socialism is responsible for the deaths of more than 100 million victims.

Source: This article was shortened for inclusion in *The Elephants Tale*. <https://www.heritage.org/progressivism/commentary/what-americans-must-know-about-socialism>



Trump Was Right. Are Our Elections Secure?



Last week, President Trump spoke to the nation about documents he was declassifying, that showed extremely disturbing information about Chinese interference in the 2020 election (and potentially

beyond). The Chinese obtained 220 million U.S. voter files which they used to deliberately impede Trump's reelection and denigrate him personally as a candidate. The Chinese have used and most likely are still using this information, combined with healthcare records, credit agency data and security clearance applications which they have already obtained, to build digital profiles on us. These digital profiles are used for voter registration fraud, identity theft, blackmail and in recruitment of Americans to spy for China.

Even more shocking, deep state actors conspired to prevent this breach from being shared with President Trump, Congress and the American people. This harkens back to Chuck Schumer's statement from January 3, 2017, "Let me tell you, you take on the intelligence community, they have six ways from Sunday at getting back at you." This was before Trump was even inaugurated. What did Schumer know? You have to wonder, because the FBI had already begun undermining Trump with the Crossfire Hurricane operation.

In her reporting, independent journalist Catherine Herridge cites a message from FBI Deputy Assistant Director Nikki Flores where she said "I'm

basically running a shadow government across the FBI at this point." She required all 2020 election intelligence to come to FBI headquarters, where what information would be shared with other agencies and what would be deep sixed was decided. Information about the Chinese voter record hacking was deliberately removed from the President's Daily Briefing because intelligence officials at the CIA feared Trump would use the information to his advantage in the election. The whistleblower who came forward to report this faced intense retaliation within the agency, contrary of course to federal law.

Herridge points out a number of statutes apply to this shocking case including abuse of power, conspiracy against or to defraud the United States, Ethics Code violations and dereliction of duty. These abuses must be prosecuted and punished to the fullest extent of the law!

Despite the media's assumption that Trump's speech was just going to be a rehashing of his claims that the 2020 election was stolen, the real story from his speech is not just what happened, but whether or not our elections are secure going forward. He also reported that the Department of Homeland Security has identified 278,000 instances in only 4 states of non-citizens registered to vote. Another reason the Senate needs to pass the Save America Act immediately!

Once again, the claims that Trump has made over the years that the "establishment" calls crazy conspiracy theories has turned out to be true. Trump should quote Rush Limbaugh each time he brings something like this to us with the words "Don't doubt me," because time after time he has been proven right.

Ladies, let's redouble our efforts. Call your Senator and politely insist that he or she votes for the Save America Act. In the meantime, assume that most everything you hear and see on social media could be Chinese misinformation and disinformation campaigns, because the Communist Party of China

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TRUMP WAS RIGHT!

is using our own data profiles to convince us to oppose things that are good for the United States (like data centers, but that's another story.)

As always, stand resolute for our country and Republican ideals, and God Bless President Trump and God Bless America.

NFRW President,

Martha Jenkins



“Meet Alec, and enjoy our attempt at taking a decent family photo with four kids!” said Vice President JD Vance. The 3 older children – Ewan, Vivek and Mirabel – add to the joy of the family photograph.

The Vance family shares its first portrait with baby Alec Neel

Just days after welcoming their fourth child, Vice President JD Vance and Second Lady Usha Vance have shared a heartwarming glimpse of their new little one. The duo took to their Instagram handle and shared their first official family portrait, featuring their three older kids as well as their newborn son, Alec Neel. It was the first complete glimpse of the family of six.

The birth of Alec was an historic moment. Alec is only the second known child to be born to the family of a sitting U.S. Vice President during a vice presidency. Earlier, it happened in 1870 when Vice President Schuyler Colfax welcomed a son while serving in office.



Mullin Announces Major Steps for Election Security Following China Revelations

In just four states, 250,000 noncitizens are registered to vote, Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin said Friday as he announced new measures to bolster election security.

The four states – California, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Nevada – did not cooperate with the Trump administration in its review of voter information, but the Department of Homeland Security obtained the information from publicly available data, Mullin said.

He also called on states to crosscheck voter data with the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements, a database from the DHS that verifies citizenship.

The secretary said that in 23 states that have cooperated with the agency's SAVE program, which helps determine voter eligibility, data show another 23,000 noncitizens and 400,000 dead people are registered to vote.

He said that states will need to work with DHS on ensuring voter eligibility if they wish to receive federal election grants.

“We are going to make our security enhancements mandatory, meaning that if these states want a grant, and they want to

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ELECTION SECURITY

be reimbursed to run federal elections, they're going to have to implement security measures," Mullin said.

The announcement follows a primetime address by President Donald Trump about the release of declassified documents showing evidence that China has been meddling in U.S. elections by hacking into voter registration databases and by other means.

"President Trump gave DHS the tools and resources to secure elections," Mullin said. "But we have to have states partner with us. If they choose not to, then voters should hold them accountable." Mullin said in 30 days the DHS would release a cybersecurity plan for protecting elections.

The president said the declassified information shows China conducted a massive hacking of voter registration information that yielded access to 220 million U.S. voter files.

Trump said the effort aimed to steal information about thousands of voters and added that information from 2018 and 2019 shows that Chinese operatives wanted to harm him so he would be forced to resign or be defeated in his reelection bid.

The president further claimed China paid U.S. journalists to write negative stories about him during his first term.

Source: <https://www.dailysignal.com/2026/07/17/mullin-announces-major-steps-for-election-security-following-china-revelations/>



America's Softening toward Islam: Are We Embracing the Religion that many are Desperate to Escape?

Here in America, this should concern us . . . A staggering 200-page report was recently released detailing the British government's allowance of young girls to be groomed and abused by Muslim gangs. This tragic reality is one result of Islam's calculated integration into societies unprepared for its totalizing ideological demands.

America's recent softening to Islam in the wake of widespread cultural acceptance will inevitably lead us down the same path. As someone who grew up under radical Islam and is now free, I am frightened by subtle signs many Americans seem to miss.

I am also unsurprised. While Islam often comes under the guise of gentleness and benevolence, it is not a peaceful religion.

Many here in the West have made the naive presumption that everyone wants to be like us. It has made us blind to the fact that there are key groups around the world who aspire to make us like them — **at all costs** — through avenues of deception and adoption of cultural norms to break down barriers over time.

America's Wave of Muslims Hope to Ride the "Mamdani Effect" into Congress

While Islamic language may at times mimic that of Christianity, the similarities are in name alone. Words like "truth, peace, freedom and power" provide vastly different understandings of how things manifest and are celebrated. This intentional yet subtle act of such dissimulation offers insight

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America's Softening toward Islam

into why Islam looks similar to Christianity, when its long-term goals are oppositional.

This is deceptive and strategic. Devout Muslims have learned to use the language of liberalism in order to play within the Western domain, but that doesn't mean they are striving toward liberal ends. This should concern us, as there are longer-term agendas at play.

Finally, while many Muslims live overall peaceful lives, it's important to note that many important and powerful individuals within the religion do not. Not only is the Quran arranged out of chronological order, but for those trained to read and understand it best, the text in its entirety provides a framework to infiltrate cultures and ultimately control them.

At its core, the Quran prioritizes avenues of dominance over peace, manipulation over love, and abuse over benevolence. So, while one section may convey the good and decent aspects of Islam, it does not take away from the deep-rooted priorities and exhortations emphasized within its pages throughout regarding dominion over others – a long game – integration followed by those most devout. Carrying out such commands advances the broader and most crucial strategy to control the nations.

This should sound the alarm.

Author, Lana Silk is President and CEO of Transform Iran, an organization providing humanitarian aid and support to people inside Iran. Born in Iran on what is known as “Black Friday,” the day the Islamic Revolution began, she later moved to the United Kingdom. There she built a career as a communications strategist. Today, she advocates for the Iranian people and works to raise global awareness of conditions inside the country, including the challenges faced by its civil society and oppressed minority communities. [Source: Online CBN News]

Spin Doctor New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani:

“I believe that Prime Minister Netanyahu belongs in The Hague. He's a war criminal who has been charged by the International Criminal Court.” – “He's the architect of the genocide against Palestinians in Gaza as Israel's prime minister.”

Friendly Fire back to you Spin Doctor:

“[Zohran Mamdani] is a total clown. I mean, he has the authority to arrest [Benjamin] Netanyahu [no] more than I would have the authority to arrest him ... if he visited down in Washington, DC. You're a mayor, dude. Pick up trash, fix some potholes, and really fix the homeless problem in your city. You're way out of your league. ... It's just for clicks at this point. ... It's just pandering to the DSA communists and his friends in New York.”

Pennsylvania Senator John Fetterman

“Evil is powerless if the good are unafraid.” That's why the Marxist vision of man without God must eventually be seen as an empty and a false faith – the second oldest in the world – first proclaimed in the Garden of Eden with whispered words... ‘Ye shall be as gods.’ The crisis of the Western world ... exists to the degree in which it is indifferent to God.” – **Ronald Reagan, March 20, 1981**

Bill Maher isn't going along

Every day I read about a new person ... who is saying some variation of ... abolish the police. No prisons. No police. Like, what world do they think we could possibly live in under these conditions? ... I'm so glad that whenever it was I was like, ‘No, I'm not going along,’ because this is where it ends.” When Maher was asked by ABC's Jon Karl, “Could you see yourself voting for JD Vance?” “Yes.”




AMERICANISM




THEODORE ROOSEVELT – An Amazing President

A little known fact: As a child, *Theodore Roosevelt witnessed the Abraham Lincoln funeral procession!* There is a photo

of the young Roosevelt perched in a window watching the procession in New York City in April 1865 that surfaced in the 1950s. At the time young Roosevelt and his brother were at their grandfather's mansion.

Theodore Roosevelt Jr. (his full name) came from a wealthy family. Roosevelt was the second of four children born into a socially prominent family of Dutch and English ancestry. His father, Theodore Roosevelt, Sr., was a noted businessman and philanthropist, and his mother, Martha Bulloch of Georgia, came from a wealthy plantation family. He was born on October 27, 1858 in New York City and died at age 60 in January 6, 1919 at Oyster Bay, New York. A sickly child with debilitating asthma, Roosevelt overcame health problems through a regime of vigorous exercise, which he called “the strenuous life.”

Roosevelt was married twice, first to Alice Hathaway Lee, who died shortly after childbirth, and later to Edith Kermit Carow. He had six children.

He was educated at Harvard University, where he developed a passion for history and naturalism. Roosevelt graduated from Harvard, but left law school at Columbia without receiving a degree as he decided to focus on local politics and lost interest in a legal career.

Many Republican Party leaders did not want Roosevelt to be President. As a young Bull Moose Republican in politics, he angered top GOP honchos by refusing to appoint Republicans to

bureaucratic positions. Party bosses Mark Hanna and Thomas Platt were able to “kick Roosevelt upstairs” as the vice presidential nominee in 1900 for the incumbent President, William McKinley.

Theodore Roosevelt became the 26th president after William McKinley's assassination in 1901 and served until 1909. He had served only six months as vice president under President McKinley. At his inauguration, he was the youngest person at age 42 to hold the office of president.

Roosevelt had a photographic memory and was a prolific writer. Aided by his excellent memory and his high energy level, Theodore Roosevelt wrote about 35 books in his lifetime and an estimated 150,000 letters as well as an autobiography!

Roosevelt made naval expansion a priority, and his tenure saw an increase in the number of ships, officers, and enlisted men in the Navy. According to Gordon O'Gara, Roosevelt had a major success in building the world's second most powerful fleet, behind Great Britain. New technology and managerial techniques brought in from the industrial world had a quick impact. Construction time of new ships was cut by 40 percent; new turbine engine technologies replaced bulky coal with oil; ships were given radios – called wireless – to communicate with each other and with headquarters; gunnery became much more accurate, and the speed of ships was greatly increased. And by building oil tankers, the Navy could refuel anywhere around the world!

Theodore Roosevelt's presidency expanded U.S. global influence by modernizing the military, asserting the “Big Stick” policy in Latin America, and negotiating the Roosevelt Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine in 1904. He also prioritized the Open Door Policy in China, mediated the Russo-Japanese War (winning a Nobel Peace Prize), and advanced the Panama Canal project to strengthen U.S. naval and trade power.

Theodore Roosevelt established approximately 230 million acres of public lands during his presidency, including 150 national forests, 51 federal bird reserves, 4 national game preserves, 5 national parks, and 18 national monuments.



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: _____

NAME as it appears on your NAMETAG: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS(es): _____

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Email address (for roster and newsletter): _____

Please print

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:

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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
Jill Minkle26-August
Pamela G. Black.....27-August
Cheryl Anderson28-August
Gail Arnold-Kowallis.....28-August
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