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The Mid-South Tribune Strongly Endorses the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (S.A.V.E.) ACT to Protect American Citizens' Voting Rights

Editorial

By Ms. Arelya J. Mitchell,
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In this The Mid-South Tribune's 31st Annual Black History Month edition, we have printed in full text of H.R. 22 Act which is known as the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act or S.A.V.E. Act. It should come to no surprise that we strongly support and endorse this ACT. This ACT has the integrity and commitment to protect the American citizen voter and America's voting process. We believe it serves as an enhanced backbone to the 14th Amendment which was added to the U.S. Constitution to give free slaves the right to vote. Naturally, it gives all citizens the right to vote. Yet, in the 21st Century, the integrity of citizenship has become corrupted by the Democratic Party which historically has sought and implemented socio-political tools to corrupt the Vote, and very definition of citizenship. This Party no longer recognizes the One Man-One Vote principle, or remember hundreds of signs which read One Man, One Vote worn around the necks of Memphis Sanitation workers who marched in Memphis to fight for this right. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. marched with them.

Under the Joe Biden administration, millions of non-citizens were allowed to come into American's borders to secure instant citizenship, unlike those persons who came in legally and went through the process to become bona fide American citizens. This was a slap in the face to those who did it the right way.

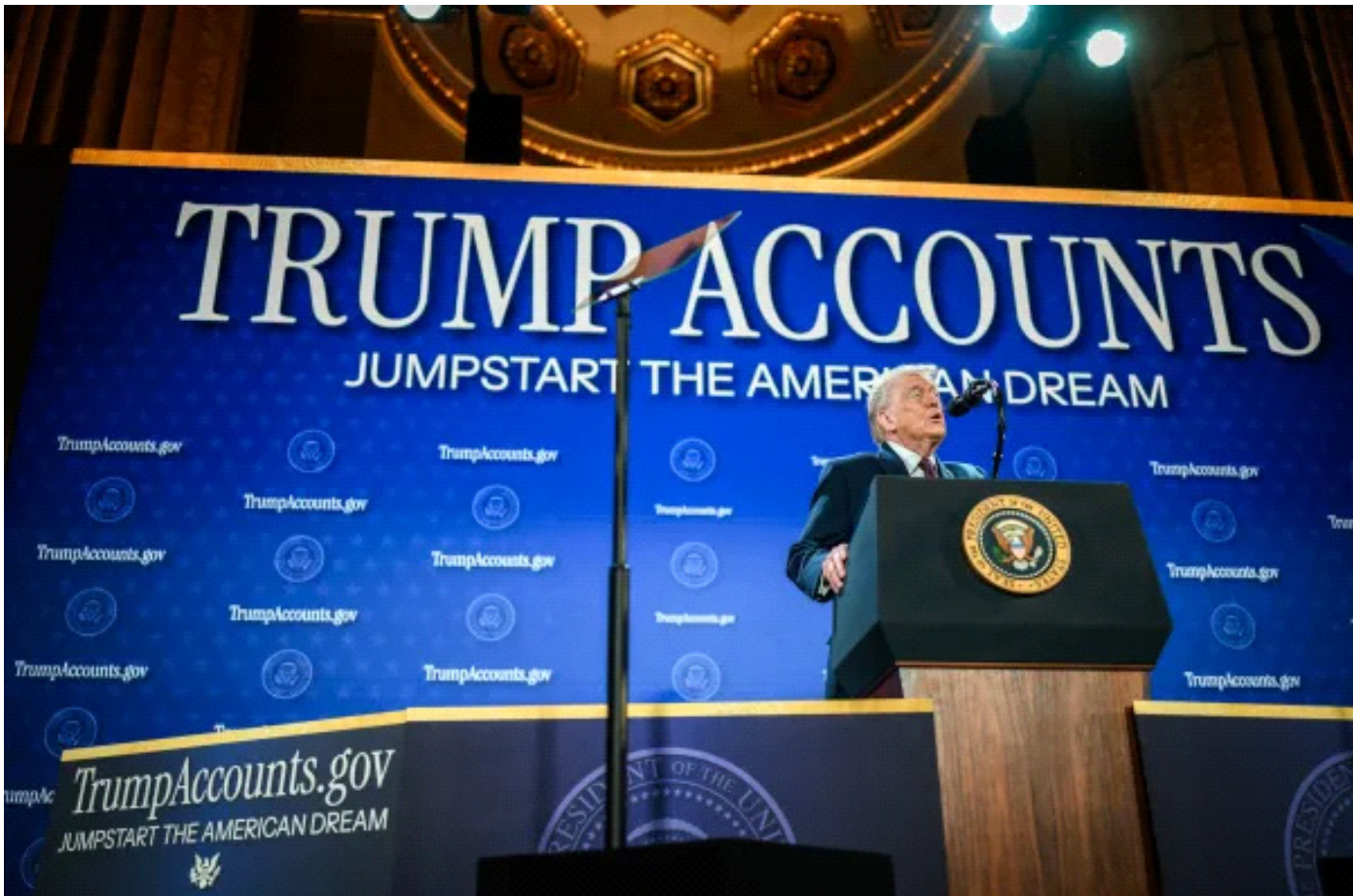
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This is the 21st Century, and America cannot not literally afford to allow the Democratic Party to dismiss America's sovereignty under the guise of artificial citizenship. In this edition, we have also included our editorial which was posted and published on March 30, 2021 where we strongly advocated AGAINST the Democratic Party's push to pass H.R. 1 known as "For the People Act", which was deceptively named such to get the Democrats' lie across that it was to fight Black voting rights suppression, when in fact, it was Democrats' fight for non-citizens to vote and to nationalize the path for non-citizens to vote.

We began our editorial with the following paragraph: "Read. This is what we have done with the 700-plus pages of the HR-1 Bill the Democrat Party wants to pass. We have re-read certain passages of this bill which Cong.

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World-famous superstar rapper Nicki Minaj was genuinely surprised when President Donald J. Trump singled her out as being an avid supporter of the Trump Accounts and then called her on stage, where she reinforced her support to give a "jumpstart" donation to the program for American infants and children. During her impromptu remarks, she told the president and audience that she was President Trump's "Number one fan." (Photo/Courtesy: The White House)

2026 Black History Month Proclamation by President Donald J. Trump

This year, we celebrate the most significant milestone in our Nation's history: 250 glorious years of American independence. From the very beginning, our country has been blessed with countless black American heroes. For more than two and a half centuries, these legends have made timeless contributions to our government, laws, military, economy, workforce, and culture. With their tremendous legacy in mind, as President, I proclaim that "black history" is not distinct from American history — rather, the history of black Americans is an indispensable chapter in our grand American story.

America's founding was rooted in the belief that every man, woman, and child is created equal, "endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," and free to live lives in "pursuit of Happiness." For 250 years, these principles have inspired and informed the independent, bold, and pioneering American spirit. It is our bedrock belief in equality that drove black American icons to help fulfill the promise of these principles. And it is our unwavering commitment to liberty that continues to sustain our Nation's greatness.

This month, we are also reminded that the source of our strength is rooted not in our differences, but in our shared commitment to freedom under one beautiful American flag. For decades, the progressive movement and far-left politicians have sought to needlessly divide our citizens on the basis of race, painting a toxic and distorted and disfigured vision of our history, heritage, and heroes. This month, however, we do not celebrate our differences. Instead, we celebrate the contributions of black Americans to our national greatness and their enduring commitment to the American principles of liberty, justice, and equality — the principles that wrested the Western Hemisphere from monarchies

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Trump Accounts will jumpstart the American Dream

Here's what you need to know:

- Trump Accounts will be available to every U.S. citizen born between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2028. These innovative, tax-advantaged savings accounts — created through President Trump's Working Families Tax Cuts Act — enable a generation of American children to begin building wealth from the moment they are born.

- Each Trump Account will launch with a one-time \$1,000 government seed contribution. Families and others can contribute up to \$5,000 annually; the funds will be invested in a broad stock-market index, remain private property under guardian control until age 18,

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Freedom to Choose Schools

Freedom to Choose Schools announced on January 26, 2026 that it has assumed leadership of the McLeod Society Fellowship, a nationally recognized leadership development program originally launched by Black Minds Matter to elevate Black school founders nationwide.

The transition marks a significant next step for Freedom to Choose Schools - one that builds on Black Minds Matter's foundational vision while expanding the program's reach, infrastructure, and long-term sustainability

"The McLeod Society Fellowship has always been about cultivating courageous leadership rooted in community," said Jay Artis-Wright, Executive Director of Freedom to Choose Schools. "Bringing the Fellowship under the Freedom to Choose Schools umbrella allows us to expand that vision—supporting more leaders, strengthening their networks, and ensuring parents and communities remain at the center of education policy and practice."

under Freedom to Choose Schools' stewardship. Together, the organizations are reinforcing a shared commitment to Black leadership, educational freedom, and community-driven solutions.

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The History of Black History Month

Editor's Note: This article was written by the late Vernon E. Ash, political columnist and reporter for The Mid-South Tribune. The article was first published the 1996 Black History Month Special Edition. We miss Vernon, a journalist with integrity!

By Vernon E. Ash
The Mid-South Tribune
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So that the contributions of African Americans would be properly represented and observed, the first observance of Negro History Week was spearheaded in 1926 by the "Father of Black History," Dr. Carter G. Woodson. Dr. Woodson is the author of the popular book, "The Mis-Education of the Negro," published in 1933 and still viewed today as an important source and guidebook on the behavior and mental condition of African Americans. He was born in 1875 and died in 1950.

Other African Americans who supported Dr. Woodson's idea collaborated with the black history scholar to choose the second week of February as the week to observe the special Negro History Week. This month and week were selected because it is the week of the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, both highly respected at the time.

In 1915, Dr. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH) and began publishing The Journal of Negro History a year later. In the October 1927

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edition of the Journal, Dr. Woodson wrote passionately about the significance of observing Negro History Week.

"The celebration tends not to promote propaganda, but to counteract it by popularizing the truth. It is not interested so much in Negro History as it is in history influenced by the Negro; for what the world needs is not a history of selected races or nations but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate, and religious prejudice," Dr. Woodson wrote. "There has been, therefore, no tendency to eulogize the Negro, nor to abuse his enemies. The aim has been to emphasize important facts in the belief that facts properly set forth will speak for themselves."

With the strong support of educators, ministers and community leaders around the nation, the first Negro History Week proved to be a tremendous success. Each group and institution took responsibility to initiate its own programs and forums to fit their particular needs in their local communities.

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and empires, ended slavery, saved Europe, put a man on the moon, and built the freest, most just, and most prosperous society ever known to mankind.

Since the great Prince Estabrook became the first black man to shed his blood for our emerging Nation at the Battle of Lexington more than 250 years ago, heroic black Americans have valiantly fought for our liberty on the fields of battle, in the pews of our churches, and in our shops, restaurants, and businesses. Across every generation, legendary black Americans have fiercely defended the values set forth in our Declaration of Independence and helped to make our Republic the greatest country in the history of the world. From the unflinching faith of Lemuel Haynes, the soaring prose of Phillis Wheatley, and the unmatched resolve of Harriet Tubman to the towering intellect of Frederick Douglass, the fearlessness of Jesse Owens, and the brilliance of Katherine Johnson and Thomas Sowell, countless black patriots have stood as the vanguards of our freedom — and are among some of the most heroic Americans to have ever lived.

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As President, I am fighting to restore the Nation that these titans helped build, and to make America greater than ever before. In their honor, and to commemorate 250 years of American liberty, I have authorized the construction of the National Garden of American Heroes, a new statuary park honoring our greatest Americans, including black icons like Booker T. Washington, Jackie Robinson, Aretha Franklin, Coretta Scott King, Muhammad Ali, and many others. Last spring, I also signed an Executive Order to promote excellence and innovation at Historically Black Colleges and Universities so the next generation of leaders in the black community will learn from these great American examples. And I am fighting every day to make our neighborhoods safer, groceries more affordable, and the American Dream more attainable for all Americans.

My Administration will never stop working to ensure that our country and every future generation of American citizens remain guided by the same truth: We are one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 2026 as National Black History Month. I call upon public officials, educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of February, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.

DONALD J. TRUMP

U.S. Postal Service commemorates Phillis Wheatley, ‘Mother of African American Literature,’ with Black Heritage Stamp

BOSTON — The U.S. Postal Service held a first-day-of-issue stamp dedication to commemorate the life of Phillis Wheatley at the historic Old South Meeting House.

"An important goal of the Postal Service's stamp program is to honor the people, places and things that represent the very best of our nation," said Chenise R. LeDoux, USPS vice president of Southern Area retail and delivery operations, who served as the dedicating official. "That is what our Black Heritage stamps are all about. Introduced in 1978, the Black Heritage series has put a spotlight on distinguished African Americans and their notable contributions to our nation."

The 49th stamp in the Black Heritage series honors poet Phillis Wheatley (ca 1753-1784), the first author of African descent in the American Colonies to publish a book. An enslaved woman with an education and prominent social connections, Wheatley occupied a rare place in Colonial America. Her poems charmed readers on both sides of the Atlantic and offer subtle commentary on her times, while Wheatley herself has inspired



Born in West Africa and brought to Boston on a slave ship, the child who would become known as Phillis Wheatley was enslaved by merchant John Wheatley and educated in his household. By age 11, she had already begun to compose her own poems. Her 1773 collection, "Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral," showcased her mastery of forms ranging from hymns and elegies to philosophical and narrative verse.

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As a figure whose life and writing speak to the complexity of

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Do You Know This About Black History?

In 1847 **Frederick Douglass** published the first issue of the North Star newspaper, an anti-slavery newspaper.

In 1941, the **Atlanta Urban League** won the right for Black women to be addressed as "Mrs." in predominantly white newspapers. On May 1, 1867, **Howard University** (Washington, D.C.) was chartered by Congress as one of the earliest institution of higher learning for African Americans. The **Dred Scott** decision was

handed down on March 6, 1857, essentially declaring that Black slaves could be returned to their former owners, even if the slaves had managed to escape to free soil.

On August 8, 1965, the **Voting Rights bill** becomes law.

Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi and **Morgan State College** in Baltimore, Maryland were founded by the Methodist Episcopal Church; and **Fisk University** in Nashville, Tennessee was founded by the American

Missionary Association. All three were founded in 1866, making them among the oldest Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Edward G. Walker and **Charles L. Mitchell**, both from Massachusetts, became the first African Americans elected to a Northern state legislature in 1866.

There are **50 recorded lynchings** in 1884.

African American filmmaker **Oscar Micheaux** is born on Jan.

22, 1884.

The **Medico-Chirurgical Society** is founded on April 24, 1884 in Washington, D.C. It is the first African American medical society in the country.

Floyd McKissick becomes a director of CORE in 1966.

The U.S. Supreme Court hands down the ruling of "**Nixon vs. Herndon**" which said that it is unconstitutional for states to not allow African Americans to vote in primary elections. The ruling was handed down in 1927.

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Historic excerpts by Prof. W. B. Mitchell (1921-1979)

From his thesis entitled "An Analysis of the Organization and Operation of Selected Negro Retail Business Establishments in Mississippi" (University of Kansas, 1949)

Many successful businesses owned by Negroes were developed through trial and error, and without aid, direction or inspiration. Today a person engaged in business needs a sense -of authority, a monument of knowledge, and a soul well-taught.

Our generation of people should forget about the success of other races and get down to earth. "Mr. Horace Sudduth in his speech to the 52nd Annual Convention of the National Negro Business League stated: "We have only to look at the records of the progress of other minority groups to discover the struggles which have been theirs. They have reached their present level of accomplishment through organized effort, careful planning, and through financial, personal, physical, and mental sacrifices. It is believed by this writer that the economic position and security of the Negro must be improved primarily through ownership of business organizations, along with an improved sense of civic responsibility and political participation.

In 1950 the median income of Negro families in the Southeast was only \$935; or less than 30 per cent of the median income of \$2,619 for all families in the United States-. In Mississippi, the median income for whites is \$1,614, and \$601 for Negroes. This Fact is one of the reasons for the lack of sufficient capital original investment and operation.

Since the level of income for Negroes is substantially lower than national and state levels or averages, they will have to increase their annual income above their current level before available funds can adequately be provided for investments in business or other securities.

According to W. J. Thompson, President of the Thompson Investment Company of Jackson, Mississippi, a real estate and industrial banking business, the corporate form of business is recommended because it would provide means whereby adequate concentration of capital could be accumulated, which is now essential for competition. These corporations, especially financial institutions, could give the necessary financial aid to properly organized establishments within the state.

The problem of Negro businesses relating to the adequacy of funds, techniques of control and competition are similar for all small businesses located in urban areas. In these areas "the very small enterprise is usually an individual proprietorship financed only by the personal wealth of the owner and by what loans he is able to procure on his personal credit. Most small proprietors have small wealth and little credit, and his business often suffers for lack of sufficient capital. Limited buying power is a disadvantage of many independent limited-line stores...

This statement is supported by the findings in this thesis demonstrating the inadequacy of initial capital investment and the inability

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tory Week was then changed to Black History Week. During the nation's Bicentennial celebration in 1976, the ASALH joined the focus on American history and decided to expand the observance of Black History Week to include the entire month of February. This was done to afford more time for activities focusing on the broad contributions of African Americans to the rich history of America and the world. Black History Month has survived several decades and continues to grow throughout the U.S. with a variety of activities and commemorations that place the great contributions of Africans (being the original human creation) and African Americans on center stage.

This month in addition to local community celebrations and activities observing Black History Month, numerous television specials, movies, books, magazine articles and other features will focus on the "stolen legacy" of Black History.

Trump Accounts will jumpstart the American Dream... from front page



Participating in the historic announcement of the Trump Accounts, was world- famous rapper Nicki Minaj who also donated to the Trump Accounts to help give children a “jumpstart” on their future. At the podium is Kevin O’Leary, CEO of O’Leary Capital, who showed his support and enthusiasm for the Trump Accounts O’Leary is also known as “Mister Wonderful” from Shark Tank TV fame where he invested in many entrepreneur ventures. (Photo/Courtesy: The White House)

and, if fully funded and left untouched, could grow to as much as \$1.9 million by age 28.

- Thanks to the Dell's unprecedented gift, the first 25 million American children age 10 and under living in ZIP codes with median incomes below \$150,000 will receive an additional \$250. This historic act of generosity will give millions of low- and middle-income children an even stronger shot at achieving the American Dream. Learn more at trumpaccounts.gov.

Frequently Asked Questions:
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- What is a Trump Account?**
A Trump Account is a tax-deferred savings account for children under 18. The accounts are

designed to grow with investment earnings over time, and when the child becomes an adult, the accounts generally function like a traditional IRA.

- Who is eligible?**
Any child under 18 with a valid Social Security number may open a Trump Account. Parents or guardians must set up and manage the account until the child turns 18.
- What is the \$1,000**

government contribution?
The parent or guardian of a child born between calendar year 2025 and 2028 who is a U.S. citizen with a valid Social Security number may choose to have a one-time \$1,000 contribution made by Treasury to the child's Trump Account. This contribution does not count against the annual \$5,000 contribution limit.

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ity to utilize long-term credit, as a means of providing funds for working capital. One of the primary reasons why the small business units studied have little working capital is the inability of the owners to retain earnings out of current profits after salaries; the inability to utilize long-term bank loans effectively; and the inability to procure funds by using the investment market. This is also the primary problem of all small business units. For this reason, the writer has presented problems which he hopes may be studied by small business owners, persons interested in the growth of small business units, and business teachers with beneficial results.

About Professor W. B. Mitchell from his daughter, Ms. Arelya J. Mitchell, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief of The Mid-South Tribune

I am proud of this 31st Annual Black History Month Edition and in the year of this nation's 250th Anniversary to take excerpts from my late father's thesis "An Analysis of the Organization and Operation of Selected Negro Retail Business Establishments in Mississippi" from the University of Kansas (Lawrence, Kansas). One of the little-known facts I later learned about him was that he was a secret instructor at the University of Mississippi ("Ole Miss") long before James Meredith integrated the University as a student. Because my father was an acknowledged mathematical genius, he was brought in to tutor Ole Miss math students under the cover of night.

He served as the head of the Business Department of Rust College, which is a Historic Black College (HBCU), founded in 1866. Only 10 Black colleges from the end of the Civil War still stand.

In his tenure there, he was instrumental in bringing in the Freedom Riders, the founding the Mercury Business League, establishing the Head Start program in North Mississippi, co-founder of the North Mississippi Voters' League, and founder of the Asbury Credit Union (which at a time provided capital to farmers and small businesses which could not get loans from White-owned businesses), and served as the NAACP branch treasurer. He and Civil Rights leader Medgar Evers were colleagues in the Struggle.

In World War II, he and his troop were captured by the German Nazis. He was declared dead, and family members even had a memorial service for him. Of course, I am thankful that he was discovered alive or I would not have been born some years later. Yes, he was tortured, and he was no believer in Hitler or the Nazi. This is why he would make us kids watch documentaries of the Holocaust whether we wanted to or not. Another significant fact in his POW years was that his German captors discovered that he was fluent in Italian and German, thus, he was utilized as an interpreter between the Germans and his fellow American prisoners.

He received Battle Stars for the campaigns of the Arno River and the Apennine Mountains, as well as a Combat Infantry Badge. He was a prisoner of war in Germany until he was liberated by General George Patton's Third Army.

Even some years in this 21st Century, I have met some of his students (some of whom became

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From The Mid-South Tribune Black History Month Archives from 2018: “The Real Loser in the Midterms: Individuality”



By Marilyn M. Singleton, MD, JD

After the election, sappy statements on social media exhort us to bow down in praise that the first minority this or the first woman that was elected and how this means we have catapulted our nation out of the Neanderthal era. Funny how no one mentions Young Kim's victory – but she is not a Democrat so it does not count. It's funny how no one cheered women of color when Condoleezza Rice was secretary of state. Instead she was called an Aunt Jemima and a house nigga' in a nationally syndicated cartoon.

Now it is acceptable to call young conservative black students enjoying their visit with President Trump “N-words in Maggot hats” and ridicule them as “props.” What racist insults! Undoubtedly, the prominently positioned little black boy at the Affordable Care Act signing just happened to be strolling outside

Then something politically expedient happened. We lost the grit and pluck that propelled Madame Walker to success. Women became victims who feel they are always being stepped on by others, ignored or abused. And only women could rescue them from their evil white male oppressors. Now being a minority or a woman has become a shield against legitimate criticisms, setting back the struggle to simply be judged by the content of our character. One wonders how the press would report the botched Broward County ballots if Elections Supervisor Brenda Snipes were a white male.

the White House East Room. These “first” types would rather we forget that we had a black Senator from Mississippi, Hiram Revels in 1870. Or that by 1920 the first black female millionaire, Madame C.J. Walker employed up to 40,000 women and lived in the same neighborhood as John D. Rockefeller. Yes, the road to acceptance was long and paved by female businesspersons, physicists, pilots, and physicians, among many others. The road is littered with boorish people and men who targeted women for abuse. There was a time when minorities and women advanced because they were accomplished, assertive, and strong. When Madame Walker was denied a

speaking slot at the National Negro Business League convention, she admonished, “Surely you are not going to shut the door in my face. I am a woman that came from the cotton fields of the South.” The next year, she was the keynote speaker. Although only 10 percent of my medical school classmates were women (and a handful of minorities, including myself), the top two students were women. Sure it was a slog, but competence won the day. Then something politically expedient happened. We lost the grit and pluck that propelled Madame Walker to success. Women became victims who feel they are always being stepped on by others, ignored or abused. And only women could rescue them from their evil white male oppressors. Now being a minority or a woman has become a shield against legitimate criticisms, setting back the struggle to simply be judged by the content of our character. One wonders how the press would report the botched Broward County ballots if Elections Supervisor Brenda Snipes were a white male. Sadly, the focus on victimization has expanded to all Americans. The key to getting votes was to let people know how miserably unfair their lives are. Just like in George Orwell's Animal Farm, the beleaguered seek to improve their lot through rigid exclusionary rules: “Whatever goes upon two legs is an enemy.”

The newly minted pathetic wretches are exhorted to join the morally superior tribe who will protect them from those who disagree with their point of view. After all, they are likely racist sexist homophobes. The “longshoreman philosopher” Eric Hoffer pointed out in his classic, The True Believer, “people whose lives are barren and insecure seem to show a greater willingness to obey than people who are self-sufficient and self-confident.” Such persons tend to value equality and fraternity more than freedom. Such persons will also more readily accept in their medical care government control, rationing, and paint-by-the-numbers treatments (or non-treatments). Before getting excited about the midterm election results, chew on this. Lying during a political campaign is protected by the First Amendment. Animal Farm's core commandment, “All animals are equal” devolved into “All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others.” Analyze why the uber-rich with \$42 million private jets financed the campaigns of the socialist-leaning candidates. Are they thinking, I've made it to the top thanks to the capitalistic system of hard work and rewards, but you can take the crumbs and sit on your lazy butts watching me pontificate on TV? How will the Bernie Bros and Single-payer sisters who voted to expand government health insurance with their \$1000

iPhones feel when their toys are taxed out of existence? And our modern-day feminists who define themselves by their gender rather than competence have no right to be insulted if a patient says, “I prefer not to have a woman doctor.” My congratulations go to all the women and men — voters and candidates — who are independent critical thinkers, who display the grit of Madame C.J. Walker, and who follow the words of the abolitionist, William Ellery Channing: “No power in society, no hardship in your condition can depress you, keep you down, in knowledge, power, virtue, influence but your own consent.” ***
Bio: Dr. Singleton is a board-certified anesthesiologist. She is President of the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS). She graduated from Stanford and earned her MD at UCSF Medical School. Dr. Singleton completed 2 years of Surgery residency at UCSF, then her Anesthesia residency at Harvard's Beth Israel Hospital. While still working in the operating room, she attended UC Berkeley Law School, focusing on constitutional law and administrative law. She interned at the National Health Law Project and practiced insurance and health law. She teaches classes in the recognition of elder abuse and constitutional law for non-lawyers.

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her times, Wheatley is especially relevant in 2026 as we reflect on the Revolutionary era as part of our nation's 250th anniversary celebrations. Wheatley was freed from slavery in 1773, and her later poems reflected growing support for the American Revolution. In late 1775, while George Washington was encamped near British-occupied Boston, Wheatley sent him an ode, published the following year, in which she suggests that the nations of the world are closely watching him to see if a new age in human history is dawning. Washington replied with praise for Wheatley's poetic talents and extended an in-

itation to meet if she found herself near his headquarters. Wheatley kept writing but was unable to publish a second book before her death in her early 30s. Her poetry continued to circulate widely, and her book was reprinted several times in the United States. Before the Civil War, abolitionists republished her work as an argument against slavery. Abolitionists and emancipationists invoked her name and accomplishments to affirm a shared humanity and the intellectual ability of people of African descent. Her legacy endures today: Schools, libraries, community centers and university buildings

across the country bear her name, and she has inspired numerous children's books. In 2003, a statue of Wheatley was included in the new Boston Women's Memorial, all part of an ongoing effort to recognize the poet often praised as “the mother of African American literature.” The Forever stamps are available at Post Office locations nationwide and online at usps.com/shopstamps. News about the stamp is being shared on social media using the hashtag #BlackHeritageStamp. The stamp art features a black-and-white ink-on-paper portrait of Phillis Wheatley by Kerry James Marshall, who imagines

her later in life, working on her second, unpublished book of poems. Marshall's image draws from the one known portrait of Wheatley made during her lifetime, the engraved frontispiece of her 1773 book. While the 1773 portrait shows Wheatley in profile, Marshall's stamp art shows her looking directly at the viewer, wearing similar clothing and sitting at the same chair and desk as in the original. Next to Wheatley's left hand is a copy of the only book she published during her lifetime, “Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and Moral.” In the stamp art, she has begun to

write on a paper that reads “Preface to my second volume,” a reference to the book she was unable to publish. Antonio Alcalá, an art director for USPS, designed the stamp using Marshall's artwork. A video about the stamps is posted on the Postal Service's Facebook page at facebook.com/USPS and on X, formerly known as Twitter, at x.com/usps. USPS Officially Licensed Collection on Amazon. Additional information on stamps, first-day-of-issue ceremonies and stamp-inspired products can be found at StampsForever.com.



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The Mid-South Tribune Endorses the S.A.V.E. Act from front page

Nancy Pelosi, Cong. Bernie Sanders, Cong. James Clyburn, and their cohorts are ushering in at lightspeed to get signed, sealed and delivered to Joe Biden within his 100-day reign of advancing socialism...”

In short, what the Democratic Party has proven itself expert at is to fool the Black community that its voting rights will be upended by the Republican Party. Unfortunately, the Black community keeps falling for this. In this editorial, we laid out how it was the Democratic Party which sought to nationalize the Vote for its own benefit to make itself America's sole political party by allowing illegal immigrants to cross the border and become instant citizens through allowing driver licenses to be used as instant voter's registration, to put in place children of illegal immigrants a pathway through the public school facilities to become instant voters once they hit 16 (again, with driver's licenses), and to put in place the Democrat Party's choice of tech personnel to operate as tech czars from D.C. base. These tech czars would administer *all* elections from local, state, and federal. We urge you to read our editorial from March 30, 2021 for details. Bottom line: The Democratic H.R. 1 For The People Act Bill had nothing to do with the Black Vote. Yet, it was presented with those same yells of “racism” and “Jim Crow” to use the Black community's emotionalism to ride on to get what they wanted which was more non-citizens to have the right to VOTE. The Democratic Party is presently their screams of racism to defeat the S.A.V.E. Act.

Geographically America already has the bookends of socialism with a socialist political leadership of Canada on its northern border and a socialist political leadership in Mexico on its southern border.

The Democratic Party's goal to defeat the S.A.V.E. Act ties in with their goal to make North America one big blob of territory where it and its socialist cohorts would rule, displacing old-fashioned American capitalism, entrepreneurship, private ownership of property (yes, including farmland). Already, the Democratic Party is using the creation of Sanctuary Cities as the foundational blocks to begat socialism. All of this is to create the Democratic Party's new Confederate States of America, except replace 'Confederate States' with 'Socialist States of America.

African American warlords in the so-called black leadership ranks such as Al Sharpton, Letitia James (who introduced a blueprint to confiscate private property when she went after Trump's properties), the Angry Black Democratic Woman officeholders, BLM-CRT- DEI instigators et al must be countered with Blacks and others who can forcefully say “Hell No!”

To “S.A.V.E” itself, the Black community must counter the Democratic Party and its sidekick the Democratic Socialist Party. We recommend the following tactics:

1. The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) must be countered with Black and other candidates who will run against members of the CBC which has become no more than what we call the Democratic Party's “Black Shield”.
2. The NAACP must be countered with Black conservative organizations, seeing that today's NAACP no longer has the Black community's interest at heart.
3. A Black Rapid Response Unit or thereof equivalent must be formed to counter Black progressives and atheism, as these two entities are rapidly infiltrating HBCUs, public education, and Black churches.
4. School choice must return to give Black parents and all parents the right to educate their children.
5. Black business-owners, Black entrepreneurs, Black farmers must now take on the reins of fighting the Democratic Party's economic hold and bring back black capitalism. Even under segregation, the Black community created some millionaires, companies, banks, grocery stores, theaters, etc. In the 21st Century, it is the United States of America which has produced more millionaires and even some billionaires than any other nation on Earth. The United States of America has created a viable Black middle class; yet, that Black middle class and America's middle class as a whole were dwindling under the Democratic Party, especially under the Biden administration.
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Credo of The Mid-South Tribune and the Black Information Highway

By Mr. Frederick Douglass, Editor of the North Star, an African American Newspaper (1845)

“Let me give you a word of the philosophy of reform. 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. The conflict has been exciting, agitating, all-absorbing, and for the time being putting all other tumults to silence. It must do this or it does nothing.

If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom, and yet depreciate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want the ocean without the awful thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, or it may be both moral and physical; but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without demand.”

Why Tennesseans benefit from the Working Families Tax Cuts WFTC)



By U.S. Sen. Marsha Blackburn (R-TN)

February 2, 2026 - Last week marked the beginning of the 2026 tax season, which will deliver historic relief for Tennesseans thanks to the Working Families Tax Cuts (WFTC) signed into law by President Trump. This landmark law prevented the largest tax hike in our nation's history—\$4 trillion—and includes measures that will jumpstart the American Dream for millions across the country.

On Wednesday, I had the honor of joining President Trump and Treasury Secretary Bessent for the official summit for the Trump Accounts. With the new tax-advantaged accounts, which were

These accounts represent a monumental investment in the future of our children and grandchildren, empowering the next generation to invest in a college fund, put a down payment on a home, or start a business. Already, more than 600,000 families have applied for the accounts, and I encourage every eligible Tennessee family to sign up by filling out IRS Form 4547. The accounts will officially launch on July 5 of this year. For those interested to learn more, you can visit trumpaccounts.gov.

established as part of the WFTC, Americans born between 2025 and 2028 will be eligible for a \$1,000 seed contribution from the Treasury Department. Parents may contribute up to \$5,000 a year, and children can access the accounts at age 18. Based on historic stock market averages, the Trump administration estimates the value of such accounts could range from \$50,000 to over \$300,000 by adulthood.

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The WFTC provides many more wins for families, seniors, workers, and small business owners.

For families, the law permanently extends the enhanced child tax credit of \$2,200, with future adjustments for inflation. It also includes my provision to expand the employer-provided child care tax credit—an especially urgent need in Tennessee. According to the Tennessee Department of Human Services, 48 percent of residents live in child care deserts, and nearly 80 percent of working families report job interruptions due to insufficient child care, resulting in

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President Trump should restore wins from his first term on the United States-Mexico-Canada (USMCA) Agreement

By Jeffrey Gerrish

President Donald Trump is wasting no time completing the ambitious goals left unfinished after his first term.

Soon, he'll have a rare opportunity to complete another critical piece of unfinished business: ending the exploitation of U.S. businesses by our two largest trading partners, Canada and Mexico.

In the coming months, the United States will undertake a scheduled review of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, or USMCA -- the landmark trade deal reached during President Trump's first term. During that review, the administration will have the chance to restore crucial intellectual property protections that Democrats insisted be dropped after the deal was first negotiated.

I was involved in the negotiation of the USMCA as President Trump's deputy U.S. trade representative. The president's goal was to replace the disastrous North American Free Trade Agreement with a modern pact that would protect American workers, innovators, and businesses. A central part of that was strengthening intellectual property protections.

Yet before the deal could take effect, Democrats in Congress stripped out several key protections. For example, we had secured commitments from

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Mexico and Canada to provide 10 years of regulatory data protection for certain new medicines. Regulatory data protection provides temporary protection for the confidential information that drug developers share with authorities to prove a medicine is safe and effective before it can be sold. House Democrats led efforts to remove this provision, claiming that stronger protections would raise drug prices.

That's nonsense. The United States already provides 12 years of regulatory data protection, so the change wouldn't have altered the U.S. market. Removing it has only allowed Canadian and Mexican firms to more easily copy U.S.-made drugs.

Democrats weakened other key IP protections negotiated as part of USMCA, opening the door for Canada and Mexico to undercut

U.S. innovators.

Mexico's failures are especially troubling. In the U.S. trade representative's most recent Special 301 Report -- an annual report spotlighting foreign IP violations -- Mexico was placed on the Priority Watch List for "long-standing and significant" concerns, including rampant counterfeiting and piracy.

And Canada has its own shortcomings. It is on the Special 301 Watch List and continues to impose drug price controls that undervalue American-made medicines and exacerbate foreign free-riding on U.S. innovation.

By fixing prices below market value, Canada -- like many wealthy nations -- forces companies to absorb losses abroad, making it harder to fund new research and pushing a greater share of costs onto American patients. President Trump is actively working to resolve this imbalance as part of lowering drug prices for U.S. patients -- and fixing the USMCA is an important place to start.

The needed reforms are straightforward. Create enforceable, verifiable standards mandating respect for IP. Restore the 10-year regulatory data protection standard originally negotiated as part of the USMCA in 2018. Require Canada to abandon price controls and devote a higher, fairer level of spending to new drug development. And enforce

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‘Negro’ spirituals often provided sanctity for freedom bound slaves

By Cheryta R. Jones
The Mid-South Tribune
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In this month that celebrates Black History, there hasn't been a more moving experience as the Negro spiritual. Negro spirituals are a part of the Black experience and heritage.

According to John Lovell Jr., the author of the book, Black Song: the Forge and the Flame, Black Spirituals (known as ‘Negro’ spirituals before the term was deemed ‘political incorrect’) have outlasted their original creators in the minds of Americans. Lovell said that the Negro spiritual has never lost its strength throughout the world.

Negro spirituals were created by irrepressible and jubilant song leaders who created them and spread them all over the slave territory. These songs survived

These songs survived the oppression of the slaves and were sung for hundreds of years—all the way into the 21st century. Many of the songs created in those days of slavery were soon forgotten, but they live on in spirit. The few thousand Negro spirituals that have survived to the present are only a small portion of the songs created in the days past.

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Lovell said that great Negro spirituals such as “Swing Lo,” Oh Freedom,” “I Know Moonrise” and “My Lord Delivered Daniel” disappeared in the stillness of the night. He said that many critics of Black spiritual have done her an injustice. The chief evaluators have not truly felt the ultimate experience of this movement in song. These critics have walked away simply confused and disillusioned.

In a world that searches for racial harmony and peace, we can't afford to miss the true message that is in the melody and harmony. In these songs there is a true revelation. Children search the melody. There you can find the heritage of our ancestors.

In the past, the Negro spiritual served as a form of secret code for the runaway slaves. They were also in honor of God. These slaves sang of sweet freedom, a freedom that could not be chained up and whipped down. This freedom was truly proclaimed by God. Even in time of despair our ancestors sang out in praise to God, a deliverer.

Today, the Negro spiritual lives on. These spirituals are used as freedom songs by millions of people all across the world. They are sung in multi-purpose marches. They serve as an elevation of the human spirit.

Let us not forget the beauty of song that our ancestors gave, for the Negro spiritual is deep in meaning and in heritage.

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Poland at a security crossroads: The Greenland Dispute

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JANUARY 20, 2026 - Amid the growing dispute over the future of Greenland, Polish authorities are declaring caution and calm. Poland officially has no plans to send its troops to Greenland, despite several NATO countries having decided to send small contingents there as part of the "Arctic Endurance" exercise. The eight countries issued a joint statement emphasizing their support for Denmark's sovereignty and Greenland's territorial integrity, and their opposition to the threat of tariffs that could harm transatlantic relations. Prime Minister Donald Tusk assured that Poland has no intention of committing its troops to the Arctic, arguing that this is

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neither the time nor the place to analyze the consequences of a potential American military intervention. He argued that the conflict between Denmark and the US should remain diplomatic and not escalate into military action that could challenge NATO principles. Tusk also emphasized the need for European solidarity, although he added that Poland sees no need for any "emotional reaction" to the situation surrounding Greenland. The role of NATO and cooperation with the United States as the foundations of Poland's security were also emphasized. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' request, the Polish ambassador to Denmark traveled to Greenland to assess the situation and understand the tensions on the ground. Foreign Minister Sikorski emphasized that Poland should advocate for a world with clear international norms and the right of smaller states to determine their own futures. Poland's historical experience underpinned this position. President Karol Nawrocki also addressed the growing crisis in Greenland, emphasizing both the region's geopolitical importance and the need to resolve the dispute through diplomacy and partnerships. In media statements and during his visit to London, he emphasized that the issue of Greenland's status should be resolved through dialogue between the United States and Denmark, to avoid an escalation of the conflict that could threaten NATO cohesion and international security. He also pointed to the island's strategic value in the context of great-power rivalry and competition with Russia and China, and emphasized that responsibility for the security of the free world rests primarily with NATO, with the United States as a key ally. Reactions from experts and commentators were also mixed, though more decisive and heated than those of politicians. Some experts criticized the government's decision not to engage militarily in Greenland. Poland's lack of presence in European countries' actions could weaken

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Liberty Under Fire: First Day in office Trump prepared America for the coming insurrection



By **Harold Pease, Ph. D.**

January 28, 2026 -Despite what we see in Minneapolis today justice is coming for the insurrectionists. At the moment it is scheduled for late Fall 2026, likely associated with the 2026 election. It will be clean and swift. Almost everything is in place for mass arrests. That preparation began January 20, a year ago on Inauguration Day just hours after Trump took the oath of office a second time. Trump's Proclamation 10886 announced the reason. "America's sovereignty is under attack. Our southern border is overrun by cartels, criminal gangs, known terrorists, human traffickers, smugglers, unvetted military-age males from foreign adversaries, and illicit narcotics that harm Americans." He called it a four-year-long invasion that caused widespread chaos and suffering. Thus began the legal framework for issuing the Insurrection Act of 1807 which will be, the most important action of his presidency. It will save the Republic. It will save the Constitution. It is intended to remove the Deep State from over 100 years in power initially in both political parties and it should restore justice. But bringing the armed forces in to remove long standing treason requires following the Constitution in every detail—every t crossed and every i dotted. Trump did this in 2025 with respect to the coming insurrection. The framework is completed for use. Getting Trump back into office was critical and a HUGH win for saving the Republic—but just the beginning. Had Harris / Waltz won in 2024 this would never have been done, the Republic would have been lost. Trump

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knew the Deep State intended both World War III with Russia over Ukraine and civil war between blue and red states in this country in 2025. Either event would cover over the crimes of the Deep State of the last 100 years. Joe Biden provoked both events. America became the lead funder of missile and drone attacks by Ukraine on Russia and encouraged the millions who invaded our southern border, those from overseas coming largely through Venezuela. LibertyUnderFire.org has published dozens of columns on these issues. Trump and Putin have made nuclear war with Russia unlikely and that war is destined to be the ninth conflict between nations resolved by Trump in his second term. But the Deep State will not back off from creating, funding and provoking civil war by open insurrection between the federal government (through ICE) and sanctuary cities and states loaded with illegal, even criminal, aliens. Otherwise Deep State participants go to jail. Trump knows that sooner or later, likely this Fall, the Insurrection Act of 1807 will have to be used to save the Republic. That is precisely why he assembled the generals and admirals on Sept. 30, 2025 to Marine Corps Base Quantico, He told them, "This is going to be a big thing for the people in this room because it's the enemy from within and we have to handle it before it gets out of control. It won't get out of control once you're involved" ("Trump Discloses to the U.S. Generals 'The Enemy is From Within,'" LibertyUnderFire.org,10 October 2025).

Using the Insurrection Act of 1807 required a national emergency as a base, Biden's four-year unvetted invasion on our southern border of millions of illegals from countries around the world was that base. The invasion was visualized by every American on television every day and night. This included at least 24,000 military-aged men from communist China through Venezuela among the millions invading ("China is Invading America Without Firing a Shot. Biden Lets Them!!," LibertyUnderFire.org). Those not coming from central and south America came almost entirely through Venezuela. As mentioned Trump issued Proclamation 10886, on Inauguration Day January 20, 2025, which ended the Biden invasion.

Section 6(b) of that Proclamation required a joint report within 90 days on whether to invoke the Insurrection Act. That time period ended April 20, 2025 and eight days later, April 28, 2025, Trump issued Executive Order 14287 "Protecting American Communities from Criminal Aliens." His national emergency declaration established crisis conditions. The 90-day clock resulting forced formal evaluation and the executive order provided the legal predicate for the eventual Insurrection Act. The clock ran the required 90 days (The Insurrection Proclamation, EKO, January 5, 2026, p. 3-4). The fourth paragraph of Executive Order 14287 issued April 28 identified the heart of the issue, consider Minneapolis, Minnesota, sanctuary city and state, "this is a lawless insurrection against the supremacy of federal law" (The Insurrection Proclamation, EKO, January 5, 2026, p. 1-2). The federal government is obligated to defend the territorial sovereignty of the United States" as outlined in the Constitution Article IV, Section 4 which requires the federal government to "protect each of [the states] against invasion." Simply, sanctuary jurisdictions are not now and never have been Constitutional because they create new

governments within a state not authorized in the Constitution,—we already have counties and cities.

The executive order identified the offending actors as the Biden administration, international cartels, transnational criminal organizations and domestic terrorists. It described the unlawful conduct as those obstructing justice (18 U.S.C.1501 et seq.), unlawfully harboring or hiring illegal aliens (8 U.S.C. 1324), conspiracy against the United States (18 U.S.C. 371), and conspiracy to impede Federal law enforcement (18 U.S.C. 372), assisting aliens in violating Federal Immigration law could also violate the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (18 U.S.C. 1961et seq.). Executive Order 14287 was legal notification of their crimes.

The Executive Order also required the publishing and updating of a list of those obstructing justice within 30 days of the order which ended May 28, 2025. This compiled by both the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security notifying "each sanctuary jurisdiction regarding its defiance of federal immigration law enforcement and any potential violation of federal criminal law." All have been notified that they are violating decades old established law.

Yes, Trump's first day in office he prepared America for the coming insurrection, but it is not yet.

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Justice Dept. admits to criminal investigation into the U.S. African Development Foundation

Whistleblowers' Years-Long Efforts Vindicated!

From **Judicial Watch**
Judicial Watch.org
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WASHINGTON, DC— Judicial Watch announced that, in a status conference hearing today [February 2, 2026] related to its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit seeking documents regarding corruption at the U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF), the U.S. Department of Justice publicly announced an ongoing criminal investigation related to the agency. This announcement comes after years of whistleblowing by Judicial Watch clients Jasmine Battle and Mateo Dunne. Judicial Watch sued the agency in August 2025 for records regarding its expenditures and deposits related to credible allegations of waste, fraud, and abuse committed by senior officials, contractors, and grantees and retaliation against whistleblowers as well as its attempt to block Department of Govern-

ment Efficiency (DOGE) audits (Judicial Watch Inc. v. U.S. African Development Foundation (No. 1:25-cv-02623)). The Justice Department said at today's hearing in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia that it would immediately begin producing documents related to those allegations with some redactions. Mateo Dunne became general counsel of the U.S. African Development Foundation in October 2021 following a distinguished legal career in both private practice and public service. Jasmine Battle, an accomplished administrative professional, became executive assistant to the agency's president and CEO in March 2022. Together, they raised internal alarms regarding misconduct and ultimately became whistleblowers after facing resistance and retaliation. Battle and Dunne pursued every lawful avenue to expose corruption at USADF, including providing information to the U.S. Senate. Their disclosures re-

sulted in a formal letter from Senator James E. Risch, Ranking Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, requesting an investigation into the agency. As Senator Risch wrote in November 2023: According to whistleblower complaints received by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC)—complaints that I understand have also been shared with the [Office of Inspector General]—current President and CEO Travis Adkins, former President and CEO C.D. Glin, Managing Director for Finance and Administration Mathieu Zahui, Chief Program Officer and former Acting President and CEO Elisabeth Feleke, and Chairman of the Board of Directors Jack Leslie are aware of, and may be complicit in, corrupt and potentially unlawful practices ... The whistleblower allegations that Senator Risch brought to light included misuse of official funds, conflict of interest and inappropriate partnerships, discriminatory employment practices, and retaliation against employees who dared to raise

questions about this misconduct. Institutions designed to protect whistleblowers — including the USAID Office of Inspector General, the Office of Special Counsel, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission — failed to provide meaningful protection or relief. "For years, Battle and Dunne cooperated with law enforcement, including the Department of Justice, resulting in today's public announcement of an ongoing criminal investigation," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "For speaking out against a corrupt agency, they have been retaliated against, mistreated, and maligned. The systems that were created to protect them as whistleblowers, like the USAID Office of Inspector General, the Office of Special Counsel, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, have thus far failed them. Today's announcement is vindication for the years they've spent exposing government corruption."

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Newsmax targeted by Sanctuary City Manhattan Borough for censorship

FEBRUARY 4, 2026 - The New York Democrat official seeking to censor Newsmax from the city's taxis is a radical leftist who once called President Donald Trump and his supporters "Nazis." Last week, Manhattan Borough President Brad Hoylman-Sigal made national headlines after releasing a letter he wrote to the Taxi and Limousine Commission demanding that cabs remove Newsmax because of its "politically charged content." The move is not the first time Hoylman-Sigal has targeted conservatives and Republicans. As a New York state senator, Hoylman-Sigal sought to block Trump's campaign rally in Madison Square Garden in October 2024. At the time, Hoylman-Sigal wrote on X that letting the GOP presidential candidate hold the rally was "equivalent to the infamous Nazis rally at Madison Square Garden" in 1939. He also warned of widespread violence if the rally took place. "This is a disastrous decision by Madison Square Garden that will endanger the public safety of New Yorkers and has the potential to incite widespread violence," Hoylman-Sigal wrote. As it turned out, the MSG rally was wholly peaceful, and no violent disturbances were reported. Hoylman-Sigal has a long record of radical left-wing politics as a state legislator and now borough president. In the state Senate, he backed legalizing prostitution and successfully sponsored legislation that ended the ability of police to arrest individuals "loitering for the purpose of prostitution." Hoylman-Sigal has also been a frequent presence at anti-Trump demonstrations in recent months. At an April 5 protest in 2025 in Manhattan, Hoylman-Sigal shouted through a bullhorn, "Let's hear it for gender-affirming care! Let's hear it for scientific research!" "Let's hear it for organized labor! ... Let's hear it for transgender children!" "Let's hear it for DEI! Let's hear it for affirmative action!" he proclaimed. "Let's hear it for due process!" Hoylman-Sigal has worked aggressively to limit federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement activity in New York and has appeared at immigration-related protests in recent months. In January, he joined crowds of anti-ICE protesters at Foley Square in Lower Manhattan following the death of protester Renee Good in Minneapolis. He also pushes legislation designed to restrict ICE activity near state courthouses. "The Protect Our Courts Act ... has become a national model on safeguarding immigrant litigants from ICE arrests," Hoylman-Sigal wrote. Hoylman-Sigal sees himself as a close ally of New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani and endorsed him during the recent mayoral race, praising him as a partner in "unity" and "reform." Newsmax has rejected Hoylman-Sigal's claims it offers biased news in taxis. Newsmax provides a daily news feed to the Curb app, which is available in thousands of taxis nationwide. The company noted that city taxis are private vehicles, and that the city doesn't set policy for what speech is allowed in the ve-



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An Open Letter to America from a Black conservative

By Raynard Jackson

(ThyBlackMan.com), September 7, 2025- Weak people take strong positions on weak issues. This one sentence succinctly sums up the “media appointed” leadership in the Black community.

When I say “media appointed,” I mean Black organizations and individuals who have been bought and paid for by radical white liberal Democrats whose *raison d’être* is to destroy the Black community.

All of these Black organizations are run by radical liberal Black Democrats, though their organizations all “claim” to be nonpartisan. Most, if not all, are tax exempt organizations who constantly violate their exemption status given to them by the Internal Revenue Service.

I have strongly urged the Trump administration to investigate each one of these radical liberal Democrat organizations for possible revocation of their tax-exempt status and yes this includes Black churches who are total sellouts to

What significant piece of economic legislation or policy that targeted Blacks has the National Urban League passed or promoted in the past forty years? The CBC was founded in 1969, and I challenge my readers to name me one meaningful piece of legislation they as a group or individual have passed since their founding.

the Black community!

Who are some of these organizations and individuals? The National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

(NAACP), the National Urban League, the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), the National Association of Black MBAs, the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), the National Newspapers Publisher’s Association (NNPA) to name a few.

They are living in a digital world but offering analogue solutions. Their solutions are singing we shall overcome; marching on Wall Street in New York City or marching to the White House in DC; labeling everything as “racist;” or blaming “systemic racism” for all of Black people’s problems.

These radical liberal groups have all made a conscious decision to be a Democrat organization versus a “professional” organization which puts them in violation of their own bylaws!

Can you point to one accomplishment of the NABJ in the past twenty-five years? To prove how ineffective NABJ has become, one need look no further than how ABC News reporter, Rachel Scott was thoroughly embarrassed by then presidential candidate, Donald Trump, last year at their national convention. Can you name me one thing the NAACP has done to benefit the Black community in the past forty years? When did homosexuality or transsexualism become a Black issue? When did amnesty for illegals become a Black issue? When did coddling Black criminals become a solution for crime in the Black community? What significant piece of economic legislation or policy that targeted Blacks has the National Urban League passed or promoted in the past forty years? The CBC was founded in 1969, and I challenge my readers to name me one meaningful piece



Raynard Jackson, Pulitzer nominated columnist and founder of Black Americans for a Better Future. (Photo/Courtesy:Raynard Jackson)

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The NNPA, which “claims” to represent the two hundred Black newspapers in the country, refuses to take money from Republican campaigns. Yes, you heard right. Most Black newspapers have turned me down when I offered them advertising from Republican candidates.

I will go so far as to challenge my readers to name one Black group that has secured a policy or law specifically beneficial to the Black community!!! The Black MBAs? The Black Accountants? The Black medical association? Name me one Black fraternity or sorority that has positively impacted the Black community in

any meaningful way post-Civil Rights in terms of policy or legislation.

Even when radical liberal Democrats control the whole of government (White House, Senate, and House), these radical Black liberals NEVER seem to get any policy or legislation passed that benefit Blacks. I refer you to the Clinton and Obama administrations.

They each had a veto-proof congress; and yet DC nor Puerto Rico received statehood. HBCUs never received any significant funding increases, especially relevant to the Department of Defense.

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specific things, white women get specific things, Asians get specific things. Blacks get “people of color” things.

You have radical Black liberal Democrat “media appointed” leaders that sell out Black folks every day of the week to please their white masses.

People like Afred Sharpton, Marc Morial, Derrick Johnson, Yvette Clarke, Roland Martin, Joy Reid, Tiffany Cross, Don Lemon, Shymone Sanders, Abby Phillip, Laura Coates, Hakeem Jeffries, Jasmine Crockett, Maxine Waters, to name a few.

They do more damage to the Black community than any white guy with a hood over their faces. Donald Trump is not the problem for the Black community. Radical liberalism is the problem. Name me one major Black city that is run by a Black mayor where any economic or social indices are positive for the Black community. I will wait!!!

You have Black mayors controlling major Black cities and they are all running rampant with crime, unemployment, failing schools, out of wedlock births, and abortions. Look at major cities run by Blacks like Eric Adams (NYC), Brandon Johnson (Chicago), Karen Bass (LA), Cherelle Parker, Vi Lyles (Charlotte), Muriel Bowser (DC), Paul Young (Memphis), Brandon

Scott (Baltimore), Cavalier Johnson (Milwaukee), Quinton Lucas (Kansas City, MO), Andre Dickens (Atlanta), Barbara Lee (Oakland).

Beside being Black, what do they all have in common? They are all pushing radical liberal policies in their cities.

Liberalism is what is destroying the Black community, not Donald Trump or racism!

As a matter of fact, the Trump administration is open for business. How do I know this?

Very simple. I and many Black entrepreneurs are living witnesses!!!

In July, I hosted my annual minority economic summit. It is the largest gathering of conservative minority entrepreneurs in the country. It was loaded with top members of the Trump administration. C-SPAN covered the conference live for two consecutive days.

The White House asked me to bring them some success stories to the president; and that is exactly what I am doing. Expect some of these stories in the media shortly.

While these radical liberal Black Democrats are spending all of their time calling Trump Hitler, and authoritarian, a criminal, etc.; Trump is simply delivering business opportunities to the small business community, making cities being failed by Black mayors safe again, engaging with the continent of Africa in meaningful ways.

What have these bought and paid for radical liberal Black people delivered to the Black community by way of legislation or policy? Absolutely nothing!!!

EDITORIAL: Sanctuary Cities are the flipside of Segregated States

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February 4, 2026 - When the first southern state codified segregation and Jim Crow laws, the federal government failed to shut it down. Soon, the entire South was under segregation and America again became the warning President Lincoln gave in that biblical-inspired verse “a house divided cannot stand.” At that time the USA did not stand, and this resulted in the American Civil War. Shortly after the War, the South and the Democratic Party began to codify segregation reinforced with Jim Crow laws which were also known as Black Codes built on the foundation of “separate but equal.” It was “separate” but not “equal.” Again, the federal government failed its citizens who happened to have been Black and descendants of Black slaves. The federal government failed to force the South to obey the Rule of Law as entrenched in the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments.

It took over a hundred years for the federal government to straightened out this mess by introducing the 1964 Civil Rights Bill, a bill the Democratic Party of the South fought vigorously. Had it not been for Republicans in Congress, there would have been no 1964 Civil Rights Bill because Southern Democratic congressmen voted against it. Republicans took the bill over the top to passage. To reiterate, there never should have been a 1964 bill, seeing that the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments had already trumped segregation. Yes, the pun is intended when I use the word ‘trump’ because in this 21st Century, it will take a Trump just as it took a Lincoln to

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force the federal government to do its duty to protect its citizens, regardless of race, color, or creed from a 21st Century Democratic Party which is presently re-codifying its embrace of segregated states and calling them Sanctuary Cities to build a Sanctuary States of America with the same aggression as it did when it created the Confederate States of America.

The Democratic Party’s nouveau Black Codes to reestablish the hypocrisy of “separate but equal” clause are found in the party’s push for DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) and CRT (Critical Race Theory) ideologies which, ironically are being spearheaded by the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Black members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, the NAACP, Black sororities, Black fraternities, pseudo Black intellectual elites, and other Black elites who reside exclusively in today’s Democratic Party, or in the case of a compromised NAACP which wants to claim a non-partisan 501-C immunity but in reality serves no more than an arm of today’s Democratic Party.

DEI and CRT doctrines are worse than the “separate but

equal” clause because they boast proudly that they are structured on a “separate but unequal” premise. Their pedagogic and immoral principles are that Black people will always be oppressed by White people. What is more outrageously damaging is that in education, teachers are instructing (mainly without parents’ knowledge) the Black child that he or she will always be oppressed by the White child and the White child will always oppress the Black child. Bottom line, this is a doctrine of hate and hopelessness.

In short, those aforementioned black organizations serve as what I label the Democratic Party’s Black Shield. They have aided and abetted the Democratic Party to create and fortify Sanctuary Cities and to codify Sanctuary Cities to eventually transform the United States into a socialist-communist nation, and to serve as a satellite nation to China. On the international level, the Democratic Party will take the side of a socialist, communist, and Marxist nation over one which is authentically pro-democracy and capitalistic. For example, if one were to canvass the Congressional Black Caucus, more than likely not one member will outright claim to be a capitalist but will boast of being a socialist, Marxist and/or Black separatist as they trek back into their mansions, gated-communities, and drive home in their high-end autos—you know, all those accoutrements of capitalism. Of course, many of them are soaked in campaign funds from the biggest hypocrite of them all, multi-billionaire George Soros. In 2026, Black Democratic candidates will receive and/or have already received Soros-funds to fortify themselves inside that Black Shield of the Democratic

Party. To reiterate, the Black Shield is comprised of those traditional groups and organizations such as the NAACP, Urban League, Congressional Black Caucus, HBCUs, Black press that behave as nothing more or nothing less than extensions of the Democratic Party which make them worthless in advancing economic prosperity in the Black community. (Remember not one of these came out to support Black-owned businesses when the MLB decided to move the All-Star baseball game from Atlanta, Georgia, crippling these businesses and other small businesses).

We have editorialized numerous times that there should be NO Sanctuary Cities. Period. End of discussion. These cities are the flipside of segregation in that segregation protected its White citizens while violating the rights of its Black citizens. Sanctuary Cities violate the rights of all citizens while protecting the pseudo-rights of non-citizens (especially illegal immigrant criminals). Sanctuary Cities have bestowed the precious commodity of freedom in the USA to non-citizens who have not shed one drop of blood or one teardrop to earn this right to vote, this right to be free, this right to dream. The Democratic Party has chosen to give these rights to those who CHOSE not to come into this nation the right way.

The Democratic Party’s protection of the illegal immigrant criminal is equivalent to that same Democratic Party’s protection of the KKK and White criminals who committed crimes against Blacks and black-owned property. Today, the White Democrat liberal is the new KKK. The Angry Black Woman Democrat officeholder is the new KKK, as she screams “I am a Black

Woman”—not with the pride and dignity of a Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman or Rosa Parks, but with the rage of mad women who want to outright run the Democratic Party. These Angry Black Women have shown that they are willing to physically attack men to protect illegal criminals and go to battle for them, but not the Black child, not their Black constituents. Also, the White Democrat Liberal Woman is the new KKK.

No one wants to talk openly that there is a quiet rebellion among what the Black Shield would like to think of as the “peasant” Black population and its rebellion against the White liberal. Yes, the reality is coming out that Black “peasants” are saying out loud how much they hate and despise the White liberal Democrat. Am I exaggerating? I think not. Watch for this anti-White liberal rebellion as it becomes more evident. (I shall write more on this growing anti-White liberal rebellion in the Black community

later).

The legal question begs: If Segregated States are outlawed, why are not Sanctuary Cities outlawed? Just as Segregated States were challenged via the Supreme Court, it is time to challenge the legitimacy of Sanctuary Cities. It is incumbent upon the Republican Party to formally outright challenge the legitimacy of Sanctuary Cities as the Party did slavery. It is incumbent upon American citizens to throw down the gauntlet and vote out this Democratic Party, including those Blacks who boast of being Marxists, Socialists, Communist, and yes—separatists themselves. The Democratic Party of today is no longer pro-American and pro-America. All one has to do is observe televised protest marches with paid protesters, most of whom are Whites who hate the color God made them, not acknowledging that it is God Almighty who gave us all our color

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properties), the Angry Black Democratic Woman officeholders, BLM-CRT- DEI instigators *et al* must be countered with Blacks and others who can forcefully say “Hell No!” and carry out effective Black Response Campaigns as Truth Squads to let the Black community know what is really is really at stake.

7.The Black Rapid Response can be structured inside the Republica Party, and must be based on brain cells and not skin cells. It must be solidified for the Mid-Term Election.

8. Until Black Americans on an

individual level begin to challenge the Democratic Party’s practice of using Blacks for fertilizer to advance their party and their cronies, there can be no economic growth in the Black community. After a while, even fertilizer becomes old and can grow nothing.

Again, we end with our full endorsement of the S.A.V.E. Act which we encourage our readers to read in this 31st Annual Black History Month edition which celebrates America’s 250th Birthday and America’s culture of FREEDOM!



SAVE ACT
119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 22

AN ACT
To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act” or the “SAVE Act”.
SEC. 2. ENSURING ONLY CITIZENS ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS FOR FEDERAL OFFICE.
(a) DEFINITION OF DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.—Section 3 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20502) is amended—
(1) by striking “As used” and inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—As used”; and
(2) by adding at the end the following:
“(b) DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.—As used in this Act, the term ‘documentary proof of United States citizenship’ means, with respect to an applicant for voter registration, any of the following:
“(1) A form of identification issued consistent with the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005 that indicates the applicant is a citizen of the United States.
“(2) A valid United States passport.
“(3) The applicant's official United States military identification card, together with a United States military record of service showing that the applicant's place of birth was in the United States.
“(4) A valid government-issued photo identification card issued by a Federal, State or Tribal government showing that the applicant’s place of birth was in the United States.
“(5) A valid government-issued photo identification card issued by a Federal, State or Tribal government other than an identification described in paragraphs (1) through (4), but only if presented together with one or more of the following:
“(A) A certified birth certificate issued by a State, a unit of local government in a State, or a Tribal government which—
“(i) was issued by the State, unit of local government, or Tribal government in which the applicant was born;
“(ii) was filed with the office responsible for keeping vital records in the State;
“(iii) includes the full name, date of birth, and place of birth of the applicant;
“(iv) lists the full names of one or both of the parents of the applicant;
“(v) has the signature of an individual who is authorized to sign birth certificates on behalf of the State, unit of local government, or Tribal government in which the applicant was born;
“(vi) includes the date that the certificate was filed with the office responsible for keeping vital records in the State; and
“(vii) has the seal of the State, unit of local government, or Tribal government that issued the birth certificate.
“(B) An extract from a United States hospital Record of Birth created at the time of the applicant's birth which indicates that the applicant’s place of birth was in the United States.
“(C) A final adoption decree showing the applicant’s name and that the applicant’s place of birth was in the United States.
“(D) A Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a citizen of the United States or a certification of the applicant’s Report of Birth of a United States citizen issued by the Secretary of State.
“(E) A Naturalization Certificate or Certificate of Citizenship issued by the Secretary of Homeland Security or any other document or method of proof of United States citizenship issued by the Federal government pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act.
“(F) An American Indian Card issued by the Department of Homeland Security with the classification ‘KIC’.”.
(b) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20503) is amended—
(1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection (b)” and inserting “subsection (c)”;
(2) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and
(3) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:
“(b) REQUIRING APPLICANTS TO PRESENT DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.—Under any method of voter registration in a State, the State shall not accept and process an application to register to vote in an election for Federal office unless the applicant presents documentary proof of United States citizenship with the application.”.
(c) REGISTRATION WITH APPLICATION FOR MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVER’S LICENSE.—Section 5 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20504) is amended—
(1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “Each State motor vehicle driver's license application” and inserting “Subject to the requirements under section 8(j), each State motor vehicle driver's li-
cense application”;
(2) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “Each State shall include” and inserting “Subject to the requirements under section 8(j), each State shall include”;
(3) in subsection (c)(2)(B)—
(A) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end;
(B) in clause (ii), by adding “and” at the end; and
(C) by adding at the end the following new clause:
“(iii) verify that the applicant is a citizen of the United States;”;
(4) in subsection (c)(2)(C)(i), by striking “(including citizenship)” and inserting “, including the requirement that the applicant provides documentary proof of United States citizenship”; and
(5) in subsection (c)(2)(D)(iii), by striking “; and” and inserting the following: “, other than as evidence in a criminal proceeding or immigration proceeding brought against an applicant who knowingly attempts to register to vote and knowingly makes a false declaration under penalty of perjury that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements to register to vote in an election for Federal office; and”.
(d) REQUIRING DOCUMENTARY PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP WITH NATIONAL MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION FORM.—Section 6 of the National Voter Reg-
istration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20505) is amended—
(1) in subsection (a)(1)—
(A) by striking “Each State shall accept and use” and inserting “Subject to the requirements under section 8(j), each State shall accept and use”; and
(B) by striking “Federal Election Commission” and inserting “Election Assistance Commission”;
(2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the following: “The chief State election official of a State shall take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that residents of the State are aware of the requirement to provide documentary proof of United States citizenship to register to vote in elections for Federal office in the State.”;
(3) in subsection (c)(1)—
(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at the end;
(B) in subparagraph (B) by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and
(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
“(C) the person did not provide documentary proof of United States citizenship when registering to vote.”; and
(4) by adding at the end the following new subsection:
“(e) ENSURING PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP.—
“(1) PRESENTING PROOF OF UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP TO ELECTION OFFICIAL.—An applicant who submits the mail voter registration application form prescribed by the Election Assistance Commission pursuant to section 9(a)(2) or a form described in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a) shall not be registered to vote in an election for Federal office un-
less—
“(A) the applicant presents documentary proof of United States citizenship in person to the office of the appropriate election official not later than the deadline provided by State law for the receipt of a completed voter registration application for the election; or
“(B) in the case of a State which permits an individual to register to vote in an election for Federal office at a polling place on the day of the election and on any day when voting, including early voting, is permitted for the election, the applicant presents documentary proof of United States citizenship to the appropriate election official at the polling place not later than the date of the election.
“(2) NOTIFICATION OF REQUIREMENT.—Upon receiving an otherwise completed mail voter registration application form prescribed by the Election Assistance Commission pursuant to section 9(a)(2) or a form described in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a), the appropriate election official shall transmit a notice to the applicant of the requirement to present documentary proof of United States citizenship under this subsection, and shall include in the notice instructions to enable the applicant to meet the requirement.
“(3) ACCESSIBILITY.—Each State shall, in consultation with the Election Assistance Commission, ensure that reasonable accommodations are made to allow an individual with a disability who submits the mail voter registration application form prescribed by the Election Assistance Commission pursuant to section 9(a)(2) or a form described in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsec-
tion (a) to present documentary proof of United States citizenship to the appropriate election official.”.
(e) REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES.—Section 7 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20506) is amended—
(1) in subsection (a)—
(A) in paragraph (4)(A), by adding at the end the following new clause:
“(iv) Receipt of documentary proof of United States citizenship of each applicant to register to vote in elections for Federal office in the State.”; and
(B) in paragraph (6)—
(i) in subparagraph (A)(i)(I), by striking “(including citizenship)” and inserting “, including the requirement that the applicant provides documentary proof of United States citizenship”; and
(ii) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (C); and
(iii) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraph:
“(B) ask the applicant the question, ‘Are you a citizen of the United States?’ and if the applicant answers in the affirmative require documentary proof of United States citizenship prior to providing the form under subparagraph (C);”; and
(2) in subsection (c)(1), by inserting “who are citizens of the United States” after “for persons”.
(f) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION.—Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20507) is amended—
(1) in subsection (a)—
(A) by striking “In the administration of voter registration” and inserting “Subject to the requirements of subsection (j), in the administration of voter registration”; and
(B) in paragraph (3)—
(i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” at the end; and
(ii) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:
“(D) based on documentary proof or verified information that the registrant is not a United States citizen; or
“(E) the registration otherwise fails to comply with applicable State law;”;

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(2) by redesignating subsection (j) as subsection (l); and
(3) by inserting after subsection (i) the following new subsections:
“(j) ENSURING ONLY CITIZENS ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE.—
“(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, a State may not register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office held in the State unless, at the time the individual applies to register to vote, the individual provides documentary proof of United States citizenship.
“(2) ADDITIONAL PROCESSES IN CERTAIN CASES.—
“(A) PROCESS FOR THOSE WITHOUT DOCUMENTARY PROOF.—
“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to any relevant guidance adopted by the Election Assistance Commission, each State shall establish a process under which an applicant who cannot provide documentary proof of United States citizenship under paragraph (1) may, if the applicant signs an attestation under penalty of perjury that the applicant is a citizen of the United States and eligible to vote in elections for Federal office, submit such other evidence to the appropriate State or local official demonstrating that the applicant is a citizen of the United States and such official shall make a determination as to whether the applicant has sufficiently established United States citizenship for purposes of registering to vote in elections for Federal office in the State.
“(ii) AFFIDAVIT REQUIREMENT.—If a State or local official makes a determination under clause (i) that an applicant has sufficiently established United States citizenship for purposes of registering to vote in elections for Federal office in the State, such determination shall be accompanied by an affidavit developed under clause (iii) signed by the official swearing or affirming the applicant sufficiently established United States citizenship for purposes of registering to vote.
“(iii) DEVELOPMENT OF AFFIDAVIT BY THE ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION.—The Election Assistance Commission shall develop a uniform affidavit for use by State and local officials under clause (ii), which shall—
“(I) include an explanation of the minimum standards required for a State or local official to register an applicant who cannot provide documentary proof of United States citizenship to vote in elections for Federal office in the State; and
“(II) require the official to explain the basis for registering such applicant to vote in such elections.
“(B) PROCESS IN CASE OF CERTAIN DISCREPANCIES IN DOCUMENTATION.—Subject to any relevant guidance adopted by the Election Assistance Commission, each State shall establish a process under which an applicant can provide such additional documentation to the appropriate election official of the State as may be necessary to establish that the applicant is a citizen of the United States in the event of a discrepancy with respect to the applicant’s documentary proof of United States citizenship.
“(3) STATE REQUIREMENTS.—Each State shall take affirmative steps on an ongoing basis to ensure that only United States citizens are registered to vote under the provisions of this Act, which shall include the establishment of a program described in paragraph (4) not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this subsection.
“(4) PROGRAM DESCRIBED.—A State may meet the requirements of paragraph (3) by establishing a program under which the State identifies individuals who are not United States citizens using information supplied by one or more of the following sources:
“(A) The Department of Homeland Security through the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (“SAVE”) or otherwise.
“(B) The Social Security Administration through the Social Security Number Verification Service, or otherwise.
“(C) State agencies that supply State identification cards or driver’s licenses where the agency confirms the United States citizenship status of applicants.
“(D) Other sources, including databases, which provide confirmation of United States citizenship status.
“(5) AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION.—
“(A) IN GENERAL.—At the request of a State election official (including a request related to a process established by a State under paragraph (2)(A) or (2)(B)), any head of a Federal department or agency possessing information relevant to determining the eligibility of an individual to vote in elections for Federal office shall, not later than 24 hours after receipt of such request, provide the official with such information as may be necessary to enable the official to verify that an applicant for voter registration in elections for Federal office held in the State or a registrant on the official list of eligible voters in elections for Federal office held in the State is a citizen of the United States, which shall include providing the official with such batched information as may be requested by the official.
“(B) USE OF SAVE SYSTEM.—The Secretary of Homeland Security may respond to a request received under paragraph (1) by using the system for the verification of immigration status under the applicable provisions of section 1137 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–7), as established pursuant to section 121(c) of the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–603).
“(C) SHARING OF INFORMATION.—The heads of Federal departments and agencies shall share information with each other with respect to an individual who is the subject of a request received under paragraph (A) in order to enable them to respond to the request.
“(D) INVESTIGATION FOR PURPOSES OF REMOVAL.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall conduct an investigation to determine whether to initiate removal proceedings under section 239 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1229) if it is determined pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) that an alien (as such term is defined in section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101)) is unlawfully registered to vote in elections for Federal office.
“(E) PROHIBITING FEES.—The head of a Federal department or agency may not charge a fee for responding to a State’s request under paragraph (A).
“(k) REMOVAL OF NONCITIZENS FROM REGISTRATION ROLLS.—A State shall remove an individual who is not a citizen of the United States from the official list of eligible voters for elections for Federal office held in the State at any time upon receipt of documentation or verified information that a registrant is not a United States citizen.”.
(g) CLARIFICATION OF AUTHORITY OF STATE TO REMOVE NONCITIZENS FROM OFFICIAL LIST OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 8(a)(4) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20507(a)(4)) is amended—
(A) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph (A);
(B) by adding “or” at the end of subparagraph (B); and
(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
“(C) documentary proof or verified information that the registrant is not a United States citizen.”.
(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 8(c)(2)(B)(i) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20507(c)(2)(B)(i)) is amended by striking “(4)(A)” and inserting “(4)(A) or (C)”.
(h) REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO FEDERAL MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION FORM.—
(1) CONTENTS OF MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION FORM.—Section 9(b) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20508(b)) is amended—
(A) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “(including citizenship)” and inserting “(including an explanation of what is required to present documentary proof of United States citizenship)”;
(B) in paragraph (3), by striking “and” at the end;
(C) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and
(D) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
“(5) shall include a section, for use only by a State or local election official, to record the type of document the applicant presented as documentary proof of United States citizenship, including the date of issuance, the date of expiration (if any), the office which issued the document, and any unique identification number associated with the document.”.
(2) INFORMATION ON MAIL VOTER REGISTRATION FORM.—Section 9(b)(4) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20508(b)(4)) is amended—
(A) by redesignating clauses (i) through (iii) as subparagraphs (A) through (C), respectively; and
(B) in subparagraph (C) (as so redesignated and as amended by paragraph (1)(C)), by striking “; and” and inserting the following: “, other than as evidence in a criminal proceeding or immigration proceeding brought against an applicant who attempts to register to vote and makes a false declaration under penalty of perjury that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements to register to vote in an election for Federal office; and”.
(i) PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.—Section 11(b)(1) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20510(b)(1)) is amended by striking “a violation of this Act” and inserting “a violation of this Act, including the act of an election official who registers an applicant to vote in an election for Federal office who fails to present documentary proof of United States citizenship.”.
(j) CRIMINAL PENALTIES.—Section 12(2) of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20511(2)) is amended—
(1) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph (A);
(2) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as subparagraph (D); and
(3) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following new subparagraphs:
“(B) in the case of an officer or employee of the executive branch, providing material assistance to a noncitizen in attempting to register to vote or vote in an election for Federal office;
“(C) registering an applicant to vote in an election for Federal office who fails to present documentary proof of United States citizenship; or”.
(k) APPLICABILITY OF REQUIREMENTS TO CERTAIN STATES.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (c) of section 4 of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20503), as redesignated by subsection (b), is amended by striking “This Act does not apply to a State” and inserting “Except with respect to the requirements under subsection (i) and (j) of section 8 in the case of a State described in paragraph (2), this Act does not apply to a State”.
(2) PERMITTING STATES TO ADOPT REQUIREMENTS AFTER ENACTMENT.—Section 4 of such Act (52 U.S.C. 20503) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:
“(d) PERMITTING STATES TO ADOPT CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AFTER ENACTMENT.—Subsections (i) and (j) of section 8 shall not apply to a State described in subsection (c)(2) if the State, by law or regulation, adopts requirements which are identical to the requirements under such subsections not later than 60 days prior to the date of the first election for Federal office which is held in the State after the date of the enactment of the SAVE Act.”.
SEC. 3. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION GUIDANCE.
Not later than 10 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Election Assistance Commission shall adopt and transmit to the chief State election official of each State guidance with respect to the implementation of the requirements under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.), as amended by section 2.
SEC. 4. INAPPLICABILITY OF PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT.
Subchapter I of chapter 35 of title 44 (commonly referred to as the “Paperwork Reduction Act”) shall not apply with respect to the development or modification of voter registration materials under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.), as amended by section 2, including the development or modification of any voter registration application forms.
SEC. 5. DUTY OF SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY TO NOTIFY ELECTION OFFICIALS OF NATURALIZATION.
Upon receiving information that an individual has become a naturalized citizen of the United States, the Secretary of Homeland Security shall promptly provide notice of such information to the appropriate chief election official of the State in which such individual is domiciled.
SEC. 6. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING PROVISIONAL BALLOTS.
Nothing in this Act or in any amendment made by this Act may be construed to supercede, restrict, or otherwise affect the ability of an individual to cast a provisional ballot in an election for Federal office or to have the ballot counted in the election if the individual is verified as a citizen of the United States pursuant to section 8(j) of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (as added by section 2(f)).
SEC. 7. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING EFFECT ON STATE EXEMPTIONS FROM OTHER FEDERAL LAWS.
Nothing in this Act or in any amendment made by this Act may be construed to affect the exemption of a State from any requirement of any Federal law other than the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. 20501 et seq.).
SEC. 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act, and shall apply with respect to applications for voter registration which are submitted on or after such date.
Passed the House of Representatives April 10, 2025. AttestClerk. 119TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H. R. 22 AN ACT To amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.



ATLANTA, Feb. 2, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- The U.S. Civil Rights Trail is expanding in 2026, with the addition of historic sites in Virginia, Louisiana, Tennessee and Florida, offering travelers new destinations to explore pivotal stories, places, and voices that shaped the nation's civil rights movement.

The six new sites include:
Museum of Christian & Gospel Music, Nashville, Tenn.

- Historic Caroline County Courthouse Campus** (Bowling Green, Va.) – Site of the 1959 arrest of Richard and Mildred Loving, whose case led to the landmark Supreme Court decision that struck down bans on interracial marriage nationwide.
- Gloucester Museum of History** (Gloucester, Va.) – Through exhibits and a 12-stop driving tour, the museum highlights civil rights pioneers such as Irene Morgan, whose actions helped dismantle segregation in interstate travel.
- Texas & Pacific Railway Depot** (Natchitoches, La.) – One of Louisiana's best-preserved segregated public spaces, the depot offers an immersive look at

U.S. Civil Rights Trail expands with six new historic sites in four states; The Museum of Christian & Gospel Music included on ‘Trail’



Museum of Christian and Gospel Music is located in Nashville, Tennessee.

Jim Crow–era travel and the Great Migration, when African Americans journeyed north and west in search of opportunity.

•**Jefferson Street Sound Museum** (Nashville, Tenn.) – Located in the heart of historic Jefferson Street, the museum showcases how music, culture, and activism intersected to energize Nashville's civil rights



movement.

•**Museum of Christian & Gospel Music (Nashville, Tenn.)** – Examines the powerful role gospel music and musicians played as a source of hope, unity, and inspiration during the fight for civil rights.

•**Jacksonville Civil Rights Trail** (Jacksonville, Fla.) – This city-wide trail uses place-based

markers and storytelling to connect visitors to the neighborhoods, institutions, and leaders who drove grassroots activism and lasting change.

"Every year, the U.S. Civil Rights Trail continues to grow, giving visitors new opportunities to experience the people and places that shaped history," said Mark Ezell, Chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Trail Marketing Alliance. "These new sites add unique and powerful stories that will truly deepen our understanding of the civil rights move-

About the U.S. Civil Rights Trail

Launched in 2018, the U.S. Civil Rights Trail is a collection of more than 130 churches, court-houses, schools, museums and other landmarks primarily in the Southern states where activists challenged segregation in the 1950s and 1960s to advance social justice. The people, locations and destinations included in the Civil Rights Trail provide a way for families, travelers and educators to experience history firsthand. For details about the sites and stories from civil rights pioneers, visit CivilRightsTrail.com.



Historic excerpts by
Prof. W. B. Mitchell
(1921-1979)
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the first Black mayors, officials, educators, etc. of cities and towns), and they wasted no time in telling me how when they first sat in his classroom at Rust College or other colleges, they would sit in awe because he would begin to recite from memory every page of a textbook, while they were trying to catch up or find where he was reading from in the textbook! In short, his reputation preceded him in that “If you passed Prof. Mitchell’s class, you had truly gotten through one of the toughest teachers they had ever had.” He later told me that because of his genius I.Q. and his mathematical acumen, the CIA wanted to hire him after his military service, but he was simply ready for civilian life. His students were sought out to be employed in Black-owned businesses throughout the South or other areas were Black-owned businesses were located. He was tough on us kids as well, and would give us college textbooks to read when we were seven or eight, and whenever we complained that we did not understand it, he would say, “Read the words you know.”

When I was a kid, my father introduced my younger sister and me to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I can only think that I wished I knew then what I know now. I remember shaking Dr. King’s hand and him smiling down at me. There were many who became historic figures I had the opportunity to be in their presence of while growing up, including Medgar Evers, and A.G. Gaston, one of the few Black millionaires at the time. I only regret that I was not old enough to ask them questions and realize their significance in history.

Old Glory Bank has 10% growth in business

ELMORE CITY, Okla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Old Glory Bank, serving customers in all 50 states with its pro-America, FDIC-insured, online banking platform, today announced continued momentum in its small and medium business banking growth, reporting a 10% increase in new business deposit accounts in January 2026. The Bank opened over 435 new business accounts in January 2026, bringing the total number of small and medium business accounts to more than 4,500. This milestone reflects accelerating demand from small and medium businesses seeking a trusted digital-first banking partner that prioritizes privacy, security, liberty, and service without compromise. “Our growth to more than 4,500 business accounts since we launched business banking in October 2023 demonstrates that business owners across America want a bank that shares their values and supports their long-term success,” said John Kingma, President of Commercial Banking at Old Glory Bank. “More than 10% growth in business accounts in one month is not just a number. It represents thousands of businesses that have chosen Old Glory Bank as their financial home. With our best-in-class digital platform, built to serve small and medium busi-

Largest-Ever shared book reading study finds Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library dramatically improves early literacy for children across five countries

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 3, 2026 /CNW/ -- New groundbreaking research1 - the largest dataset ever conducted on shared book reading - reaffirms that Dolly Parton's Imagination Library significantly strengthens early literacy skills for children across the five countries, reinforcing the power of shared reading in the earliest years of life.

New International research reaffirms Dolly Parton's Imagination Library strengthens early literacy.

Research fund significant impacts in all five countries served by the program, including the US and Canada.

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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, the flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation, was created over 30 years ago in honor of her father, who could not read or write. The program is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting free, high-quality, age-appropriate books to children from birth to age five.

Today, the international program mails more than 3 million books each month directly to children's homes. Every enrolled child receives one book per month from birth to age five--at no cost to families.

Global Findings

The study found that across all countries evaluated, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is linked to stronger early literacy outcomes and richer reading experiences at home--helping close early literacy gaps by strengthening foundational skills, increasing the frequency of children being read to, and boosting children's interest and engagement during shared book reading. It also shows the program builds positive family reading habits and traditions, with caregivers more likely to interact in meaningful ways (like talking about pictures and encouraging children to hold the book), reinforcing a warm, consistent home literacy environment that supports children's learning and

long-term success.

United States & Canada Highlights

United States

- Children were 11 times more likely to be interested in books and 15 times more likely to join in during shared reading compared to children not in the program.

- Children were nine times more likely to initiate shared reading and nearly three times more likely to demonstrate concepts about print compared to children not in the program.
- Canada
 - Children were 13 times more likely to be read to four or more days per week compared to children not in the program.
 - Children were 11 times more likely to initiate shared reading and seven times more likely to demonstrate expressive vocabulary compared to children not in the program.
- Founded by Dolly Parton in 1995 to honor her father, the

Imagination Library continues to deliver measurable, international impact by putting books directly into children's homes.

About Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is the world's leading early childhood book-gifting program, having gifted more than 300 million books across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and the Republic of Ireland. The program is funded through a partnership between The Dollywood Foundation and hundreds of local community partners. Visit imaginationlibrary.com for more information.

1 *Galea, Claire Melanie Anita (2025). The Impact of shared book reading on children and their Families: insights from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Macquarie University. Thesis. <https://doi.org/10.25949/30123745.v1>

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This benefit is available for these children so long as the account is opened before the year in which the child turns age 18.

- **Do Trump Accounts protect taxpayer dollars by preventing waste, fraud, and abuse?** Trump Accounts are built with strict safeguards to protect taxpayer funds, including requiring a valid Social Security number and limiting the one-time \$1,000 pilot contribution exclusively to U.S. citizens born between calendar years 2025 and 2028, ensuring this benefit goes only to eligible American children.
- **Who can contribute to a Trump Account?** Children, parents or guardians, grandparents, family members, friends, and employers (with the first \$2,500 per employee per year excluded from the employee's income) may make contributions. Additionally, qualifying charitable organizations and government entities (e.g., states, tribes, localities, etc.) may make contributions for all children in a “qualified class” (e.g., all children born in a year,

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- **How much can be contributed each year?** The annual contribution limit is \$5,000 total per child, with cost-of-living increases after 2027. Qualifying charitable organizations and government entities may make additional contributions that do not count toward the \$5,000 limit.
- **When do contributions begin?** Contributions to Trump Accounts will be accepted starting July 4, 2026.

- **How are Trump Accounts invested?**

By law, Trump Accounts may only be invested in broad U.S. equity index funds that track the overall U.S. stock market (e.g., S&P 500), do not use leverage, and charge no more than 0.10% in annual fees.

- **Can money be withdrawn before age 18?**

No. Funds may not be withdrawn before the child turns 18, except for a rollover of the entire account to a Trump Account with another brokerage (trustee-to-trustee transfer), certain rollovers to an ABLE account in the year the child turns 17, or distribution upon death. After age 18, standard IRA rules for withdrawals apply.

- **What happens when the child turns 18?**

At age 18, the account is generally treated like a traditional IRA. The account holder may continue contributing subject to IRA rules and earned income requirements. Withdrawals follow traditional IRA rules and the ac-

count holder may be subject to a 10% additional tax for any withdrawal before age 59 ½, unless an exception (such as for distributions for higher education expenses or first home purchases) applies.

- **How do I open a Trump Account for my child?**

Use IRS Form 4547 to make the election to establish an initial Trump Account for the exclusive benefit of a child who is eligible; also use Form 4547 to make an election for the \$1,000 pilot program contribution from the U.S. Treasury to the child's Trump Account if they are eligible for the contribution. After the election is made, beginning in May 2026, Treasury or its agent will send information to the individual who made the election to activate the account through an authentication process and complete the opening of the initial Trump account.

- **When can I open a Trump Account for my child?** IRS Form 4547 can be filed at any time, including at the same time as the electing individual's

2025 income tax return is filed. Beginning mid-2026, these elections can also be made through an online account at trumpaccounts.gov.

- **Where will the Trump Account be held?** Can I use my preferred brokerage firm?

All Trump Accounts will initially be created and held with Treasury's designated financial agent. At a later date, parents or guardians will be able to transfer the full balance of a Trump Account to their preferred brokerage firm through a simple trustee-to-trustee rollover.

- **Can my employer offer Trump Account contributions through a cafeteria plan?**

Yes. Pre-tax salary-reduction contributions will be allowed to Trump Accounts owned by an employee's dependent child through an employer-sponsored cafeteria plan, up to \$2,500 per employee per year.

Source: White House.gov



Trump 365 Day Progress
365 WINS IN 365 DAYS: President Trump's Return Marks New Era of Success, Prosperity The White House
January 20, 2026

One year ago today, President Donald J. Trump returned to office with a resounding mandate to restore prosperity, secure the border, rebuild American strength, and put the American people first. In just 365 days, President Trump has delivered truly transformative results with the most accomplished first year of any presidential term in modern history.

From negative net migration for the first time in 50 years to the largest homicide drop on record, trillions in reshored investments, peace deals ending multiple wars, record energy production, and massive bureaucracy cuts, President Trump has put America First with urgency — and he's just getting started. Here are 365 wins from President Trump's first 365 days back in office:

SECURING AMERICA'S BORDERS AND PUTTING AMERICANS FIRST

1. Achieved negative net migration in 2025, reversing a 50-year trend and restoring U.S. control over immigration flows for the first time in a generation.
2. Removed more than 2.6 million illegal aliens from the United States through deportations and voluntary self-departures.
3. Carried out over 650,000 arrests, detentions, and deportations of illegal aliens — including the worst of the worst criminal illegal alien killers, rapists, gang members, and repeat offenders.
4. Deported more than 400,000 illegal aliens charged with or convicted of crimes.
5. Induced two million self-deportations by ending Biden-era release incentives and restoring credible consequences.
6. Reduced illegal border crossings to their lowest level since the 1970s, completely eradicating the Biden-era invasion.
7. Cut fentanyl trafficking at the southern border by 56%.
8. Permanently ended dangerous “catch-and-release” policies nationwide by detaining illegal aliens rather than releasing them into the interior — resulting in a 99.9% decrease in illegals being released into the country during the Biden era.
9. Maintained zero illegal alien releases into the country's homeland for eight consecutive months, restoring deterrence at the border.
10. Declared a national border emergency on Day One, unlocking the authorities and resources needed to restore order — no new legislation required.
11. Deployed National Guard and active-duty military forces to the southern border to support enforcement and repel the invasion.
12. Immediately resumed construction of the border wall — with dozens of miles of new construction underway or already completed, including new border barrier projects underway in El Paso and the Rio Grande Valley — to safeguard the homeland against future invasion.
13. Reinstated the successful Remain in Mexico policy, ensuring would-be illegal border crossers are not able to wait in the U.S. with little consequence as they await the resolution of their cases.
14. Repurposed the failed Biden-era CBP One app from a mass-entry tool into a self-deportation facilitation mechanism.
15. Achieved a 99% year-over-year collapse of Darién Gap migration traffic, stemming the tide of illegal alien traffic directly at the source.
16. Revoked over 100,000 visas tied to fraud, criminal activity, or national security concerns.
17. Revoked visas tied to pro-Hamas agitators on college



campuses, restoring safety, free speech, and American values to universities across the nation.

18. Paused visa processing for 75 high-risk countries pending enhanced security vetting.
19. Blocked more than 10,000 individuals with narcoterrorism or cartel ties from entering the country
20. Conducted 206 million benefits-eligibility checks to ensure taxpayer-funded programs serve Americans and lawful residents only.
21. Terminated federal benefits for at least 1.4 million illegal aliens improperly receiving public assistance.
22. Cut the number of new foreign students in the U.S. by 17%.
23. Removed 275,000 illegal aliens from Social Security rolls, protecting program integrity.
24. Expanded ICE enforcement capacity through aggressive hiring and redeployment, doubling the workforce and garnering over 220,000 new ICE officer applications — the largest recruitment pool in the agency's history.
25. Expanded federal detention capacity nationwide — including opening the largest migrant detention facility in U.S. history — to ensure detained means detained, not released back into our communities.
26. Enforced English-language proficiency requirements for commercial truck drivers to protect roadway safety, taking more than 9,500 non-compliant foreign truck drivers out of service.
27. Restored the Department of Homeland Security's Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement (VOICE) Office to provide direct support to victims of illegal alien crime.
28. Rescued 62,000 missing migrant children from trafficking, forced labor, and exploitation networks tied to illegal migration — most of whom were lost during the Biden Administration.
29. Drove the number of unaccompanied illegal immigrant children crossing into the country to a record low.
30. Invoked the Alien Enemies Act to deport brutal Tren de Aragua gang members.
31. Revoked Temporary Protected Status for over 500,000 migrants — a decision upheld by the Supreme Court.
32. Immediately suspended refugee resettlement and dramatically lowered the number of refugees allowed into the country — ensuring the U.S. does not become a safe haven to those who hate us.
33. Terminated temporary protected status for a variety of dangerous third-world countries, including Somalia, Venezuela, and Haiti.
34. Signed seven Safe Third Country agreements to facilitate and expedite deportations, defending the authority before the Supreme Court and winning.
35. Secured El Salvador's agreement to accept deportees of any nationality, including violent criminals.
36. Added 85,000 new identities to the National Counterterrorism Center's terrorist database.
37. Launched the ICE “Worst of the Worst” database, publicly identifying criminal illegal aliens.
38. Began the process of auditing Somali immigration cases for systemic fraud and potential denaturalization amid Minnesota's Somali Fraud Scandal.
39. Terminated federal leftist NGO funding streams that facilitated or encouraged illegal migration.
40. Established five national defense areas along the southern border to mitigate illicit drug and human smuggling activity and to minimize the environmental damage and erosion

caused by cross-border foot traffic, litter, and vehicle traffic.

41. Restricted the entry of nationals from 39 terror-prone countries.
42. Targeted so-called “sanctuary” jurisdictions giving safe harbor to criminal illegal aliens by cutting grant funding and other discretionary programming.
43. Imposed a \$100,000 payment to accompany or supplement H-1B petitions.
44. Filed multiple lawsuits against states and cities obstructing federal immigration law.
45. Conducted sustained interior enforcement operations in so-called “sanctuary” cities, removing thousands of criminal illegal aliens from our streets.
46. Forced Canada and Mexico to take meaningful steps to address fentanyl trafficked into the U.S.
47. Implemented an additional 10% tariff on imports from China in order to stem the flow of illegal aliens and fentanyl trafficked into our country.
48. Imposed crippling sanctions on some of the world's most deadly cartels.
49. Signed the Laken Riley Act into law, a law that requires illegal aliens arrested or charged with theft or violence to be detained — honoring the memory of Laken Riley, a Georgia college student brutally murdered by an illegal immigrant released into the country.
50. Directed the Department of Justice to pursue the death penalty in capital crimes committed by illegal immigrants.
51. Immediately signed an executive order ending birthright citizenship for the children of illegal immigrants.
52. Deported illegal immigrant killers, rapists, and drug dealers en masse — including scores of convicted killers, child molesters, child pornographers, gang members, terrorists, drug dealers, and other imminent threats to public safety.
53. Delivered the largest one-year decline in homicides in U.S. history by launching targeted federal crime crackdowns and ending Biden-era non-enforcement.
54. Reversed the nationwide violent crime surge, driving nationwide drops in rapes, robberies, and aggravated assaults by 6%, 19%, and 10%, respectively.
55. Cut overdose deaths by 21% over last year, with overdose deaths declining each month since President Trump took office.
56. Designated fentanyl as a weapon of mass destruction to rapidly dismantle trafficking networks.
57. Oversaw a 25% decrease in the number of on-duty law enforcement officer deaths.
58. Launched the D.C. Safe and Beautiful Task Force, conducting 7,500+ arrests, seizing 735 illegal firearms, removing 80+ homeless encampments fueling crime and disorder, and reducing murders by over 60% following the federal intervention.
59. Launched the Memphis Safe Task Force to combat violent crime, reducing murders to their lowest level in 20 years and driving a 40% drop in shootings.
60. Conducted targeted enforcement operations in Chicago, resulting in the city's fewest murders since 1965 and shootings falling by more than a third.
61. Conducted targeted enforcement operations in New Orleans, which saw its homicide rate drop to its lowest level in 50 years.
62. Dismantled Tren de Aragua, MS-13, and other transnational gang-related criminal networks by designating cartels as terrorist organizations.
63. Oversaw plummeting traffic fatalities across the country, in part as a result of President Trump's mass deportations and

removal of non-English speaking commercial truck drivers.

64. Oversaw significant reductions in illegal alien visits to emergency rooms, freeing up critical resources to better serve American citizens in need of urgent medical care.
65. Designated Antifa as a domestic terrorist organization and opened investigations into its Radical Left funding sources.
66. Captured a record number of criminals on the FBI's Most Wanted List — outpacing the number captured under Biden in just one year.
67. Strengthened the ability of state and local law enforcement to pursue criminals and protect innocent Americans.
68. Drove gas prices to their lowest level in nearly five years, with prices below \$3 per gallon in 43 states and below \$2 per gallon in 19 states.
69. Created 654,000 private-sector jobs following deregulation, tax relief, and restored investment confidence.
70. Ensured 100% of net job growth went to native-born Americans by enforcing immigration laws.
71. Achieved massive economic growth, with real GDP rising 4.3% in the third quarter of 2025 — smashing economists' expectations and setting the stage for future growth, with GDP projected to be even higher in the fourth quarter as President Trump's policies continue to take effect.
72. Oversaw the largest increase in blue-collar wage growth in nearly 60 years.
73. Increased private-sector real earnings by \$1,100 annually — earning back some of the \$2,900 in purchasing power workers lost under Biden.
74. Tamed inflation, running at just 2.4% since President Trump took office — down 70% from its Biden-era peak.
75. Brought inflation under control by enforcing fiscal restraint, reversing runaway spending growth, and restoring policy credibility, driving core inflation to multi-year lows.
76. Achieved the lowest mortgage rates in three years by stabilizing mortgage-backed securities markets and expanding liquidity — driving monthly housing payments to their most affordable levels in over two years.
77. Oversaw existing home sales rising to the strongest pace in three years as income growth finally outpaces home price gains.
78. Delivered a historic stock-market rebound, with the major stock indices all hitting repeated new record highs.
79. Signed the Working Families Tax Cut, delivering the largest middle-class tax relief package in modern U.S. history and saving 5.9 million jobs.
80. Delivered on his No Tax on Tips campaign promise.
81. Delivered on his No Tax on Overtime campaign promise.
82. Delivered on his No Tax on Social Security campaign promise for our great seniors.
83. Delivered unprecedented tax relief for small businesses and other key industries, building on the successful Tax Cuts and Jobs Act from his first term and opening the door for new levels of prosperity to come.
84. Secured congressional passage of a \$9 billion rescissions package, permanently canceling wasteful spending — like the wasteful taxpayer funding of NPR and PBS.
85. Terminated wasteful foreign aid programs inconsistent with America First priorities through a \$5 billion pocket rescission.
86. Reduced wholesale egg prices by 89% following the Trump Administration's intervention, supply stabilization, and regulatory relief.
87. Delivered a 4% nomi-

nal private sector weekly wage increase — resoundingly beating inflation.

88. Directed credit card companies to cap interest rates at 10% to provide Americans needed relief.
89. Cut the U.S. trade deficit to its lowest level since 2009 through tariff enforcement and reciprocal trade pressure.
90. Launched the largest deregulation initiative in U.S. history, delivering \$5 trillion in savings.
91. Created Trump Accounts to empower the next generation of Americans through tax-advantaged savings accounts for newborns — projected to provide them with as much as \$300,000 come their 18th birthday.
92. Garnered overwhelming private sector support for Trump Accounts, with Michael and Susan Dell donating \$6.25 billion and major corporations such as SoFi, Charles Schwab, and Charter Communications matching the federal government's \$1,000 contribution for employees.
93. Secured roughly \$10 trillion in new domestic investment, onshoring jobs and revitalizing American manufacturing.
94. Delivered \$12 billion in much needed direct aid to American farmers through USDA emergency support initiatives — helping farmers and ranchers recover after losses induced during the Biden Administration.
95. Negotiated massive soybean purchase agreements with China and Bangladesh, reopening critical export markets.
96. Approved \$50 billion in rural healthcare funding — the largest investment in rural hospitals in history.
97. Reduced rent growth to its slowest pace since 2021.
98. Reduced weekly jobless claims to their lowest in years.
99. Taking action to lower housing costs by authorizing Treasury-backed mortgage bond purchases and calling for a ban on large-scale institutional investors buying up supply.
100. Marked the strongest year for new vehicle sales since 2019, with Ford achieving its best annual sales in six years, General Motors reporting soaring overall sales, and Stellantis seeing Jeep brand sales rise for the first time since 2018.
101. Oversaw price declines for both new and used vehicles.
102. Reversed onerous Biden-era fuel economy standards that would have added nearly \$1,000 to the cost of the average new vehicle, delivering billions in savings for consumers.
103. Opened the Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument to commercial fishing, undoing a nonsensical Biden-era ban and boosting the economy of American Samoa and other Pacific islands.
104. Took executive action to restore American seafood competitiveness by reducing regulatory burdens, combating unfair foreign trade practices, and enhancing domestic seafood production and exports.
105. Launched a plan for fair and reciprocal trade, making clear to the world that the United States will no longer tolerate being ripped off and directing his Administration to confront non-reciprocal trade barriers and negotiate fairer market access for U.S. exports.
106. Secured new and improved trade agreements with major U.S. trading partners covering more than half of global GDP — including the United Kingdom, European Union, Japan, China, Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Israel, Switzerland, the Philippines, and Cambodia.
107. Sent tariff revenues soaring, collecting \$300 billion under expanded enforcement and new policies.



108. Reduced the trade deficit to its lowest since 2009.
109. Brought U.S. exports to their second-highest value on record.
110. Restored a 25% tariff on steel imports and elevated the tariff to 25% on aluminum imports to protect these critical American industries from unfair foreign competition — a move praised by the Steel Manufacturers Association, the Aluminum Association, and businesses across the country.
111. Invoked Section 232 tariffs to protect U.S. critical minerals and semiconductor supply chains.
112. Slowed the growth of the federal deficit through rescissions and discretionary spending restraint.
113. Expanded skilled-trade training programs through Labor grants and executive direction.
114. Approved major U.S. auto manufacturing expansions following reshoring incentives.
115. Approved new heavy-equipment and appliance manufacturing facilities across multiple states.
116. Expanded domestic semiconductor manufacturing capacity through trade enforcement and industrial policy.
117. Finalized a TikTok national security deal to place the platform under U.S. ownership, protecting Americans' data and cutting Chinese leverage.
118. Directed the Treasury to stop production of the penny — which costs 3.69 cents each to make — eliminating a recurring loss for taxpayers and modernizing U.S. coinage.
119. Ordered the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau — the brainchild of Elizabeth Warren, which funneled cash to left-wing advocacy groups — to halt operations, ending a Biden-era regulatory weapon that targeted lawful lenders and raised consumer costs.
120. Paused enforcement of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act by executive order, reducing extraterritorial overreach that disadvantaged U.S. companies competing abroad.
121. Forced Canada to walk back its digital services tax after President Trump halted trade negotiations, defending American technology companies from discriminatory foreign taxation.
122. Launched USDA's National Farm Security Action Plan, treating food and agriculture as national security and hardening the supply chain against foreign adversaries.
123. Laid out a visionary plan to establish a Sovereign Wealth Fund to maximize the stewardship of the \$5+ trillion in assets held by the United States, strengthening national financial resilience.
124. Delivered the strongest first-year economic performance in modern history, pairing lower inflation and energy costs with tax relief, investment, and America First trade enforcement.
125. Announced new tariffs on movies produced in foreign countries in an effort to boost the American film industry.
126. Signed an executive order to restore a robust domestic manufacturing base for prescription drugs and promote domestic production of critical medicines — leading to billions in new U.S.-based investment from domestic and international drug companies.
127. Launched an Onshoring Portal to connect small businesses with a network of more than one million domestic suppliers and producers.
128. Solidified the U.S. position as the world leader in artificial intelligence, attracting \$2.7 trillion in tech and AI investment.
129. Secured \$90 billion in AI and energy investment in Pennsylvania alone through direct presidential engagement and

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relentless advocacy for the commonwealth’s resources.

130. Reached a deal for the U.S. government to acquire a 10% stake in chipmaker Intel, with Intel’s stock roughly doubling since.

131. Launched the Presidential Artificial Intelligence (AI) Challenge, inviting K-12 students and educators across America to participate.

132. Expanded spectrum access through FCC action, lowering wireless phone plan costs.

133. Launched the FCC’s “Build American Agenda,” expanding wireless competition and accelerating high-speed infrastructure buildout.

134. Announced the U.S. Space Command will be relocating to Huntsville, Alabama, creating 30,000 jobs and hundreds of billions of dollars in investment.

135. NASA announced the U.S. will return to the moon before President Trump leaves office.

136. Unveiled America’s AI Action Plan to maintain U.S. AI dominance.

137. Signed legislation repealing the overbearing Biden-era “DeFi Crypto Broker Rule,” marking the first time a cryptocurrency bill has ever been signed into law by a president.

138. Established a Strategic Bitcoin Reserve to manage U.S. crypto assets seized via criminal or civil asset forfeiture proceedings.

139. Signed the GENIUS Act into law, establishing the first-ever U.S. regulatory framework for stablecoins.

140. Ended Operation Choke Point 2.0, the Biden-era crack-down on digital assets.

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141. Ended the Israel–Hamas war by imposing a ceasefire framework, securing the release of hostages, and enacting a landmark Gaza Peace Plan to unleash total security and prosperity for all in the region.

142. Brokered an end to the 12-Day War between Israel and Iran.

143. Brokered peace between Armenia and Azerbaijan.

144. Brokered peace between India and Pakistan.

145. Brokered peace between the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda.

146. Brokered peace between Cambodia and Thailand.

147. Brokered normalization between Kosovo and Serbia.

148. Brokered peace between Egypt and Ethiopia.

149. Established a U.S.-backed framework to end the Ukraine–Russia war, setting enforceable ceasefire benchmarks and reconstruction incentives.

150. Restored maximum pressure on Iran.

151. Destroyed Iran’s nuclear weapons capability through coordinated military action, sanctions escalation, and intelligence operations.

152. Directed the Secretary of State to declare that U.S. foreign policy will “always put America and American citizens first.”

153. Declared all foreign policy must be conducted under the President’s direction, ensuring career diplomats reflect the foreign policy of the United States at all times.

154. Initiated the process to build a next-generation Golden Dome missile defense system to protect our homeland from 21st Century threats — and secured initial funding for it in the Working Families Tax Cuts Act.

155. Added 29 new reward offers for designated targets under the Narcotics and Transnational Organized Crime Rewards Programs, including the highest reward offer in program history: a \$50 million reward

offer for the now-captured narco-terrorist dictator Nicolás Maduro.

156. Secured an agreement from NATO member nations to raise their defense spending to 5% of their GDP — a remarkable foreign policy feat long thought impossible.

157. Pressured Panamanian President José Raúl Mulino to withdraw from China’s Belt and Road Initiative, a debt-trap diplomacy scheme the Chinese Communist Party uses to gain influence over developing nations.

158. Authorized lethal U.S. strikes on narcoterrorist vessels supplying fentanyl to the U.S., killing at least 123 narcoterrorists.

159. Achieved a ceasefire with Houthis terrorists in Yemen, restoring freedom of navigation in the Red Sea for U.S.-flagged ships.

160. Redesignated the Iran-backed Houthis as a Foreign Terrorist Organization.

161. Secured the capture of long-wanted narcoterrorist Nicolás Maduro, paving the way for his prosecution in the U.S.

162. Signed a joint statement of intent with Canada and Finland to increase icebreaker production and counteract Russian influence in the Arctic.

163. Secured an agreement from Venezuela to turn over 30-50 million barrels of sanctioned oil to the U.S.

164. Seized sanctioned Venezuelan oil tankers to cut off funding for the Maduro regime.

165. Sanctioned Venezuela’s shadow oil fleet, crippling the regime’s illicit revenue streams.

166. Enforced sweeping sanctions against the Iranian regime and its allies.

167. Eliminated ISIS Chief of Global Operations Abdallah Makki Muslih al-Rifai, the second most powerful leader in the Islamic State.

168. Arrested the ISIS-K terrorist who orchestrated the murders of 13 U.S. service members at Abbey Gate.

169. Eliminated Al-Qaeda affiliate leader Bilal Hasan al-Jasim in northwest Syria.

170. Secured the release of 85 detained Americans abroad.

171. Secured the release of political prisoners in Nicaragua and Venezuela through direct diplomatic pressure.

172. Designated the Egyptian and Jordanian branches of the Muslim Brotherhood as Foreign Terrorist Organizations for supporting Hamas.

173. Designated more than ten major Latin American cartels as terrorist organizations, expanding U.S. counterterror authorities.

174. Ordered U.S. strikes against ISIS leadership in Nigeria to protect Christian communities.

175. Rebuilt Indo Pacific alliances by restoring U.S. deterrence and concluding new security and trade agreements.

176. Welcomed the first flight of Afrikaner refugees from South Africa after the rise of racial discrimination in their home country.

177. Expanded the Abraham Accords to include Kazakhstan.

178. Launched an unprecedented reorganization at the Department of State to reverse decades of bloat and bureaucracy that rendered it unable to perform its essential diplomatic mission.

179. Secured the safe return of NASA astronauts who were stranded in space for nine months by the Biden Administration.

180. Directed the creation of a Maritime Action Plan to Make American Shipbuilding Great Again and ensure American maritime dominance.

181. Stopped the waste, fraud, and abuse within USAID — ensuring taxpayers are no longer on the hook for funding the pet projects of entrenched bureaucrats, such as sex changes in Guatemala.

182. Banned funding to UNRWA — a United Nations agency that employed hundreds of Hamas and jihad operatives.

183. Imposed sanctions on the International Criminal Court, which has illegitimately asserted jurisdiction over internal U.S. matters.

184. Reinstated the Mexico City Policy to ensure no taxpayer dollars support foreign organizations that perform, or actively promote, abortion in other nations.

185. Ordered embassies worldwide to only fly the American flag — not activist flags.

186. Rejoined the Geneva Consensus Declaration, which promotes and strengthens opportunities for women and girls around the world, and protects the family as the fundamental unit of society.

FORGING A STRONGER, MODERNIZED MILITARY FORCE

187. Met or exceeded military recruitment goals across all branches by restoring pride, pay, and mission clarity as the Armed Forces returns to its warfighting standards of excellence.

188. Made the largest military investment in decades, modernizing our forces with cutting-edge technology, rebuilding depleted stockpiles, and ensuring our troops are the best-equipped in history.

189. Modernized U.S. military capabilities through accelerated weapons development and procurement reform.

190. Integrated artificial intelligence into U.S. defense planning and battlefield operations.

191. Improved overall military readiness by reversing Biden era diversity mandates and readiness declines.

192. Delivered a \$1,776 Warrior Dividend to nearly 1.5 million service members.

193. Reduced the VA benefits backlog by 60% through management reform and accountability — after it increased by 24% under Biden.

194. Processed a record three million veterans’ disability claims at the VA over the past year.

195. Opened 25 new VA healthcare clinics to expand access for veterans.

196. Permanently housed 51,936 homeless veterans across the country through VA services in FY25 — the highest total in seven years.

197. Reinstated troops and restored benefits eligibility for service members discharged under Biden-era COVID vaccine mandates.

198. Barred transgender individuals from enlisting in the U.S. military.

199. Overhauled the U.S. military’s physical and grooming guidelines to ensure the force is meeting the highest possible standard.

200. Stopped taxpayer funds from being used for sex-change surgeries among military personnel.

201. Directed the Department of War to end its nonsensical “diversity, equity, and inclusion” measures that inhibited service members from meeting their mission.

202. Reformed VA home loan protections to prevent veteran foreclosures.

203. Reduced veteran homelessness through targeted federal state coordination.

204. Strengthened military family support programs and benefits.

205. Signed an executive order exempting agencies with national security missions from federal collective bargaining requirements in order to bolster border, national, and energy security.

206. Expanded the U.S. defense industrial base to reduce reliance on foreign suppliers.

207. Strengthened U.S. cyber defenses against foreign at-

tacks.

208. Ordered the immediate dismissal of the Board of Visitors for the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard following years of woke ideologies infiltrating U.S. service academies.

209. Restored Fort Liberty, North Carolina, to “Fort Bragg,” in honor of a World War II hero.

210. Renamed Fort Moore, Georgia, as “Fort Benning” in honor of a World War I hero.

211. Expanded U.S. space security initiatives to protect American satellites.

212. Cut off global terror financing networks through Treasury sanctions.

213. Blacklisted dozens of Chinese companies in a bid to reduce the Chinese Communist Party’s intellectual property theft.

214. Strengthened intelligence sharing with U.S. allies.

215. Unveiled the F-47, the world’s first sixth-generation fighter jet.

216. Announced Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Michigan will soon be home to the new F-15EW Eagle II fighter jets.

217. Conducted dozens of leader-level meetings with foreign nations, surpassing the totals of Biden and Obama at this point in their presidencies.

218. Declared May 8 as “Victory Day for World War II” and November 11 as “Victory Day for World War I” in recognition of America’s role in winning the two wars.

MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK FOR THE PEOPLE

219. Saved an estimated \$215 billion — equivalent to \$1,335 per U.S. taxpayer — through the Trump Administration’s government efficiency efforts.

220. Signed 228 executive orders, rapidly implementing core campaign promises without delay or drift — the most in a single term in decades.

221. Eliminated discriminatory “diversity, equity, and inclusion” offices, employees, and practices across the bureaucracy alongside a return to merit-based hiring.

222. Eliminated race- and sex-based hiring preferences across the executive branch.

223. Directed agencies to dismantle Biden-era federal censorship operations, restoring free speech protections.

224. Ended federal funding for chemical and surgical gender procedures for minors through executive action and regulatory enforcement, driving the end to these harmful procedures for minors at health systems across the country.

225. Ended the unfair, demeaning practice of forcing women to compete against men in sports — which resulted in the NCAA changing its rules and local and state athletics organizations following suit.

226. Made it the official policy of the U.S. government that there are only two sexes.

227. Pardoned pro-life Americans wrongly targeted by the Biden Administration.

228. Launched full-scale investigations into deep state abuses — bringing the era of weaponized government to an end and restoring fairness and trust in American institutions.

229. Rolled out new merit-based federal hiring plans, ensuring the government’s hiring decisions are based on merit only — including at the Federal Aviation Administration, where the Biden Administration specifically recruited individuals with intellectual disabilities and psychiatric issues.

230. Dramatically downsized the scope of the federal bureaucracy, ensuring government is serving the taxpayers who fund it by cutting the waste, fraud, and abuse that has permeated it for so long.

231. Terminated tens of thousands of contracts across all

federal agencies, saving taxpayers billions of dollars in waste, fraud, and abuse.

232. Revoked the burdensome electric vehicle mandate and fortified this action by signing a congressional resolution into law.

233. Slashed job-killing regulations to unleash innovation, lower costs, and put American workers first.

234. Killed federal regulations at an astonishing 129-to-one rate — far topping the rate at which red tape was cut during President Trump’s first term.

235. Implemented nationwide election integrity measures through executive action, banning foreign nationals from election interference, strengthening voter citizenship verification, prosecuting non-citizen voting, requiring voter-verifiable paper ballot records, and ensuring state-by-state compliance with federal law.

236. Signed an executive order mandating that Federal public buildings, such as courthouses and government office buildings, embrace classical architecture to honor tradition, foster civic pride, and inspire the citizenry.

237. Officially began the process of closing the Department of Education and returning education to the states after more than four decades and over \$3 trillion spent on education, with virtually nothing to show for it.

238. Signed an executive order dismantling censorship.

239. Signed an executive order protecting religious freedoms.

240. Signed an executive order safeguarding Second Amendment rights.

241. Released records related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy with no redactions.

242. Released troves of previously classified records related to the assassinations of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as well as the disappearance of Amelia Earhart.

243. Stripped notorious crackhead and grifter Hunter Biden of his taxpayer-funded Secret Service detail.

244. Directed the administration to take all necessary steps to defend Americans’ constitutional rights from overreach.

245. Signed an executive order to end the use of paper straws.

246. Ended federal funding for dangerous gain-of-function research in foreign countries.

247. Directed all federal agencies to protect religious expression in the workplace.

248. Answered 65% more calls to the Social Security Administration compared to the prior year.

249. Reduced the average speed of answer for customer calls to the Social Security Administration to single digits.

250. Enhanced Social Security for our great seniors while keeping President Trump’s promise not to touch benefits.

251. Revoked waivers that allowed certain colleges to divert federal funds intended for low-income students and students with disabilities to illegal immigrants.

252. Canceled taxpayer-backed mortgages for illegal immigrants.

253. Shut down the wasteful Biden-era “Climate Corps” work program.

254. Ended the wasteful Federal Executive Institute, which had become a training ground for bureaucrats.

255. Held higher education institutions accountable for their discriminatory “diversity, equity, and inclusion” policies and for allowing anti-Semitism to flourish on their campuses, driving settlements with Northwestern University Cornell University, the University of Virginia, Brown University, Columbia

University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

256. Signed an executive order barring COVID-19 vaccine mandates in schools that receive federal funding.

257. Reinstated the name “Mount McKinley” to North America’s highest peak.

258. Reversed the massive over-expansion of the IRS that took place during the Biden Administration.

259. Proclaimed “Gulf of America Day” after the Department of the Interior officially changed the name on its mapping database.

260. Designated English as the official language of the U.S.

261. Developed “retire.opm.gov,” a reimagined website that automates federal retirements after decades of retirement records being stored in an underground mine.

262. Oversaw a dramatic decline in federal employment, reducing the waste and bloat that has plagued the federal bureaucracy for too long.

263. Forced bureaucrats back into the office, with the percentage of federal employees working in-office increasing 30% in the second quarter of 2025.

264. Revoked more than 100 security clearances of deep state actors responsible for weaponizing and politicizing intelligence, including Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, Alvin Bragg, Jake Sullivan, Hillary Clinton, Letitia James, Liz Cheney, John Bolton, Adam Kinzinger, Anthony Blinken, James Clapper, and Fiona Hill.

265. Signed an executive order modernizing American workforce programs to prepare citizens for the high-paying skilled trade jobs of the future.

266. Reinstated critical reports canceled by the Biden Administration, including the July Cattle Report and the County Estimates for Crops and Livestock — giving farmers the data needed to make important decisions for their operations.

267. Fired members of The Trump-Kennedy Center’s Board of Trustees amid their obsession with perpetuating radical, left-wing ideology at taxpayer expense.

268. Improved average disaster loan approval time to just 17 days, accelerating recovery for disaster-impacted communities.

269. Unveiled a plan to completely overhaul the nation’s air traffic control system, building on the unprecedented actions already taken to secure America’s skies and improve air travel.

270. Conducted dozens of investigations into higher learning institutions under Title VI for alleged impermissible use of race-exclusionary preferences, race-based scholarships, and/or race-based segregation.

271. Established the White House Faith Office to protect Americans’ religious liberty.

272. Remained the most transparent, accessible Administration in modern history, with President Trump speaking for over 13,400 minutes and talking to the press at 74% of his events.

273. Dramatically increased the scope of credentialed reporters in the White House press briefing room to ensure Americans of all backgrounds are in touch with their government.

274. Reinstated press privileges for roughly 440 journalists who the Biden Administration sought to silence.

275. Ordered the immediate declassification of all FBI files related to the sham Crossfire Hurricane investigation.

276. Forced a host of companies, including Disney and Goldman Sachs, to end harmful, woke, and discriminatory DEI practices.

277. Eliminated the unpopular vehicle stop-start require-

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ment that drove up costs.

278. Authorized the production of affordable and efficient “tiny cars,” reversing burdensome regulations that prevented their manufacturing.

279. Directed the Office of the Federal Register to speed up publishing time and decrease costs, enabling agencies to more quickly and effectively restore freedom through President Trump’s deregulatory agenda.

280. Resumed collections for student borrowers in default following a five-year pause and reminded institutions of their obligations to support student loan borrowers

281. Rescinded waivers that allowed California and over a dozen other states to set their own emission standards and electric vehicle sales mandates.

282. Ordered federal agencies to hire no more than one employee for every four employees who leave.

283. Signed executive orders to protect America’s bank account against waste, fraud, and abuse and modernize payments.

284. Pressured Citibank into ending their restrictive, politically motivated “de-banking” policies.

285. Signed an executive order to remove anti-American propaganda from federal museums and national parks.

286. Signed an executive order to ensure no one is transformed into a criminal for violating a regulation they have no reason to know exists.

287. Enhanced enforcement for making sure states appropriately and lawfully preserve SNAP benefits for only eligible Americans.

288. Released a comprehensive review of so-called “gender-affirming care,” finding no strong medical or scientific evidence exists to support the treatment’s irreversible effects.

289. Terminated all beagle experiments on the National Institutes of Health campus.

290. Halted the Biden-era ban on fossil fuels in federal buildings, ensuring they are utilizing the most efficient power available to lower taxpayer costs and curb regulatory overreach.

291. Directed states to maximize parental options for choosing the best, safest schools for their children.

292. Ordered the automatic rescission of outdated regulations on American energy production and innovation.

293. Signed an executive

order overhauling the nation’s higher education accreditation system to ensure colleges and universities deliver high-quality, high-value education free from unlawful discrimination and ideological bias.

294. Signed a landmark executive order eliminating the use of so-called “disparate-impact liability,” which undermines civil rights by mandating discrimination to achieve predetermined, race-oriented outcomes.

295. Strengthened probationary periods in the federal service — ensuring a merit-based federal workforce that serves the American people.

296. Constructed giant new American flags on the White House grounds as a symbol of American strength.

297. Achieved the fastest pace of Senate cabinet-level confirmations than any Administration in recent memory, with the majority of President Trump’s cabinet earning confirmation in the first month.

MAKING AMERICA HEALTHY AGAIN

298. Implemented Most Favored Nation drug pricing, securing deals with 16 of the world’s largest pharmaceutical companies to guarantee Americans pay the same low prices other developed nations receive.

299. Revamped the President’s Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition, and restored the iconic Presidential Fitness test for America’s youth.

300. Signed the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act into law, restoring whole and 2% milk in schools to improve childhood nutrition.

301. Phased out eight artificial food dyes and approved four natural replacements.

302. Made incredible strides in the effort to Make America Healthy Again, with roughly 40% of the American food industry — including major corporations like Walmart, Hershey and Nestlé — agreeing to eliminate artificial dyes from their products.

303. Launched the Great Healthcare Plan, a comprehensive reform framework to lower drug prices, premiums, and out-of-pocket costs.

304. Announced Operation Stork Speed to expand options for safe, reliable, and nutritious infant formula for American families.

305. Signed an executive order reclassifying marijuana to Schedule III, accelerating medi-

cal research and patient access.

306. Signed an executive order modernizing the foster care system, expanding support for youth transitioning out of care.

307. Revised the childhood vaccine recommendations from 72 shots for 17 diseases to 11 “consensus vaccines,” with others available at the request of parents following conversations with their doctors.

308. Took executive action to expand access to in vitro fertilization (IVF).

309. Doubled childhood cancer data initiative funding.

310. Approved 67 new drugs, surpassing both the five-year and 20-year averages.

311. Launched a \$50 million autism data science initiative to unlock causes and improve outcomes.

312. Announced a \$61.9 million investment to strengthen nutrition in Head Start programs, expanding access to fresh, healthy food for more than 100,000 families.

313. Established the Make America Healthy Again Commission tasked with investigating and addressing the root causes of America’s escalating health crisis — with an initial focus on childhood chronic diseases.

314. Signed a multitude of waivers giving states the authority to remove junk food from their SNAP benefits programs.

315. Removed the COVID-19 vaccines from the list of shots recommended for healthy children and pregnant women.

316. Began publishing taxpayer-funded studies online for free to empower Americans’ own research and promote maximum transparency.

317. Ended a loophole that allowed ingredient manufacturers to utilize chemicals with unknown safety data in food.

318. Launched new studies to more closely examine autism.

319. Withdrew the U.S. from the World Health Organization.

320. Released groundbreaking new dietary guidelines that prioritize whole, nutrient-dense foods — “real food” — over processed junk.

321. Removed black-box warnings on menopause hormone therapies to empower access to women’s health.

322. Directed full enforcement of the Hyde Amendment, which bars taxpayer dollars from being used to fund or promote elective abortion.

UNLEASHING AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE —

AND COMMON SENSE

323. Immediately declared a National Energy Emergency to unlock America’s full energy potential and bring down costs for American families.

324. Set a new liquefied natural gas (LNG) export record, becoming the first country ever to export more than 100 million metric tons of LNG in a single year.

325. Reversed Biden-era drilling restrictions, approving nearly 6,000 applications for permits to drill for oil and gas on federal and Native American land — a 55% increase from the same time period in 2024-2025.

326. Re-opened hundreds of millions of acres to oil, gas, and coal production.

327. Announced the opening of 13.1 million more acres of federal land for coal leasing, tripling benchmarks set by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and delivering on President Trump’s directive to restore American Energy Dominance.

328. Achieved record domestic oil and natural gas production following expanded leasing and permitting.

329. Approved advanced nuclear energy projects through Department of Energy licensing and financing support, with multiple nuclear reactors set to come online by July 4, 2026.

330. Reinvigorated America’s Beautiful Clean Coal industry, investing hundreds of millions to boost coal production while rolling back decades of overregulation.

331. Terminated hundreds of Biden-era Green New Scam projects, including the \$7.5 billion federal EV charger program, which, as of May 2024, had built just 8 EV charging stations.

332. Established the National Energy Dominance Council at the White House to advise on achieving energy dominance.

333. Directed the Administration to expeditiously implement the most effective mechanisms, barriers, and other measures to prevent the migration and expansion of invasive carp in the Great Lakes Basin and the surrounding region.

334. Took action to revoke the 2009 Barack Hussein Obama-era Endangerment Finding, which accounted for trillions of dollars in regulatory costs.

335. Eliminated the costly Biden-era Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards, saving Americans \$109 billion over the next five years.

336. Empowered consumer choice for everyday items such as vehicles, straws, shower heads, toilets, washing machines, lightbulbs, stoves and dishwashers, saving U.S. consumers tens of billions.

337. Eliminated useless water pressure standards that make household appliances less effective and more expensive.

338. Withdrew from the Paris Climate Agreement, as well as dozens of globalist climate organizations.

339. Identified 28.3 trillion cubic feet of gas and 1.6 billion barrels of previously undiscovered oil in the Permian Basin.

340. Successfully pushed major technology corporations to cover the full electricity costs of their data centers.

341. Returned tens of billions of dollars of Green New Scam spending to American taxpayers.

342. Expedited a variety of crucial infrastructure projects by slashing red tape, including the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant in San Diego and the I-40 highway in North Carolina.

343. Eliminated the Diesel Exhaust Fluid requirement, saving family farmers \$727 million annually.

344. Halted the construction of costly and environmentally harmful offshore wind turbines.

345. Brought in over \$350 million through oil and gas lease sales — more revenue than in all four years of the Biden Administration combined.

346. Launched a pathway for agencies to accomplish permitting reform at record speed, pushing back on environmental regulations that have been weaponized to stall growth.

347. Signed historic energy export deals, including a \$100 billion deal with South Korea and a \$200 billion deal with Japanese energy company JERA.

348. Fast-tracked uranium mining — a move that strengthened national security by reducing dependence on foreign suppliers.

349. Reduced the energy and critical minerals permitting processes from multiple years to, at most, 28 days.

350. Disbursed hundreds of millions in energy revenues to oil-and-gas-producing states.

351. Secured an agreement with Mexico for an immediate transfer of water from international reservoirs to Texas farmers and ranchers.

352. Cut red tape that ac-

counted for 60% of the building and purchasing costs of new Department of Energy laboratories.

353. Granted the beautiful clean coal industry relief from stringent Biden-era rules on coal-fired power plants.

354. Signed an executive order to reinvigorate the beautiful clean coal industry after decades of neglect by politicians.

355. Signed an executive order to strengthen the reliability and security of the electric grid.

356. Implemented permanent pay increases for wild-land firefighters.

357. Reopened 1.56 million acres of the Alaska Coastal Plain to oil and gas leasing — reversing the Biden Administration’s 2024 plan that restricted development to the statutory minimum.

358. Distribute high-assay low-enriched uranium to U.S. nuclear developers as part of President Trump’s commitment to unleashing all sources of affordable, reliable, and safe American energy.

359. Signed a repeal of the Biden-era natural gas tax into law.

360. Overrode bureaucratic red tape that limited water availability in California following the failure of the state’s water system during the devastating wildfires.

361. Held a record-breaking geothermal lease sale in October — the largest ever by dollar amount — totaling nearly \$9.5 million in revenue.

362. Scrapped Biden-era rules and regulations on greenhouse gases.

363. Generated \$24 million in total receipts from leasing 141 parcels totaling 451,893 acres at competitive geothermal lease sales in California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Utah.

364. Signed an executive order expanding U.S. production of critical minerals to reduce reliance on China.

365. Announced new hunting opportunities across 87,000 acres within the National Wildlife Refuge System and National Fish Hatchery System to more than triple the number of opportunities and quintuple the number of stations opened or expanded compared to the Biden Administration.

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and our colorless souls. These Whites march in fear of being called “racists” hiding their own inferiority complex where they need Black victimhood to validate their “white privilege” as an excuse to destroy what their ancestors built! Ancestors most of whom came to America destitute and barefoot! Check with their Irish, Italian, German, ancestors. Check how the Irish were greeted with signs of “No Irish or dogs allowed.” A band-aid of appeasement will not stop the pus from flowing from Whites who fear being called “racists.”

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nothing more than a continued coup of the Democratic Party to take this country into full-bloom socialism by any means necessary, including weaponizing the judiciary and legal system (as embodied by the odious 65 Project which made it a goal to go after any attorney who took on cases involving Trump or any Trump supporter.). The Democratic Party used lawfare back in Jim Crow as it now does in the 21st Century. Since the Demo-

cratic Party’s continued failure of its coup, it will go to the extreme to win the 2026 Mid-Term election by any means necessary, including its implicit support of the left’s latest call to shut down the nation to pull off its anti-ICE and anti-DHS (Dept. of Homeland Security) movements. This call is right up there with BLM’s (a Marxist group) deranged Defund the Police movement to give them full excess to destroy, steal and kill at will.

Coups happen without those who become victims knowing they are happening. Check with Venezuela, check with Cuba, and check with Third World African Nations which are run by African warlords. Today’s Black community is run by African American warlords inside the Democratic Party’s Black Shield which uses the Black Vote as fertilizer to grow socialism and enrich themselves and their cronies.

It is simple enough:
If you are a socialist,

you are a segregationist.
If you are a Democratic Socialist, you are a segregationist.

If you are a Marxist, you are a segregationist.
If you are a communist, you are a segregationist.

Why? Because the above assertions are not a stretch that these political ideologues are one in the same. Why? Because even their nuances in definition they do not wipe out the FACT they produce only two classes—the Haves and Have Nots; the Rich and the Poor, the privileged and the un-privileged. There is no middle class; there is no middle ground; there is no “Pursuit of Happiness”; there is no America. Fear is the dictator.

Sanctuary Cities must be declared null and void; they must be outlawed just as vehemently as Segregated States were outlawed. Governors and mayors of

those cities are insurrectionists and must be viewed as 21st Century segregationists. If such measures had happened long before any of us were born, there would have been no need for a 1964 Civil Rights Bill. Those officeholders who have pledged allegiance to Sanctuary Cities, must be voted out of office and be charged with violating the constitutional rights of bona fide citizens.

The 2026 Mid-Term Election is a crossroads, and American citizens must bear the cross to save the only nation where ‘freedom’ is prized, where capitalism has aided and abetted to make fortunes, to make a viable middle class, where one can go from rags to riches if he or she so chooses. Yes, corrections have been made to wipe out segregation, to wipe out injustice as much as humanly possible. At least the United States of America seeks corrections.

America has survived 250 years

not because it is a “perfect union” but rather because “We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

Let Freedom ring!

You may link to above editorial at <https://themidsouthtribune-blog.wordpress.com/2026/02/04/sanctuary-cities-are-the-flipside-of-segregated-states/>

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HR-1 Uses Racism to Advance Socialism and Big Tech imperialism; Congress Should Vote No!

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Read. This is what we have done with the 700-plus pages of the HR-1 Bill the Democrat Party wants to pass. We have re-read certain passages of this bill which Cong. Nancy Pelosi, Cong. Bernie Sanders, Cong. James Clyburn, and their cohorts are ushering in at lightspeed to get signed, sealed and delivered to Joe Biden within his 100-day reign of advancing socialism. Big Tech, Big Corporations, unions, and worse of all, even those entities which are supposed to be representative of the Black community are advocating for HR-1. Even more disturbing than that are moderate Democrats who will stand by and let this happen in the name of a party which is in practice now the Democrat Socialist Party. Furthermore, the border crisis has boiled to a point where America's military bases are being used to house illegal immigrants. Why use military bases which should be outside the realm of allowing in young male illegals who could be soldier material coming from any hostile nation and/or hostile entity which is anti-American? Any person with an ounce of sense knows that criminals and thugs are also crossing over into America. Who is to say that leaders in these socialist and Third-World nations are not emptying their jails and prisons with a nod and a wink to go to America? (One mustn't forget that during the 1960's Cuban crisis, Castro emptied his prisons and jails for the thugs, murderers and misfits to head for America along with those who were genuinely being persecuted). Why would the Democrat Party be this reckless or is it planned recklessness? Cong. Nancy Pelosi has already embraced a Congressman who has been caught red-handed (pun intended) sleeping with a Chinese spy; yet, Pelosi, put him on a committee which oversees America's foreign policy. She has yet to explain "why" because Democrats have not bothered to ask her "why."

The Democrat Party is getting bolder and bolder to the point of openly trying to overturn state elections by getting rid of two Republican congressmen who already have been elected and duly certified by their state legislatures to serve in the U.S. Congress. But why wouldn't the Democrats come out in open defiance? After all, if a judicial system didn't give a damn about following the Rule of Law as far as state legislatures are concerned, why should the Democrat Party?

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Also, Biden and his party members have indicated that he can use an Executive Order to wipe out the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution. If such is allowed, what is to stop Executive Orders from wiping out any amendment? Biden and his party are more than likely salvaging over their voting victories because they know America's judicial system is no longer about justice but is 'just ice' and is melting.

In too many instances, this nation's judicial system is operating in fear of and subjugation to a Democrat Party as it did in the

From The Mid-South Tribune's 2021 Archives: How Democrats tried to pass H.R. 1 in 2021 to legalize non-citizens to vote in elections

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lite media companies to ban Fox and Newsmax from its networks. Why so bold? Will CNN ban the FCC next?

The Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's office ultimately will be in charge of voting machines and those machines' respective software all of which will be one 'standard' type voting machine and one 'standard' software which can be, theoretically and literally, manipulated to ensure that there is no Republican Party or any other political challenger to what is quickly becoming the Democrat Socialist Party endorsed by Big Tech billionaires operating under the propaganda of 'racism' and 'White supremacy', 'Jim Crow' and anti-Republican Party. Biden is right: There will be no Republican Party because the extreme Left has already put in place ways and means to stomp the elephant. HR-1 is the elephant gun.

HR-1 also will be Big Tech's avenue into distributing its own visas to secure their tech experts and personnel from other nations without their having to go through much of an immigration process at all. When Big Tech can ban and de-platform the President of the most powerful nation in the world, it has already sent the signal worldwide that it has, and will, and can preempt any president it chooses without due process or any other constitutional right. As an added bit of nastiness: Does anyone think Big Tech will deal with the Black community which is part of a BLM agenda which preaches that math is white supremacist? Math? Really? Big Tech will never hire Black Americans to serve as no more than what is equivalent to technological janitorial positions. In other words, as tokens, because the Black community has failed at advocating for STEM education. After all, Black students learning math is 'white supremacist'. After all, Big Tech will have ample influence in the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's office.

There is a method to the extreme left's madness; there is a method to Joe Biden's madness; there is a method to the Democrat Party's madness; there is a method to Big Tech's madness.

Yes, the Democrat Party since its pro-slavery days has learned well that whatever agenda it wants to implement, its go-to minority is the African American which simply worships the Golden Donkey. As a matter of fact, it is the CBC and other Black politicians and organizations which are also leading the charge in disintegrating the United States into socialism by propagandizing "racism," "white supremacy," "white privilege," "anti-white male," "anti-Republican"—terms which they loitered about before an ethnic group which continues to react on emotionalism to its own economic detriment and to supplant its own vote with that of the illegal immigrant vote legitimized by the Democrat Party.

HR-1 also makes a pathway for the Democrat Party to 'print' trillions of dollars using 'racism,' 'white supremacist,' 'reparations,' 'guaranteed income' and other euphemistic bribes not to "Build Back Better" the Black community or the nation, but to

advance these trillions to deconstruct the nation and usher in a Socialist Reconstruction.

To further expound: HR-1 legitimizes a power that gives the federal government the power not only to oversee voting but to be used as a clearing house for all votes in the states through the position of the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Whoever controls the technology controls the vote. Remember this and let it set in the brain cells called common sense, and on the knuckles called fists. Fight back.

But to corral all voting records/databanks into the office of the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, HR-1 creates what is called a Contributing Agency. Now take a deep breath here before 'circling' around the mulberry bush (as we say in the South). These Contributing Agencies are defined as such agencies as driving license bureaus, firearms, Medicaid and Medicare offices, Social Security, Department of Health and Human Services, prisons, schools (grade to high school), colleges, universities—among others, including the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration, etc. [see pages 48-49]. The Contributing Agency will be those entities already in place which are "primarily responsible for regulating the private possession of firearms" and "Each state agency primarily responsible for maintaining identifying information for students enrolled at public secondary schools, including, where applicable, the State agency responsible for maintaining the education data system..."

These Contributing Agencies will make it mandatory that the aforementioned agencies and any other service acting in the capacity of a Contributing Agency to send in all names, addresses, phone numbers and what have you to the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology for the establishment of databanks. Names—any name

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shall consult with the State and local election officials who are responsible for administering elections for public office in the area served by the agency in developing the initiatives the agency will carry out with the funds." (pages 84-85).

Under this My Voice Voucher Pilot Program, HR-1 reads: "The Election Assistance Commission (hereafter in this part referred to as the "Commission") shall carry out a pilot program under which the Commission shall provide funds during the one-year period beginning after the date of the enactment of this part to eligible local educational agencies for initiatives to provide information on registering to vote in elections for public office to secondary school students in the 12th grade. (b) ELIGIBILITY.—A local educational agency is eligible to receive funds under the pilot program under this part if the agency submits to the Commission, at such time and in such form as the Commission may require, an application containing—a description of the initiatives the agency intends to carry out with the funds (2) an estimate of the costs associated with such initiatives; and (3) such other information and assurances as the Commission may require." (pages 84-85).

Please note that the Election Assistance Commission office will be under the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Who is to say that these millions of underage voters' IDs can't be misused and/or abused? Of course, since Democrats fight hard not to have Voter ID, then anyone possessing a ten-year-old's 'automatic registration' could vote in elections from local to state to federal via the Director's office. These students could be children of illegal immigrants or adult illegal immigrants. This can and will morph into vote harvesting, vote fraud, dead people voting, and any other corruption which will make Jim Crow voter suppression look like child's play (pun intended).

Just as when Germany's 'socialism' (Nazism) erupted into unmanageable chaos, HR-1 will erupt into 'contrived' chaos under the guise of racism justification in the name of Equity. This nation has already let the "Critical Race Theory" be utilized as its 21st Century "Mein Kampf." Big Corporate CEOs have already let themselves be bullied into submission for the sake of "Equity" and the privilege of not being branded 'white supremacists'. Strange privilege. Those CEOs who have fallen prey to the 'Mein Kampf' tactics of the Critical Race Theory are inherently weak and will be catalytic in bringing down capitalism, the system which spawn the middle class—an economic novelty in the world's macro-economic system where it has been proven that socialism is a failed system which creates only two classes: The very rich or the very poor. The Haves and Have Not. Therefore, is incumbent on corporations' boards of directors to take a hard long look at its leadership which continually gives in to BLM-Marxists and Antifa neither of which has created one job.

Unfortunately, these weak CEOs have meshed with the unwitting Democrat-prone Black community to serve as the catalysts—the fire starters—to destroy the most successful economic system (despite flaws and all) which offers opportunity. If it were not so, hordes of illegal immigrants would not be knocking over the U.S.A. borders to get in and stay in!

It is up to those U.S. citizens who have either experienced directly or indirectly (through parents, grandparents or the like) socialism/Communism/Marxism/Nazism to fight for America to remain a free nation of free

people with those freedoms guaranteed by its Constitution.

HR-1 must be stopped.

All of which is to say that Republicans, moderate Democrats, Libertarians, non-Democrat Party minded Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, Asian-Americans, Native Americans, India-Americans, conservatives, Black churches and ministers who do not Golden Donkey-worship, and those conventional liberals who realize the Left has gone wild must engage in a second Civil War, politically speaking.

HR-1 legitimizes Voter Fraud. HR-1 legitimizes Big Tech interference. HR-1 legitimizes a one-party Democrat Socialist system. Don't be fooled.

HR-1 supplants "One Man, One Vote," the Fourteenth Amendment, the Second Amendment, First Amendment, the 1965 Voters Rights Bill, state legislatures, state-county-local election commissions, and state public education systems. Therefore, it is imperative that the Republican Party has its own tech experts, tech rapid response teams organized on a precinct level, tech-savvy poll watchers, highly skilled and pro-American poll watchers to stand as a civic army ready to fight for voter integrity at all elections, including the 2022 mid-term and 2024 presidential election. Because no matter how qualified a Republican candidate is, it won't add up to a hill of algorithms if voting machines and software are compromised and if the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology position is created. In addition, non-biased judges must be elected to stand ready for Rule of Law fights. A nine-member Supreme Court must follow the lead of Justice Clarence Thomas in his dissension which would have allowed for the 2020 presidential election to be adjudicated and for the prima facie evidence to be presented through transparency and Due Process for The People.

This may mean that the Republican Party, Libertarians, and other third parties may have to join in a temporary coalition to counter the Democrat Party which is becoming the first American political party to attempt a coup d'etat. When Nancy Pelosi tore up a President's State of the Union Address for all the world to see, she threw down the gauntlet. When Big Tech banned the President of the United States of America for all the world to see, it threw down the gauntlet. When James Clyburn uttered that the United States must be "restructured," he threw down the gauntlet. When BLM and Antifa set up 'zones' (city blocks) they took control of inside the United States for all the world to see, they threw down the gauntlet. When Democrat Mayor DeBlasio, an avowed socialist, led the defunding of police, he threw down the gauntlet. When Stacey Abrams, an avowed socialist, gathered bins of questionable ballots, she threw down the gauntlet. Whoever gave the order for the military to be vetted to find soldiers not in sync with the Democrat Party, threw down the gauntlet. Whoever gave the order for National Guardsmen to harass a sitting U.S. Congresswoman, threw down the gauntlet. Whoever let the United States become borderless to overflow it, threw down the gauntlet.

If Americans do not stand up and stand together, the United States will become the U.S.S. A.—United States of Socialist America.

We urge a resounding VOTE NO! on HR-1 which will vibrate throughout America, the African American community, the free world, and those nations that want to be free!

VOTE HELL NO on HR-1!



CLEVELAND, Miss., Jan. 22, 2026 — GRAMMY Museum Mississippi celebrated the opening of their newest exhibit, The Killer, The Preacher and The Cowboy: The Family Legacy of Jerry Lee Lewis, Jimmy Swaggart, and Mickey Gilley, yesterday evening with an exclusive first look for family, industry professionals, sponsors, donors, and museum members. These famous cousins who grew up together in Ferriday, Louisiana and Natchez, Mississippi reached individual pinnacles of success in music, each with wildly different journeys.

The families of each of the men were well represented with remarks made by Lewis's widow, Judith Lewis, Gilley's widow, Cindy Gilley, and Swaggart's widow, Frances Swaggart -- who was married to Swaggart for 72-years and largely credited as the force behind Swaggart's massive Christian ministry. Additionally, exhibit co-curator Zach Farnum hosted a panel discussion on legacy with Lewis's youngest son, Jerry Lee Lewis III and Swaggart's grandson, Matthew Swaggart.

Seasoned musicians Jacob Tolliver, James Dupré and Danica Hart took the stage to mark the momentous occasion, each singing songs made famous by one of the three men. Dupré is a Louisiana-born singer who is currently the lead vocalist on the Randy Travis' More Life Tour. Tolliver is a Ohio-native singer/songwriter and pianist who opened on tour for Jerry Lee Lewis from 2017 to 2019 and portrayed the icon in Million Dollar Quartet in Las Vegas early in his career. Hart is a Mississippi-native who grew up on the sounds of Gospel music and was heavily influenced by the church.

"This exhibit has been 90 years in the making. We wanted to highlight these awe-inspiring three cousins, all from the same region, all growing up playing the same piano, attending the same church, learning the same schooling, yet forging wildly different paths to the top. Each has a unique story, and what better place to recount those stories than in the heartland of American music, right up the road from where they were born, at the

Grammy Museum Mississippi hosts industry members and guests for grand opening of ‘The Killer, The Preacher, and the Cowboy’



(L-R): James Dupré, Jacob Tolliver, Judith Lewis, Cindy Gilley, Frances Swaggart, and Danica Hart.

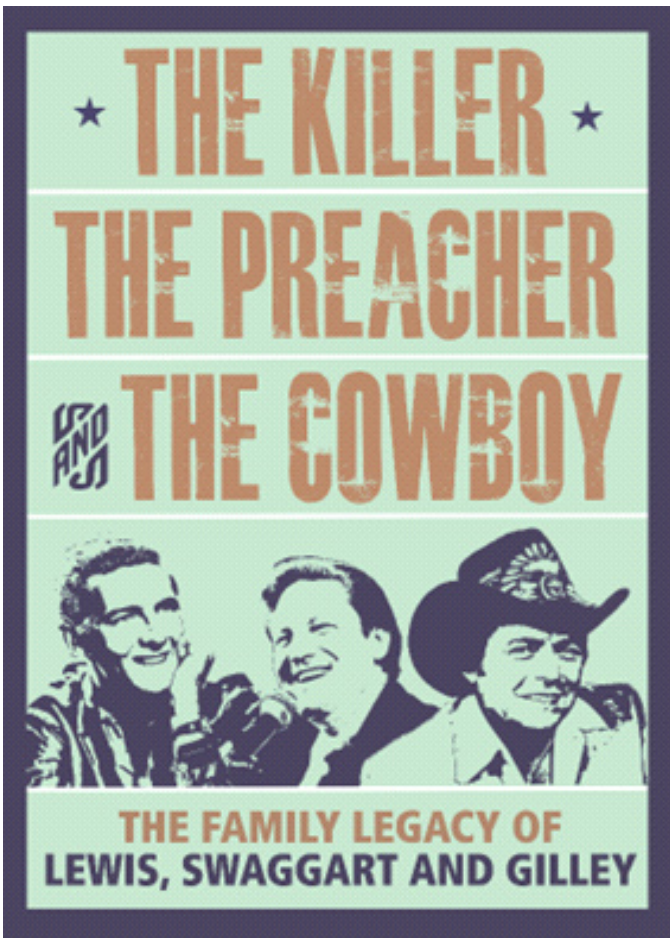
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(L-R): Jerry Lee Lewis III, Judith Lewis, Cindy Gilley, Frances Swaggart, and Matthew Swaggart.



(L-R): Board President Becky Nowell, Judith Lewis, Cindy Gilley, Frances Swaggart, GRAMMY Museum MS Executive Director Emily Havens, and Board Member/Exhibit Curator Zach Farnum.



GRAMMY Museum Mississippi," said exhibit co-curator and board member Zach Farnum. "It is a privilege to be part of such an important event, honoring these three giants of American music and their everlasting impact in the industry. I had the pleasure of knowing Jerry Lee, Jimmy, and Mickey personally, and will continue sharing their legacy with today's generation of musicians and audiences across

the globe," said Jacob Tolliver. The exhibit is open now to the public. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Museum is closed on Mondays. Tickets are available for purchase at grammymuseumms.org.

About Jerry Lee Lewis
Jerry Lee Lewis was born on September 29, 1935, in Ferriday,

Louisiana. With his innovative and flamboyant piano playing style, Lewis emerged as one of rock's early showmen in the 1950s. He signed with Sun Records in 1956 and quickly became a star, releasing his first single — a cover of Ray Price's "Crazy Arms" — that same year. The following year, Lewis' "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On" became a hit on the pop, country and R&B charts. By this time,

Lewis had also developed some of his famous stage antics, such as playing standing up and even lighting the occasional piano on fire. He had such energy and enthusiasm in his performances that he earned the nickname "The Killer" for the way he knocked out his audiences. Lewis was on a roll with his next single, "Great Balls of Fire," which was another big hit in December 1957. The following March, Lewis struck

again with "Breathless," which made the Top 10 on the pop charts. He was among the first artists inducted into the inaugural Rock and Roll Hall of Fame class in 1986. Lewis earned three career GRAMMY nominations, winning Best Spoken Word Or Non-Musical Recording for Interviews From The Class Of '55 Recording Sessions at the 29th Annual GRAMMY Awards® in 1987. In 2005, the Recording Academy honored him with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Jerry Lee Lewis died on Oct. 28, 2022, at age 87.

University of Memphis Athletics honors trailblazers Bertha Rodgers and Herb Hilliard with Legacy Award

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Memphis Athletics honored two trailblazers whose courage, leadership and lifelong service have left an enduring mark on both the institution and the city: **Bertha Rodgers Looney** and **Herb Hilliard**. Each received a University of Memphis Legacy Award at men's basketball game against UTSA (Jan. 18) in recognition of their historic impact and continued commitment to advancing opportunity and excellence. The Legacy Award recognizes individuals whose actions reflect the enduring ideals championed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—education as a pathway to opportunity, leadership rooted in service, and progress driven by courage in the face of resistance. Memphis Athletics and National Civil Rights Museum Partnership Memphis Athletics' recognition of Looney and Hilliard aligns with its ongoing partnership with the National Civil Rights Museum - a collaboration rooted in honoring the past while educating and inspiring future generations. **Bertha Looney:** Courage at the Front Lines of Integration Bertha Rodgers Looney's impact on the University of Memphis began before she ever stepped into a classroom. In September 1959, she was one of eight African-American stu-

dents who integrated Memphis State University, becoming forever known as the "Memphis State Eight." Their decision to walk onto campus came at a time of intense resistance and racial hostility, yet their presence marked a defining moment in the institution's history. At just 18 years old, Looney joined the group under extraordinarily difficult circumstances. The eight students endured isolation, restrictions and conditions no other students faced. They were instructed to attend classes only in the morning hours, leave campus by noon and avoid interaction with the broader student body. They were barred from common student spaces such as the cafeteria and student center and were often escorted to and from classes. Despite those obstacles, Looney and her peers persisted, driven by the belief that education was worth the cost. Their courage opened doors that had long been closed, helping transform the university into a more inclusive institution. Today, the University of Memphis reflects that change, with African-

The Legacy Award recognizes individuals whose actions reflect the enduring ideals championed by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—education as a pathway to opportunity, leadership rooted in service, and progress driven by courage in the face of resistance. American students comprising more than one-third of the student population and serving across all levels of academic and campus leadership - a reality made possible by the perseverance of the Memphis State Eight. Looney's legacy is not simply one of history, but of lasting impact, resilience and progress. Her willingness to step forward during a moment of deep uncertainty reshaped opportunities for generations of students who followed. **Herb Hilliard: Trailblazer, Tiger and Community Leader** Herb Hilliard carved out a permanent place in Memphis basketball history when he became the first African-American student-athlete to compete for the Tigers on the hardwood. A Millington, Tennessee native, Hilliard played for Memphis State from 1967-69 during a pivotal era for both the program and the campus and helped lay the foundation for generations of stu-

dent-athletes who would follow. During his two seasons, the 6-foot-4 guard/forward appeared in 37 games and was a reliable presence on both ends of the floor. As a sophomore in 1967-68, he ranked second on the team in rebounds (130) and second in field goal percentage (51.2 percent). He finished his career shooting 50.8 percent from the field while averaging 2.9 points and 4.3 rebounds per game. Hilliard's legacy, however, extends far beyond basketball. A graduate of Memphis State with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in personnel administration and industrial relations, Hilliard built an accomplished professional career while remaining deeply committed to civic service. His leadership roles have included service with the American Bankers Association Government Relations Council, Tennessee Bankers Association Government Relations Council, Financial Services Roundtable Government Relations Committee and the RMA Enterprise Risk Council. He has also served as chairman of the National Civil Rights Museum, as a board member of BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee, and as a commissioner for the Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority.

In 2009, he was recognized with the M Club's Billy J. Murphy Award, honoring former Memphis student-athletes who have made significant professional and community contributions. **A Shared Legacy of Impact** Together, Looney and Hilliard represent different chapters of the University of Memphis story, yet their legacies are deeply connected by courage, perseverance and service. One broke barriers in athletics during a time of change; the other helped dismantle segregation at the institution's gates. Both went on to embody the values of leadership and community engagement that continue to define the university. The University of Memphis Legacy Award celebrates individuals whose contributions have shaped the institution's past and continue to influence its future. In honoring Bertha Looney and Herb Hilliard, the university recognizes not only their historic achievements but also the enduring example they set for students, alumni and the Memphis community. For complete information on Memphis Tiger Men's Basketball, visit www.GoTigersGo.com and follow the team's social media channels on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

About Jimmy Swaggart
The Reverend Jimmy Swaggart, born in 1935 in Ferriday, Louisiana, preached the gospel of Jesus Christ on television longer than any other American evangelist. Launching his full-time ministry in 1955, Swaggart combined his passionate preaching with a deep musical gift, becoming one of gospel music's best-selling artists with more than 17 million recordings sold and multiple Dove Award nominations and a GRAMMY nomination. His ministry grew from local revivals to a global platform through radio, television, and eventually the SonLife Broadcasting Network, which today reaches audiences around the world. Beyond his media presence, Swaggart's crusades, publications, and Bible distribution programs have influenced millions, cementing his legacy as one of the most recognized religious figures of the 20th century. Jimmy Swaggart died on July 1, 2025 at age 90.

About Mickey Gilley
Mickey Gilley was born in Natchez, Mississippi, and raised in Ferriday, Louisiana alongside his cousins Jerry Lee Lewis and Jimmy Swaggart. Inspired by the rhythm and blues he heard growing up, Gilley began recording in the late 1950s. Between 1968 and 1989, Gilley charted 46 sin-



WASHINGTON, Jan. 16, 2026 /PRNewswire/ -- The U.S. Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys (CSSBMB) has released its 2025 Annual Report, a comprehensive federal analysis examining how exclusionary school discipline practices continue to undermine educational equity, civil rights, and equal protection for Black boys across the United States.

"Education was meant to be a gateway to opportunity, not a sorting mechanism that determines who is punished and who is protected," said CSSBMB Director Mark Spencer. "Our findings show that too many Black boys are still denied fairness at the very start of their educational journey." The report focuses on the school-to-prison pipeline, documenting how suspensions, expulsions, and school-based law enforcement referrals—often for minor infractions—disproportionately remove Black boys

U.S. Commission on ‘Social Status of Black Men and Boys’ releases 2025 Annual Report on School-to-Prison Pipeline federal analysis



from classrooms and increase their likelihood of justice system involvement. These disparities appear as early as preschool and persist throughout K–12 education. "Our mission is clear: to create a future where every young man can reach his full potential, free from systemic obstacles that have historically held them back," wrote CSSBMB Commissioner and Congresswoman Frederica S. Wilson in her message accompanying the 2025 Annual Report. The Commission's analysis identified the following key findings: •Racial disparities in school discipline are driven primarily by differential treatment and differential sorting, rather than differences in student behavior. •Black male preschoolers face disproportionately high rates of suspensions and expulsions, especially concentrated in the Southern United States. •Most expulsions and suspensions are for minor, subjective of-

fenses like "disrespect" or "defiance," which are vulnerable to bias application. •Black boys are significantly overrepresented in suspensions, expulsions, and school-based arrests relative to their share of the pre-K–12 student population and compared to their peers. •School discipline practices mirror adult criminal justice "tough on crime" policies and often lack adequate due process protections, raising constitutional concerns. •Geographic disparities exist, with the South showing notably higher rates of exclusionary dis-

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After outlining key findings, the report offers actionable policy recommendations for Congress, federal agencies, states, and school districts. These recommendations emphasize restorative justice approaches, reduced reliance on exclusionary discipline, improved data transparency, and stronger protection for students' civil rights. The 2025 Annual Report reflects the Com-

mission's ongoing commitment to addressing systemic barriers in education and justice for Black boys.

The full 2025 Annual Report is available here: <https://cssbmb.gov/publication/cssbmb-annual-report-2025/>

About the U.S. Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys

The U.S. Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys is a federal advisory body charged with examining the social conditions affecting Black men and boys and advancing solutions that promote equity and opportunity nationwide. The Commission conducts research, analyzes data, and develops findings and recommendations for Congress, the president, and federal agencies on issues including education, health, economic opportunity, criminal justice, and civil rights.



10-year-old performer King Moore launches Global Youth Music and Humanitarian Campaign

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 22, 2026 — By age 10, King Moore had already performed on America's Got Talent, appeared twice on The Tamron Hall Show, serenaded Ciara at the BET Awards, spoken at the White House, voiced characters in movies and TV shows, and performed the national anthem for a sold-out crowd at Little Caesars Arena. Now, this multi-talented 10-year-old is showing the world that leadership, empathy and creativity aren't limited by age.

Through his 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Kicks 2 Grow Foundation, King Moore is launching the Brand-New World Campaign, a global youth initiative bringing children from more than 10 countries together to create music, celebrate cultures and deliver shoes, clothing, food and essentials to communities that need them most. Inspired by King Moore's song "Brand New," the campaign empowers children to collaborate, share stories and make a difference — all while having fun and learning from one another.

"The Brand-New World Campaign is about creating something together and helping where we can," said Verlin Moore, King Moore's father. "Music gives kids a way to hear each other, even when they don't speak the same language."

"Kids make up 50% of the population, but we are 100% of the future," King Moore said. "That's why it's important to invest in the future! My goal is to inspire the next generation and show them that anything is possible when you believe in yourself and put in the work."

Over the next eight to 10 months, the campaign will focus on connecting children across the globe through music and collaboration, with plans to document the journey and explore opportunities for a feature film highlighting the project's cultural and humanitarian impact. To date, the campaign's support and collaboration have spanned Europe, Asia, Africa and South America.

King Moore has toured nationally as part of Kenan Thompson's Young Stars 360 Experience and That Girl Lay Lay's "Growing Pains Tour," performing in major U.S. cities and capturing audiences with his music, energy and charm.

He made his feature film debut in the 2024 dark comedy Cora Bora, and has appeared in national advertising campaigns for AT&T and Toyota. In fall 2025, he released his debut album, History Made, and is working on a book scheduled for release later this year.

"King has a huge heart and a bright, playful energy," said Ivette Moore, King's mother. "With every beat, every song and every performance, he's not just chasing his dreams — he's sharing them with the world."

For more information, including links to Moore's social media pages, please visit <https://linktr.ee/kingmoore1>.

Email photos & news to MSTnews@prodigy.net or MSTsports@prodigy.net

Overground RR names EPI Media Group as its new ally to advance growth of Black-owned businesses

ATLANTA GA — February 9, 2026 — The Overground RR!! has selected EPI Media Group, a powerhouse public relations and business marketing firm, as their PR team. This alliance marks a purposeful step toward advancing the growth, visibility, and economic impact of Black-owned businesses and the audiences they serve. The Overground RR!! is a movement born from the organization 'Atlanta Black Agenda Business Resource Center Inc'. Its mission is to change the economic landscape of the black community. It is centered on the economic freedom of the Black community. At its core, the Overground RR!! seeks to empower Black individuals, families, and businesses by increasing the proportion of the Black economy that is owned, managed, and controlled by Black people, fostering financial independence, generational wealth, and community resilience. The Overground RR!! connects consumers with black owned businesses through churches and communities and organizations

This Partnership with EPI Media Group will assist The Overground RR!! is expanding its community outreach by serving as a comprehensive resource for the Black community, helping individuals and businesses connect with services and providers they can trust to be Black-owned and operated. EPI Media Group will leverage strategic public relations and



OVERGROUND RR!! Your Church • Your Business • Your Community



ECONOMIC MOVEMENT

A for-profit initiative advancing Black economic power by keeping dollars circulating within Black-owned communities.

BLACK BUSINESS DIRECTORY

A modern directory connecting consumers to verified, majority Black-owned businesses held to quality and accountability standards.

NON-PARTISAN MISSION

Unapologetically focused on Black economic advancement without political affiliation or DEI-based framing.

SCALABLE NATIONAL PLATFORM

Built as a movement powered by media, events, and sponsorships for long-term growth and impact.



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marketing expertise, and amplify awareness of the Overground RR!!'s initiatives, and position the Overground RR!! as a leading voice in economic empowerment for highlighting

Black-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. EPI Media will drive community engagement through targeted campaigns, social media, and events, while also promoting the Overground

RR!!'s directory of trusted Black-owned services. Additionally, EPI Media will help forge strategic partnerships, expand networking opportunities, and support initiatives that foster

The Grammy Museum Mississippi hosts industry members and guests for grand opening of ‘The Killer, The Preacher, and the Cowboy’ ... from page 14

gles on Billboard's Hot Country Songs chart, including 34 that reached the Top 10 and 17 that went to No. 1. During the same period, he placed 27 albums on Billboard's Top Country Albums chart, with 10 landing in the Top 10. Two of those albums — Room Full of Roses (1974) and City Lights (1975) — hit No. 1. In 1971, he co-founded the world-famous Gilley's nightclub in Pasadena, Texas, which became the largest honky-tonk in the world and a launchpad for the urban cowboy craze following the 1979 Esquire article and 1980 film starring John Travolta and Debra Winger. The Urban Cow-

boy soundtrack, featuring Gilley's platinum version of "Stand By Me," cemented his place as a household name. Over his career, Gilley earned a GRAMMY Award, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame and performed for several U.S. presidents.

Later, he built his own theater in Branson, Missouri, where he continued to entertain fans for decades despite setbacks, including a serious injury in 2009. Beloved by country fans worldwide, Mickey Gilley remained a resilient performer and cultural icon until his passing in 2022 at age 86.

About GRAMMY Museum Mississippi

Developed by the Cleveland Music Foundation—a nonprofit organization founded in 2011—the 28,000-square-foot GRAMMY Museum Mississippi is housed near the campus of Delta State University, home of the Delta Music Institute's Entertainment Industry Studies program, which features the most unique audio recording facilities in the South. Affiliated with the GRAMMY Museum Foundation™, GRAMMY Museum Mississippi is dedicated to exploring the past, present, and fu-

ture of music, and the cultural context from which it emerges, while casting a focused spotlight on the deep musical roots of Mississippi.

The Museum features a dynamic combination of public events, educational programming, engaging multimedia presentations, and interactive permanent and traveling exhibits, including a Mississippi-centric area that introduces visitors to the impact of Mississippi's songwriters, producers, and musicians on the traditional and modern music landscape. For more information, visit grammymuseumms.org.

Do You Know This About Black History?

The U.S. Supreme Court hands down the ruling of **"Nixon vs. Herndon"** which said that it is unconstitutional for states to not allow African Americans to vote in primary elections. The ruling was handed down in 1927.

Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi and **Morgan State College** in Baltimore, Maryland were founded by the Methodist Episcopal Church; and **Fisk University** in Nashville, Tennessee was founded by the American Missionary Association.

All three were founded in 1866, making them among the oldest Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

We thank the Memphis Safe Task Force and National Guard!



Poland at a security Crossroads: The Greenland Dispute from page 5

the country's position within the alliance and in Europe. At the same time, there are opposing voices that any Polish participation in Greenland operations could provoke a reaction from the United States, which is perceived as the main guarantor of Poland's security, particularly in conflicts with Russia.

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or not, American military strength remains the foundation of Western security. At the same time, the United States is gradually losing its greatest asset—the alliance system. For decades, networks of political, military, and economic partnerships have been the primary instrument of American influence worldwide. The United States cannot fight on behalf of everyone, but it also cannot afford to confront everyone at once. The situation surrounding Greenland also exposes Europe's weakness. For years, European countries have neglected their own defense capabilities, replacing them with declarations and symbolic politics. The lack of real military capacity across much of Europe is no longer a political issue; it has become a security problem.

For Poland, this is a crucial lesson. In the new strategic environment, alliances are necessary but insufficient. Security must rest on national capabilities: defense industry, logistics, operational readiness, and credible deterrence. The era of strategic comfort that Europe has grown accustomed to over the past decades is coming to an end.

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full compliance with existing requirements. The Trump administration now has the opportunity to finish the job it started in the first term on IP protection under the USMCA. For the sake of American workers and innovators, it must not let this opportunity go to waste.

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Airing of the Quilts generates significant economic benefit for Alabama's Black Belt



From The Outdoor Wire

The 2025 Airing of the Quilts Festival in Gee's Bend generated more than \$700,000 in visitor spending and drew attendees from more than 25 states and several countries to the annual event in rural Wilcox County.

Those are key findings from a survey of 182 festivalgoers conducted by Gray Research Solutions and commissioned by the Alabama Black Belt Adventures Association (ALBBAA), Souls Grown Deep and the Freedom Quilting Bee Legacy. The survey was designed to develop a profile of festival attendees at the fourth annual Airing of the Quilts Festival and gauge the event's economic impact on Alabama's Black Belt.

The festival, which was named to Garden & Gun magazine's 2025 Bucket List, drew approximately 2,500 people in 2025, the largest crowd in the event's history.

"The Gee's Bend quilt-makers have garnered international acclaim for their unique artistry, and that's why the Airing of the Quilts has grown year after year," said ALBBAA director Pam Swanner. "We also understand that we need to know where festivalgoers are coming from, where they're staying and for how long, and how much money

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"That information allows everyone to better market the festival and help it to continue to grow and attract visitors from all over the globe."

Other key survey findings include:

- All 182 respondents indicated the festival matched their expectations.
- More than half of the respondents (58%) came from Alabama, but visitors from 26 states participated in the survey and one was from France.
- Post-festival quilt sales to artists totaled more than \$191,000.
- 97% purchased something at the festival and 42% took advantage of the festival's hop-on/hop-off tour bus, which provided an intimate experience of the homes and spaces of legacy quilters.
- A huge majority of attendees travelled to the festival by car (86%) and were there for the first

time (84%).

- Nearly half of festivalgoers (42%) stayed overnight, with an average stay of 2.9 days. The other 58 percent were day-trippers.
- Most of the festival attendees came from within a four-hour commuting radius – 36% travelled from 0-2 hours and another 33% travelled 2-4 hours.
- Of the more than \$700,000 in spending, visitors spent the most in Wilcox, Dallas and Montgomery counties.
- Nearly half of the respondents (48%) remembered seeing an ad for the festival on social media.
- Nearly a third of respondents (30%) said they would "probably" or "definitely" purchase a quilt after the festival, expecting to spend an average of \$850.
- Nearly two-thirds (62%) said they are very likely to return to the festival in the future and another 23 percent said they are somewhat likely to return.

"Virtually everyone who took part in the survey raved about the hospitality they received in Gee's Bend," said Kim V. Kelly, executive director of the Freedom Quilting Bee Legacy. "The local community truly embraces this event, and it's exciting for us to know more about the people who are visiting for the festival. Every person who visits the Airing of the Quilts can immerse themselves in the area's incredible cul-

tural significance. That's a unique experience."

The 2026 Airing of the Quilts, set for Oct. 3, 2026, will again honor the living history of Gee's Bend and teach about the area's significant role in the American Civil Rights Movement, while also showcasing one of America's most renowned artist communities. Visitors can again expect interactive programming featuring the community's quilters, dozens of vendors, food trucks, music and storytelling from the descendants of generations of Gee's Bend quilters.

"I urge anyone who hasn't been to the festival to go ahead and book your travel plans now," Swanner said. "You won't be disappointed. Whether you want to learn from quilt-makers themselves, shop the festival's vendors, listen to amazing music or simply visit a unique place in the heart of Alabama's Black Belt, this is a festival that you don't want to miss."

The Black Belt includes the following 23 counties: Barbour, Bullock, Butler, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Monroe, Montgomery, Perry, Pickens, Pike, Russell, Sumter, Tuscaloosa and Wilcox.

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\$1.65 billion in lost earnings each year. By expanding the tax credit, the WFTC encourages businesses to invest in child care services and help ease these burdens.

The law also strengthens the federal adoption tax credit and expands 529 education savings accounts for both K-12 and higher education, empowering families to send their children to the schools that best meet their needs.

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For workers, the WFTC increased the standard deduction—used by roughly 9-in-10 Americans—significantly reduc-

ing their tax burden. While lowering taxes on tips and overtime pay, the law allows individuals to deduct up to \$10,000 each year on interest for America-made vehicles. The law also levels the playing field for Tennessee's independent music creators by including my HITS Act, which provides additional tax relief for writing off recording expenses.

For small businesses, the law permanently extends the 2017 Trump tax cuts that helped drive growth and investment across Tennessee, including the Permanent Qualified Business Income Deduction and 100 percent

bonus depreciation. These tax incentives are estimated to save more than 100,000 jobs in Tennessee.

Altogether, Tennessee households will save an average of \$2,600 in taxes this year and see a long-run wage increase of up to \$10,000.

Unlike Democrats, Republicans understand that families do best when they have more money—not less—in their pocketbooks. With all the provisions in the Working Families Tax Cuts, every American will have something to celebrate this tax season.

IRS confirms that The \$1,776 Warrior Dividend is tax Free

By C. Todd Lopez
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The Internal Revenue Service confirmed on January 16, 2026 1.5 million service members received last year, at the direction of President Donald J. Trump, would be tax-free.

In a press release posted [January 16, 2026], the IRS confirmed the tax-free status of the dividend. "The Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service today confirmed that supplemental basic allowance for housing payments made to members of the uniformed services in De-

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cember 2025 are not to be included in income by those who received the payments; they are not taxable," the statement reads. According to the IRS, U.S. tax law excludes from gross income a "qualified military benefit." The Warrior Dividend is just such a benefit and is therefore

not taxable. Service members will keep all of the dividend to use as they see fit.

"The tax-free Warrior Dividend places \$1,776 directly in the hands of our warfighters and their families," Pentagon Press Secretary Kingsley Wilson said today. "The department is proud to recognize their sacrifice."

On Dec. 17, 2025, the president announced that nearly 1.5 million service members would receive a \$1,776 bonus to both thank them for their military service and to commemorate the 250 years the U.S. military has

been defending the nation.

"Nobody deserves it more than our military," he said. "I say, 'congratulations' to everybody." In a related statement, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth said the dividend illustrates the nation's commitment to military service members.

"This Warrior Dividend serves as yet another example of how the War Department is working to improve the quality of life for our military personnel and their families," Hegseth said. "All elements of what we're doing are to rebuild our military."



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of Freedom to Choose Schools. "Bringing the Fellowship under the Freedom to Choose Schools umbrella allows us to expand that vision—supporting more leaders, strengthening their networks, and ensuring parents and communities remain at the center of education policy and practice."

Founded to support Black leaders shaping the future of education, the McLeod Society Fellowship has helped develop a growing national network of fellows working across schools, advocacy organizations, and policy spaces.

"This next chapter honors the work we began while recognizing that sustainable impact requires trusted partners who can grow and protect that vision. Freedom to Choose Schools is well-positioned to carry this work forward while continuing to uplift Black leaders and the communities they serve: Denisha Allen, Founder of Black Minds Matter.

This transition comes at a pivotal moment in American education. As families increasingly seek alternatives to traditional systems and education choice expands across multiple states, Black educators are leading the way with innovative, responsive models that better reflect the needs and aspirations of their communities.

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