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PI2025 #0380 – Only So Many Straws

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~ *Friedrich Nietzsche*

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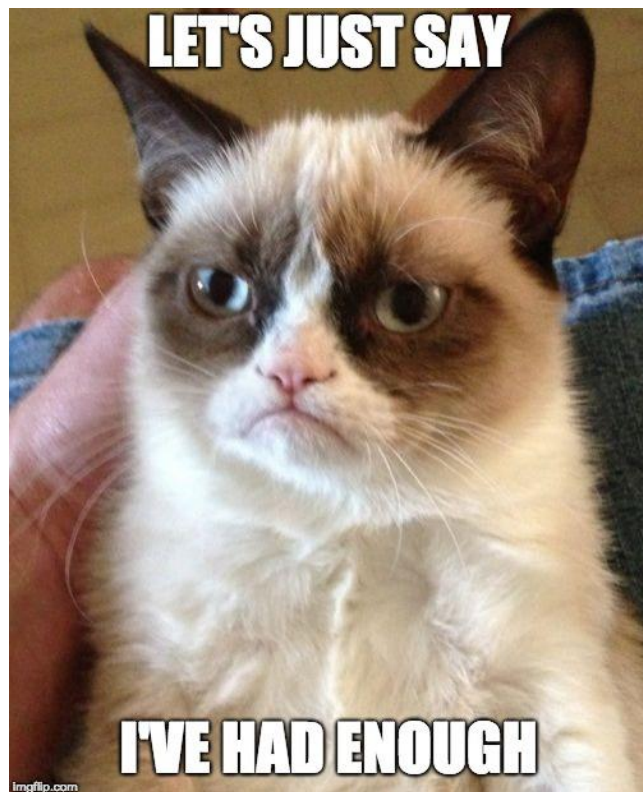
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"To be controlled in our economic pursuits means to be controlled in everything."

~ *Friedrich August von Hayek*



Tariffs (Trade Taxes). Governments way to force governments to behave as governments want governments to behave. "We, the American People" would be smart to treat tariffs (trade taxes) like any tax. Boycott them. Tariffs (trade taxes) are creating global anxiety around Planet Earth. European Union finance ministers guess financial implosion due President Donald J. Trump tariffs (trade taxes).

"The history of government management of money has, except for a few short happy periods, been one of incessant fraud and deception."

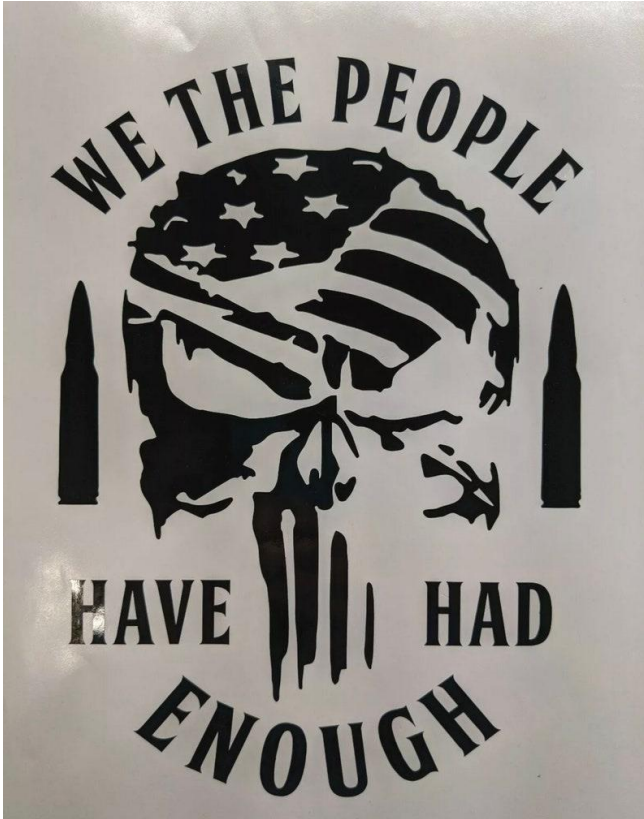
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"Our, the American People's" Dow Jones Industrial Stock Average (DJIA), widely referred to when America's economic health is debated, is off on order of 9-10% of its all-time high. Less confident investors might be selling off, cutting their losses, and running. Long-term DJIA thinkers are, like as not, holding fast, or, buying, not selling. Buy, sell. Can't have one without t' other. Without t' other.

"The system of private property is the most important guaranty of freedom, not only for those who own property, but scarcely less for those who do not."

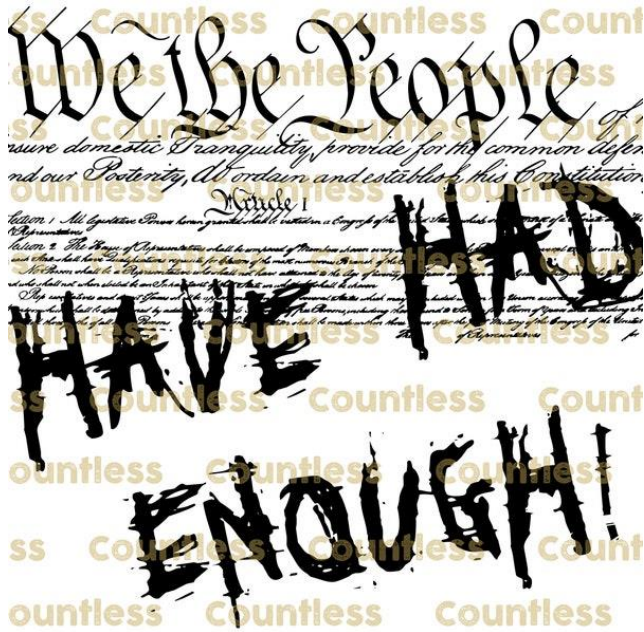
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Protectionism Tactics Are Predicted to exacerbate tariff (trade tax) worries. One has to wonder how it is European Union (EU) financial politicians-legislators are so worried President Donald J. Trump's tariff (trade tax) policies will collapse global financial markets. Tariffs (trade taxes) are a form of foreign policy. Governments use tariffs to get governments in line with governments. Incestuous.

"The better the state is established, the fainter is humanity."

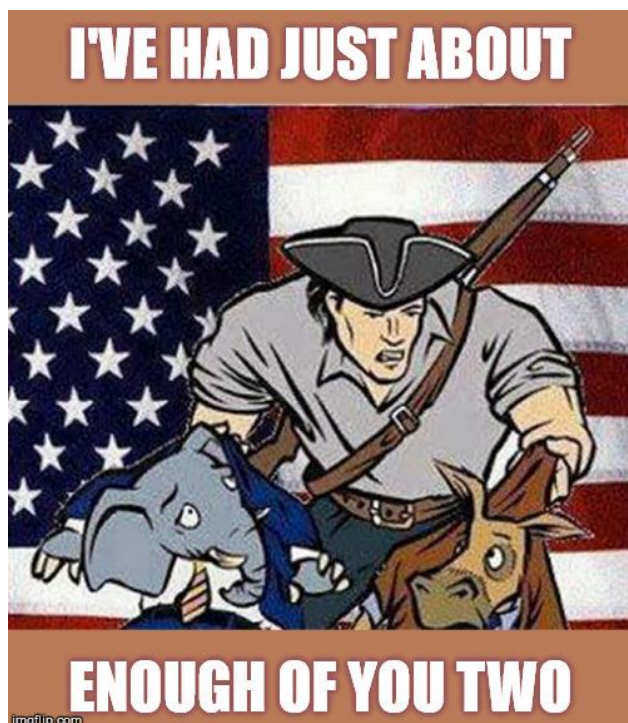
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There Might Come A Day when sovereign citizenries, like “Us, the American People,” have had it with government standing in way of life, Liberty, and pursuit of happiness. So fed up might we be, government officials will fear for their very hides, they will refrain from interfering with our inclination to live our lives without their regulatory supervision. No signs yet. Only so many straws on camels.

"Arbitrary rule has its basis, not in the strength of the state or the chief, but in the moral weakness of the individual, who submits almost without resistance to the domineering power."

~ *Friedrich Hatzel*



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"The freedom that will be used by only one man in a million may be more important to society and more beneficial to the majority than any freedom that we all use."

~ ***Friedrich Hayek***

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"I know no class of my fellowmen, however just, enlightened, and humane, which can be wisely and safely trusted absolutely with the liberties of any other class."

~ ***Frederick Douglass***

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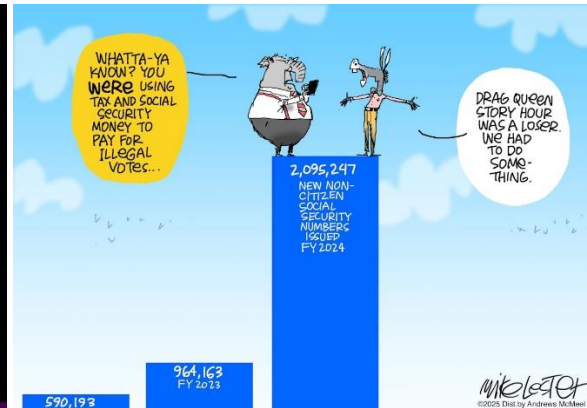
"It is indeed a singular thing that people wish to pass laws to nullify the disagreeable consequences that the law of responsibility entails."

~ **Frederic Bastiat**

Members of Congress make \$174,000 per year, so how on earth have some of them become multi-millionaires during their time on Capitol Hill? Elon Musk says DOGE will investigate this as its next order of business.



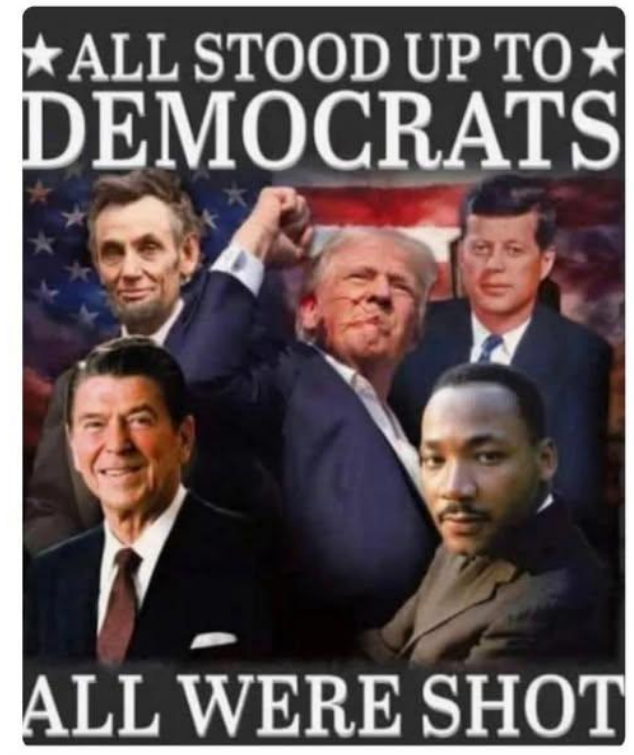
First liberals stood with Palestine. Then they stood with Mexico. Now they stand with Ukraine. When are they going to stand with America?



Tariff (Trade Tax) Naysayers are out in force, predicting President Donald J. Trump's tariff (trade tax) initiatives will bring America's economy to its knees, and drive every one of "Us, the American People" into unrecoverable depths of despair and destitution. Tariff (trade tax) danger is evidenced by financial markets like Dow Jones Industrial Stock Average (DJIA) in freefall, according to some analysts.

"Socialism, like the ancient ideas from which it springs, confuses the distinction between government and society. ."

~ **Frederic Bastiat**

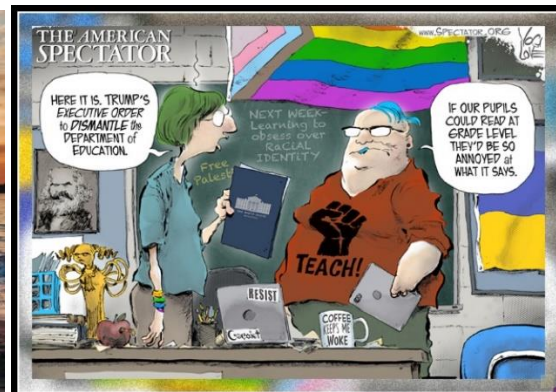
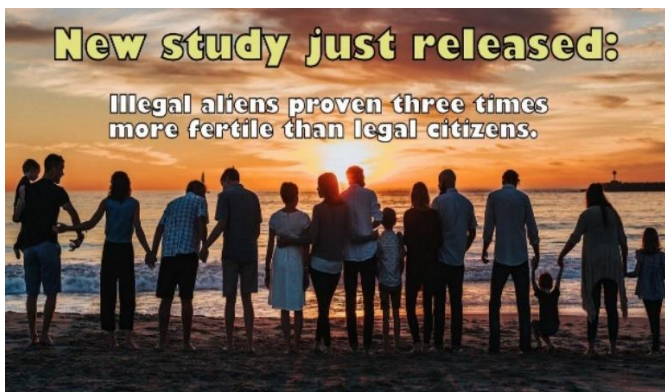


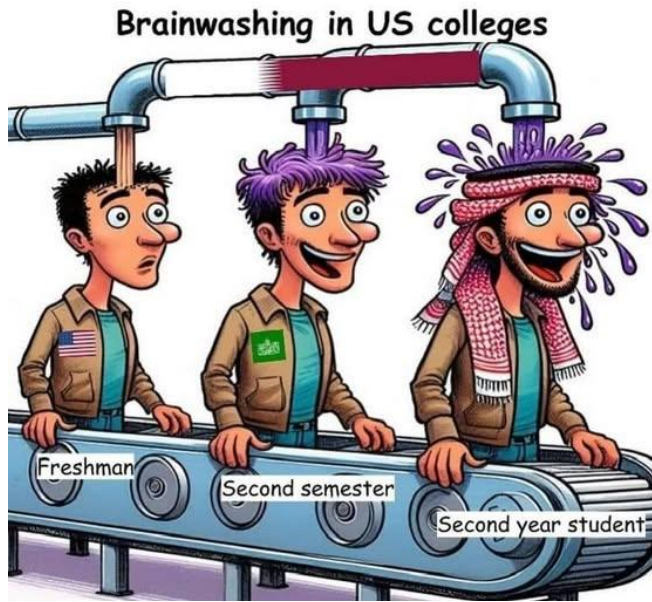


Tariff (Trade Tax) Critics and naysayers, with all their broad predictions, are unable to put numbers to their tariff (trade tax) anxiety neurosis. One professorial level analyst may have put tariff (trade tax) premonition in prospective by noting, "We don't know how this is going to play out." Consumers, professorial level or cash register level, aware of it or not, will decide how tariffs (trade taxes) play out.

"Liberty is meaningless where the right to utter one's thoughts and opinions has ceased to exist. That, of all rights, is the dread of tyrants. It is the right which they first of all strike down."

~ **Frederick Douglass**

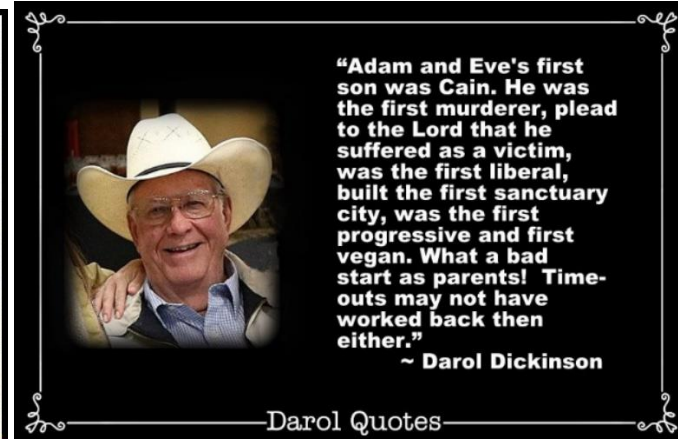
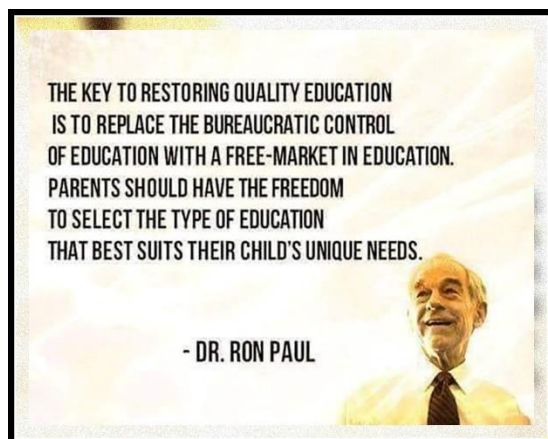




Tariffs (Trade Taxes) Are, First and foremost, taxes. Every business owner knows taxes are a cost-of sales. Every business owner knows cost-of sales drives prices. How it is we, a sovereign citizenry, and people in every country where tariffs (trade taxes) are now said to be economic gloom and doom forerunners, allow governments to use tariffs (trade taxes) to manipulate governments is absurdity.

"To educate a man is to unfit him to be a slave."

~ *Frederick Douglass*

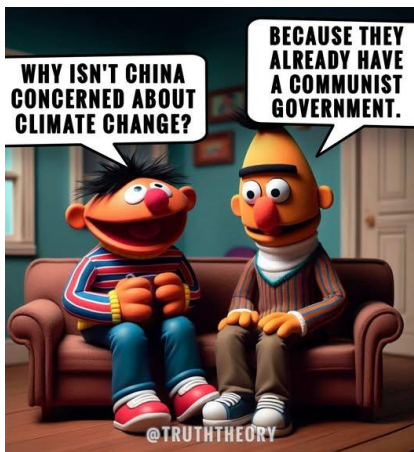
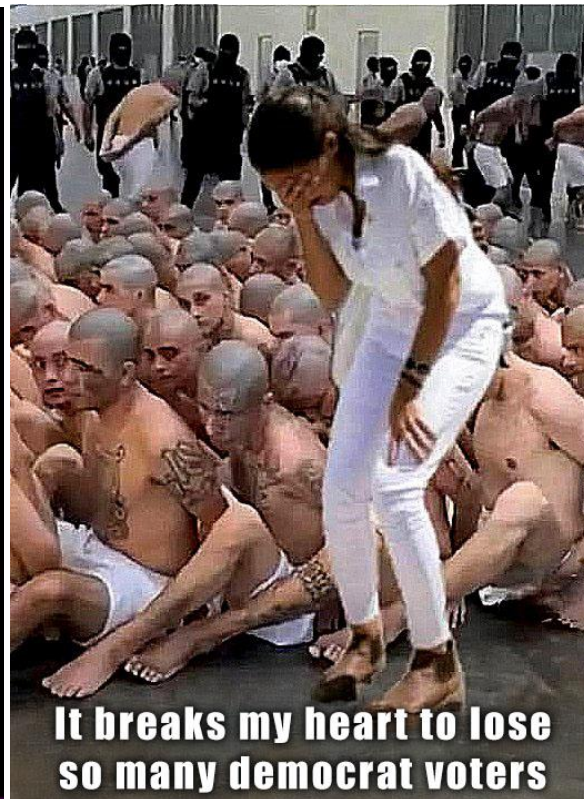




If “Our, the American People’s” government is party to forthcoming tariff (trade tax)-driven economic gloom and doom, then there is no reason why we – and people in every country crying about tariffs (trade taxes) - can not refuse to buy a penny’s worth of imports. We know if we want a store to go out of business, we need do nothing but stop patronizing it. Yet we tolerate tax-tariffs to sap our content.

"The whole history of the progress of human liberty shows that all concessions yet made to her august claims have been born of earnest struggle."

~ ***Frederick Douglass***



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"The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress."

~ **Frederick Douglass**

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PI2025 #0378 – (BA) Was The Proxy Voting Standoff A Ruse?

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“As citizens, we all have an obligation to intervene and become involved - it’s the citizen who changes things.”

~ *Jose Saramago*

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AAH Reader (<bethannscstalkradio@substack.com>) **Circulates Periodic** perspectives under “*Beth Ann From Beyond the Microphone*.” Recent (*Was The Proxy Voting Standoff A Ruse?*) below.

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"Why did this proxy vote bill all of a sudden become more important than America?"

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While President Trump and Elon Musk, through DOGE, are desperately trying to clean house and make sure employees actually show up for work, Republican Rep. Anna Paulina Luna from Florida put forth a bill (out of complete selfishness, in my opinion) to allow new parents who happen to hold a position of great importance and great responsibility, to not show up to work. She gave birth in 2023 to her first child and now believes that new parents in Congress should be allowed to vote proxy while at home with their newborn. It's not like we're talking about a job of any great importance... right? It's not as if she has an obligation to her constituents to actually show up for work...it's not as if they even work every day all year long.

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Previously, 96 percent of republicans voted against proxy voting because they believe it to be unconstitutional; so why was yesterday's proxy battle more important than voting (while present, Ms. Luna)? Much like the democrats don't care that **We the People** overwhelmingly elected President Trump to "clean up dodge," Rep. Luna and eight other republicans decided to make proxy voting a fight in the house, despite an overwhelming majority against it earlier. In the minds of these nine republicans, their proxy fight took precedence over some vitally important measures, which were in the bill they protested, because it didn't contain Momma Luna's Proxy bill.

So how did they do this? Speaker Johnson refused to add Rep. Luna's Proxy bill to the bill that was to be voted on, so she and other republicans agreed to join democrats and stop Tuesday's vote. I also noticed there was not one republican female who decided to join democrats; except for Anna, it was all males. I'm not going to refer to them as men, for I feel they just committed a nefarious act of "sleight of hand," or slight of vote. Who were these "turncoats"? Rep. Tim Burchett (R-TN), Mike Lawler (R-NY), Will Kiley (R-CA), Nick LaLota (R-NY) Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ), Max Miller (R-OH), Greg Steube (R-FL) and Ryan Mackenzie (R-PA).

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We the People should ponder for just a moment; Why was this proxy vote more important than the bill they were to vote on yesterday?

When I read exactly what the bill contained, I realized that the proxy standoff was a ruse indeed.

The bill that they (the RINO Republicans) blocked from vote yesterday contained the election integrity **“SAVE ACT,”** and repealing Biden’s regulations. But proxy voting from home after having a baby was much more important!

However, that’s not all! The House Bill also contained a bill from Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA) which would restrict activist federal judges from issuing nationwide injunctions. However, proxy voting from home after having a baby was much more important than stopping the unconstitutional judges from usurping the power of the President of the United States.

Was Wednesday’s act of openly willful defiance built on Anna’s selfish pride, and spite, or was the proxy just a ruse so that Republican RINOs could stop election integrity and allow rogue judges to continue their attacks on President Trump’s administration? Perhaps republicans are concerned DOGE is about to uncover some of their own fraudulent and corrupt behavior.

It took me a hot minute or two to figure this out, but I believe that the all-of-a sudden-more-important-than-the-Constitutionality-election-integrity-and draining-the-swamp-missing-proxy-vote-Bill was all a RUSE for republicans to stop and delay a very important bill for Americans.

This should make us all very angry! I suggest we call them out; call 202-224-3121 and ask them, “Why did this proxy vote bill all of a sudden become more important than America?”

So, since Rep. Luna couldn’t get her don’t-need-to-show-up-to-vote bill, nestled in Wednesday’s save-America-election-integrity-free-from-radical-Biden-

regulations-back-off-rogue-judges-bill, she, along with eight other republicans (republicrats) decided to vote not to vote at all!

If Rep. Anna Paulina Luna can't handle motherhood and her job at the same time, she might need to be primaried with a woman who knows how to juggle family and job appropriately, while keeping her oath to her constituents.

Lest you might think that I'm a "cat lady" without children and without motherly compassion, I confess that I raised five sons. It was a lot of work and there was a lot of juggling – but I always showed up to work!

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"Life, liberty, and property do not exist because men have made laws. On the contrary, it was the fact that life, liberty, and property existed beforehand that caused men to make laws in the first place."

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America's Midterm Election 2026 will be a blowout for President Donald J. Trump's MAGA. Given media coverage of democrat wins of April 2025. One governor points to a state legislator seat gone democrat from GOP and declares switch to be a sign voters don't want divisive GOP policies. GOP leadership is said to be worried Congressional control will slip from their fingers come Election 2026.

"And now, after having vainly inflicted upon the social body so many systems, let them end where they ought to have begun — reject all systems, and try of liberty...."

~ *Frederic Bastiat*



“We, the American People” can rest assured we will be at legislative mercy until we stop legislators at all levels from confiscating property (wealth) and restricting choice (Liberty). Legislators, regardless their party affiliation, have one goal above all others. Legislators are relentless in their quest for lawful power over America’s citizenry. They’ll have it as long as America’s citizenry is passive.

"There are people who think that plunder loses all its immorality as soon as it becomes legal. Personally, I cannot imagine a more alarming situation."

~ ***Frederic Bastiat***



“Our, the American People’s” legislators first allegiance is to law; more specifically, lawful force. It matters not whose party happens to have legislative majority power. Whoever is in legislative majority power works desperately to have their personal attitudes, values, and beliefs (PAVB) made lawfully compulsory. They get PAVB-driven legislation because we, a sovereign citizenry, surrender our PAVB.

"Everyone wants to live at the expense of the State. They forget that the State lives at the expense of everyone."

~ ***Frederic Bastiat***



It Is Virtually Impossible for “Us, the American People” to expect government to deliver Liberty. America’s government hasn’t done so in a quarter millennium. There are no signs America’s government will deliver Liberty. America’s government is too focused on exerting lawful force. America’s sovereign citizenry is caught up electing people with promises, not culling lawful power.

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