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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
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LOREN SPIVACK & DR. GLORIA HOM
See bios on page 3!

***** BLUE PHEASANT *****
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11:30am - Check In
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***** Cost of Program: \$32 *****

*Includes a delicious lunch, coffee or iced tea
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PASTA PRIMAVERA

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Must RSVP by Monday September, 9th!

Lunches must be pre-ordered.

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ROBIN McCARTHY
West Valley RWF President



WHITE AFTER LABOR DAY?

I remember a time when the biggest problem I had to contemplate was whether I really couldn't wear white after Labor Day. Many years ago, I had a September trip planned to London for my job and my mom (a true fashionista for sure) decided to join me. As mothers and daughters do, we discussed what clothes we would be wearing on our trip. I mentioned a favorite pair of white pants that I intended to bring, but my mom was aghast! Her comment "White?! After Labor Day???", made it clear this was indeed a fashion no-no. Thinking this must be an outdated "law", like any loving daughter would do, I researched the topic. And there it was, the reason it's considered taboo to wear white after Labor Day began on the East Coast, when the weather turns cold and rainy in September and white, specifically white shoes, may get muddy. Hardly a concern here in the western states when it stays nice and toasty well into October.... But I still can't shake my mother's words from my head. It's rare to find me in anything white after Labor Day.

Oh, how I wish that was my only problem now! Every time I read the headlines or hear the news, I'm befuddled at how far we have strayed from our shared beliefs. Just when I think it can't get worse, I learn about a new tax, or the rapidly increasing fees for just about everything, or how our government is giving illegals mortgages, free health care and driver's licenses just to name a few of the issues we are bombarded with. The issues have never been so divisive as they are today. But what I can't understand is why? Why have we strayed so far and allowed these subjects to divide us so? At one time, we all believed in the American Dream. The once shared ideals for Americans have been sabotaged and ridiculed to make us (*or attempt to make us*) think we are wrong for striving for a better life. The left has gone so far left that even the average American is struggling to believe what is being forced upon us. The moderate Democrat no longer agrees with what their own party is doing.

But at the same time, I am encouraged. Strange and great things are happening all around us. Now that Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., has withdrawn his bid for the white house and put his support behind President Trump, I feel a definite shift. People that were on the fence are now stepping up in support of Trump. A recent Times/Siena College poll released last week revealed a strong preference for Trump among men aged 18 to 29. This is incredible! Even with all the brainwashing from mainstream media and the education system, young men are turning to Trump!

This is good news for conservatives. Now is the time to be bold and invite your family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to a Republican Women Federated meeting. Let's encourage our young generation of women to stand up for what is right. Be bold! Put that Trump sign in your yard!

I will be bold, I WILL wear white after Labor Day, along with my red and blue.
Change is in the air, and we are taking this country back!



ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS



Loren Spivack, “The Free Market Warrior”, was born and raised in Massachusetts and spent most of his adult life in New York City. Before becoming active in politics, Spivack worked for several non-profits and as a management consultant for both profit and non-profit companies. Spivack founded “Free Market Warrior” in 2009 in an effort to make a positive difference in American politics and economics.

He conducts “Economic Literacy” seminars across the United States. So far, Spivack has delivered his famous seminar on “Economic Literacy” to over 200 groups in 20 states. Spivack is also the author of “The New Democrat” a parody history of the Obama administration, and “The Gorax”, an anti-environmentalism/pro capitalism parody starring Al Gore and presenting his movement as a threat to American freedom and standard of living.



We are honored to welcome back **Dr. Gloria Hom** on September 19th to enlighten us on some of the ballot measures we will be voting on soon. Gloria has held many roles in her life: the economist; the wife, mother of three and grandmother; the educator, politician and civic leader.

Generations of students owe their understanding of economic and political science to Dr. Hom, who taught those subjects for 35 years, first at Foothill College, then De Anza College and later at West Valley-Mission Community College District.

She has received state and federal recognition for her work, named “Outstanding Educator of America” and trustee emeritus for CSU. She also received the Seal of California in recognition of her tenure on the CA State Board of Education. President Ronald Reagan appointed her to serve on the Advisory Council of the White House Conference on Library and Information Services and President George H.W. Bush appointed her to the Sallie Mae board of directors.

Dear Democrats – What Are You Voting For?

Laura Hollis – 8/29/24 – patriotpost.us

We all have friends, colleagues and loved ones who are lifelong Democrat voters. This column is intended for them, and for those of us willing to engage in discussions with them about the upcoming election. Conversations about politics are challenging, but voters should be able to answer the questions I pose here, If they take their responsibilities as a citizen seriously.

When you ask Democrats (or others) who support Vice President Kamala Harris why they intend to vote for her, a significant number will give some version of, “Because Trump ...” They may believe the propaganda that he’s “a threat to democracy,” or that he’s “going to start World War III,” or that he’ll “throw his political opponents in jail.” Some will simply say they just don’t like him.

But if that’s your answer, it’s not good enough. Nor is it sufficient to parrot platitudes like “I’m voting for joy” or “hope” or “progress,” whatever that means.

You’re not just voting against Candidate X or for some happy feeling; you are casting your ballot in favor of another candidate and for her policies. What are they? Do you know? If you do, kudos. You’ve done some homework. Because it’s not as if Harris’ presidential campaign has told you what her policies are — her website has only slogans, ways to donate and merch sales.

Nor was the platform of a President Harris/Vice President Tim Walz administration laid out at the Democratic National Convention earlier this month. As journalist Camilla Long explained in a blistering piece for the New York Post, the convention was both a surreal swoonfest of Kamalove and a hotbed of Trump Derangement Syndrome.

The media Is In on the obfuscation. Harris has refused to give interviews or press conferences since President Joe Biden was forced out of the campaign, and the press has been only too happy to cover for her. The radio silence is a feature, not a bug.

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Because, in fact, Harris actually has a track record of supporting specific policies. The problem is that most Americans don't agree with them. Indeed, except for the legalization of abortion on demand up until birth, her own voters don't even know what they are.

The Media Research Center published a recent survey of 1,200 registered Democrat and independent voters, and the results were shocking, if not surprising. When asked about 10 policy positions Harris supports, the overwhelming majority (between 71% to 86%) of those surveyed did not know any of them. They did not know, for example, that Harris supports getting rid of the border patrol, allowing death row inmates to vote, and abolishing all private health insurance.

Columnist Byron York wrote earlier this week that Harris is trying to triangulate by having campaign officials insist that she has "moderated" her earlier positions; he notes, however, that Harris herself has made no such public statements. This, of course, leaves Harris the ability, if she gets elected, to disregard those surrogates' statements and pursue the policies she has consistently espoused in the past.

So, I'm asking you, Democrat and never-Trump friends, do you know what you are voting for? Because if you're anything like the voters that MRC surveyed, lost in all the anti-Trump propaganda and Gen Z babble about "vibes" is the possibility that Harris might not represent the values you say matter to you:

— Do you support freedom of speech? The Biden/Harris administration pressured media companies to censor truthful information about COVID-19, and the point person for that effort — Rob Flaherty — is now Harris' deputy campaign manager. That bodes well.

— The integrity of the democratic process? Harris was installed as the Democratic Party's presidential candidate, not selected by voters. And the DNC tried to destroy Robert F. Kennedy Jr.'s independent candidacy by burying him in lawsuits. Kennedy — penultimate Democratic Party royalty if there ever was any — left the party and endorsed former President Donald Trump. So has former Hawaii congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard.

— A fair and impartial justice system? The Biden/Harris administration has weaponized the Justice Department to go after Democrats' political opponents, try them, convict them and throw them in prison — including but not limited to Trump.

— A secure border, safe cities, lower crime, and adequate care and support for our veterans? As "border czar," Harris presided over this administration's open borders policy that has allowed 10 million illegal aliens into the country. Americans have been victimized by crimes and drug trafficking. Tens of billions of dollars have been diverted to benefits for people here illegally that could have been spent on America's poor, our homeless, and better care for our veterans. And Harris promoted a fund to post bail for criminals arrested for riots and arson during the widespread violence in 2020.

— A strong middle class and a robust entrepreneurial economy? Biden and Harris stifled America's energy production on Day One of their administration, sending oil prices skyrocketing and creating record levels of inflation. Now, Harris is pushing for massive tax increases that will penalize investment, crush small business and send the prices of consumer goods even higher.

— Stable foreign policy, an end to American involvement in foreign wars and profligate spending of American taxpayer dollars in other nations? The departure from Afghanistan was an unmitigated disaster. War has broken out in eastern Europe and the Middle East under the Biden/Harris administration. Israel was brutally attacked. One hundred seventy-five billion dollars from U.S. taxpayers has been sent or promised to Ukraine.

Is this really what you want? Because if you vote for Harris, it's what you're voting for, whether you know it — or admit it — or not. 

An interesting comparison...

What's The Difference Between **Republicans** and **Democrats**?

Political Party affiliation is a quick way to find out the basic ideas, philosophy, and core beliefs for each candidate, both Republican and Democrat. Share with your family and friends so they are educated about the significant differences between these two parties, and can vote according to their own core values.

Issues	Republicans believe...	Democrats believe...
Core Beliefs	Each person responsible for his/her own destiny and place in society. Government should allow each person to secure the benefits of society for themselves, their families and those not able to care for themselves. Limited government intervention to promote individual prosperity, but assist in specific cases where society cannot effectively act at the individual level. Keep governmental power and resources close to the people through state and community leaders, not in distant federal government agencies.	Government's responsibility to care for all individuals, even if it means giving up individual rights and/or subordinating enterprise and initiative. Centralized power in Washington D.C., with only secondary consideration for rights of individuals and communities. Favor federal-level interventions that replace community-based solutions to community problems often leaving federal regulations and controls in the hands of unelected bureaucrats, causing a severe erosion of local authority.
The Economy	Free enterprise has brought economic growth and innovations that have made this country great. Government should help stimulate a business environment where people are free to use their talents.	Economy is too complicated for individuals to navigate alone. Business decisions should be guided by government officials and in the best interest of labor unions.
Taxes & Government Spending	Work tirelessly to cut government spending and to eliminate government waste. Individuals should control both their own and their government's pocketbook - the people should authorize all tax increases.	Government knows what is best for individuals, and federal bureaucrats better understand the community's needs than a locally elected council. Federal government should define the taxes necessary to meet its obligations, because it's too complicated for individuals to understand.
Education	All students, regardless of race or socio-economic background, should become proficient in reading & math. While it is desirable that children learn more than one language, mastery of the English language allows children to be competitive at university level. Schools should be accountable for student progress through testing, which can identify individual children's needs. Reports, at both the student and school level, should be provided to parents to ensure accountability.	Tests burden teachers and waste classroom instruction time. Children should be forced to stay in schools that fail to teach the basic skills. Literacy should be left for unions to define rather than local PTAs or other parent groups.
Immigration	Our nation is enriched by immigrants seeking a better life, and they hope for a better future for their children in America. But the lack of border security has contributed to the flow of narco-trafficking, gang violence, and yearly forced servitude and slavery of hundreds of thousands of women and children by human smugglers. Immigration policies should be followed, and securing our borders is vital to ensuring the safety of our citizens.	As the world superpower, it is a fundamental right for the United States to provide unconditional aid and comfort to the citizens of other nations. Democrats believe in open borders, unconditional amnesty, and that the laws of this nation be curtailed to provide non-emergency assistance and legal forms of identification to foreign nationals.
National Defense	A strong national defense and defending our nation against enemies must be a commitment of the federal government requiring the best-trained, best-equipped, most effective military in the world. With America as the world's only superpower, true security comes from the strength of character to act collaboratively, when possible, and alone when necessary. America must fight terrorism abroad in order to prevent it at home.	In the past 10 years, Democrats have advocated for scaling down our military and reducing the money spent on military intelligence. True security comes from negotiations with foreign nations, even if they harbor or have financial ties to terrorist groups. We must ask other nations for permission before we act to protect our own security.
Social Issues	Generally focus on the preservation of traditional values and beliefs, and moral and social values which have been degraded over the years by liberalism. This impacts how they view traditional family structures, gender roles, sexual relations, national patriotism, educational focus on basics rather than social issues, sanctity of life, and importance of religious traditions. Support the status quo rather than social change. This does sometimes differ amongst individual Republicans.	Democrats, generally Liberals, are considered less wed to traditional values and beliefs, but rather are more comfortable with social change. Pro-Abortion. This does sometimes differ amongst individual Democrats.



NFRW STRIKE FORCE - 2024

Every member can do something to #SaveAmerica! We need an army of Federation members from across the nation to door-knock, to educate, and to encourage voters in these key Battleground States:

- *Michigan: September 22-29, Rochester Hills*
- *Pennsylvania: September 29-October 6, New Cumberland*
- *Arizona: October 6-13, Paradise Valley*
- *Nevada: October 13-20, Reno*
- *Georgia: October 20-27, CD3*
- *North Carolina: October 20-27, Charlotte*
- *Wisconsin: October 27-November 3, CD3*

Interested in Volunteering as an NFRW Strike Force Volunteer?

Are you interested in making a difference in the November 5 General Election by serving as a Strike Force Volunteer? Send an email to nfrwstrikeforce@gmail.com with the following information:

- *Name*
- *Battleground Location*
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- *Member or Associate Volunteer Roommate*

2024 CFRW NOVEMBER BALLOT RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposition 2: Borrow \$10 billion to build schools. Legislative Democrats put on the ballot a bond issue to give \$8.5 billion to K-12 schools and \$1.5 billion to community colleges for construction and modernization. **OPPOSE**

Proposition 3: Reaffirm the right of same-sex couples to marry. This constitutional amendment from the Legislature would remove outdated language from Proposition 8, passed by voters in 2008, that characterizes marriage as being between a man and a woman. **OPPOSE**

Proposition 4: Borrow \$10 billion for climate programs. Legislative Democrats also placed a bond issue on the ballot that includes \$3.8 billion for drinking water and groundwater, \$1.5 billion for wildfire and forest programs and \$1.2 billion for sea level rise. In part, the money would offset some budget cuts. **OPPOSE**

Proposition 5: Lower voter approval requirements for local housing and infrastructure bonds. This constitutional amendment from the Legislature would make it easier for local governments to borrow money for affordable housing and other infrastructure. To avoid opposition from the influential real estate industry, supporters agreed to block bond money from being used to buy single-family homes. **OPPOSE**

Proposition 6: Limit forced labor in state prisons. Lawmakers added this one late — a constitutional amendment to end indentured servitude in state prisons, considered one of the last remnants of slavery. The California Black Legislative Caucus included the amendment in its reparations bill package. **OPPOSE**

Proposition 32: Raise the state minimum wage to \$18 an hour. This initiative seemed a much bigger deal when it was first proposed in 2021. But under existing law, the overall minimum wage has risen to \$16 an hour. And lower-paid workers in two huge industries are getting more: Fast food workers received a \$20 an hour minimum on April 1 and health care workers will eventually get \$25, though the start date has been pushed back to at least Oct. 15. **OPPOSE**

Proposition 33: Allow local governments to impose rent controls. This is the latest attempt to roll back a state law that generally prevents cities and counties from limiting rents in properties first occupied after Feb. 1, 1995. **OPPOSE**

Proposition 34: Require certain health providers to use nearly all revenue from a federal prescription drug program on patient care. Sponsored by the trade group for California's landlords, this measure is squarely aimed at knee-capping the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, which has been active in funding ballot measures (see the rent control one above).

NEUTRAL (didn't meet 2/3 required to support)

Proposition 35: Make permanent a tax on managed health care insurance plans. This initiative is sponsored by California's health care industry to raise more money for Medi-Cal and block lawmakers from using the cash to avoid cuts to other programs. The measure would hold Newsom to a promise to permanently secure that tax money for health care for low-income patients.

NEUTRAL (didn't meet 2/3 required to oppose)

Proposition 36: Increase penalties for theft and drug trafficking. This initiative may be the most contentious on the ballot. It would partly roll back Proposition 47, approved by voters in 2014.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PLAN AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

All lunch meetings: Check-in 11:30am and Adjourn 1:30pm



- September 2 **Labor Day**
- September 4 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, 11:00am, Flames Coffee Shop,
7170 Santa Teresa Blvd., San Jose, CA 95139
- September 6-7 **CFRW BOD & Conference**, DoubleTree by Hilton, Bakersfield, CA
- September 19 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/**Gloria Hom** and **Loren Spivack**
- October 2 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, time & location TBD
- October 17 **West Valley RWF General Meeting w/Santa Clara County Search & Rescue**
- November 6 West Valley RWF BOD Meeting, time & location TBD
- November 21 West Valley RWF General Meeting w/TBD
- December 5 **West Valley RWF Members Christmas Luncheon at home of Lorene Milligan.** 🌲

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