



PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IRREGULARITIES

by Vern Tromble

A commission headed by Matt Braynard, former data and strategy director for President Trump, was assembled just days after the election. Their findings were disturbing. They found that election laws were frequently violated.

The commission investigated election irregularities in the six contested States. They initially found 1.25-million questionable votes. They investigated voters who had moved out-of-state, voters who illegally used post office box or commercial addresses when home addresses must be used. Some voters requested mail-in ballots and sent them in only to learn that their votes were not tabulated. They investigated situations where voters didn't request a mail-in ballot, didn't receive one, but learned that someone had forged a ballot and voted for them. Some people voted twice. Even dead people voted.

Certification requirements such as signature verification and photo identification were ignored or 'relaxed'. At least 1,700 people in Georgia voted twice. Voting multiple times carries a ten year prison sentence but is rarely enforced.

Fifteen-thousand ballots listed commercial addresses in Nevada. Forty-thousand dead people voted in Nevada.

The District of Columbia and nine States mailed ballots to every voter on their rolls. Five of the six contested States required a request from the voter in order to be sent a ballot. And yet, many of those who supposedly requested ballots did not return them. Other voters claimed that they requested a ballot and returned it but it was never counted.

Forty-four percent of people called by the commission in Arizona regarding mail-in ballots did not request one, yet the State received a completed ballot in their name. Twenty-four percent of people called in Michigan had the same response; thirty-two percent in Pennsylvania, and eighteen percent in both Georgia and Wisconsin.

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From the Chair

Election Integrity

We keep hearing this phrase. What does it mean, and how do we move forward, assuring that election integrity happens in the future?

The Wyoming Republican Party devoted a good portion of an executive session at the State Central Committee meeting to this topic, and the budget for the biennium reflects how serious the issue is being considered.

On a local level, there is something we can do to assure election integrity. Election judges and poll watchers are integral parts of our system, and we need a deep list of people willing to step up for those positions. Election judges are those who we are the most familiar with: they are the people who assist us at the polls by checking the voter rolls, and getting our ballot to us, instructing us on what to do with our ballot.

Poll watching is a term that has not been used much until the 2020 election. In 2020, poll watchers were used by Republicans for the first time in decades. Those poll watchers were there to document any irregular or suspicious behavior. 2020 poll watcher reports were submitted to the Wyoming Republican Party, who are compiling an Election Integrity report. That report will be submitted to Secretary of State Ed Buchanan for follow up, to assure that any issues are corrected before 2022!

Election judges undergo training by the County Clerk and are paid when they work at the polls. Poll watchers are party volunteers. Fremont County wants to submit judge applications to the County Clerk, and we want to have volunteer, party-designated poll watchers at every precinct polling location in the 2022 primary and general elections.

If you are interested in serving as an election judge or poll watcher, please contact me at ginger.bennett@fremontcountygop.org to sign up for these positions.

Ginger Bennett, Chairman
Fremont County Republican Party

The Great American Story

Not that long ago, we couldn't have imagined a time when American history wouldn't be studied. Today, sadly, the unimaginable is upon us.

The inspiring history of our nation, passed down by generations of Americans, is being replaced by a false and dishonest narrative that depicts our nation's history as essentially flawed and unjust. On top of this false narrative, "critical race theory" is being used to condition young Americans to look past our common humanity and separate themselves in terms of race and skin color. Given these developments in our schools, is it any surprise that so many young Americans are less patriotic and increasingly attracted to ideas like socialism that are destructive of liberty?

As part of its fight against these developments, Hillsdale College has produced what is becoming one of its most popular free online courses, "The Great American Story: A Land of Hope."

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Who really requested those ballots? Who completed them? Who returned them?

The commission discovered that 19,997 people voted in Arizona, who no longer lived there, 138,221 in Georgia, 51,302 in Michigan, 27,271 in Nevada, 13,671 in Pennsylvania, and 26,673 in Wisconsin. 26,673.

The commission was unable to access information on in-person voters who voted twice. But a minimum of seven-hundred fifty people in both Nevada and Pennsylvania voted twice by way of early voting and mail-in ballots. In the other four contested states the numbers ranged between one-hundred fifty and four-hundred voters.

SENATE INVESTIGATION

On Wednesday December 16, 2020, the Homeland Security Committee of the United States Senate

conducted a hearing on election irregularities. Testimony revealed that entities other than Elections Offices printed and mailed ballots. In some States, ballots were mailed universally. Ballots were mailed to ineligible voters. Some voters received multiple ballots.

CONCLUSIONS

Once the ballot is separated from the envelope there is no way to investigate the ballot.

The number of ballots returned overwhelmed voting offices. They lacked the man-power and the oversight to properly scrutinize the envelopes. Most ballots were counted whether legal or not.

Some States have destroyed the ballots so they can't be audited. The results of the election boils down to fraudulent votes and fraudulently counted votes.

"There are more instances of the abridgment of the freedom of the people by gradual and silent encroachments of those in power than by violent and sudden usurpations."

James Madison

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Taught by Dr. Wilfred McClay, this course provides a comprehensive and unbiased account of America's past—and a powerful counterweight to the destructive ideas behind "critical race theory."

Hillsdale College produced this course in the belief that a proper understanding of America's great heritage of liberty is essential to intelligent patriotism and the cause of preserving free government. I invite you to use the link below to join over 100,000 citizens who have already enrolled for free in "The Great American Story: A Land of Hope." <http://online.hillsdale.edu/courses/the-great-american-story>
Warm regards,

Larry P. Arnn
President, Hillsdale College
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Wyoming House Freedom Caucus supports “Election Integrity” in the Primary Election

Cheyenne, Wyoming

The Wyoming House Freedom Caucus believes that “Election Integrity” is a critical issue in the United States of America. States have attempted to remove important safeguards and the current administration has attempted to Federalize state election rules.

On June 7, 2021, members of the Joint Committee on Corporations, Elections and Political Subdivisions discussed the “open primary” and “ranked-choice” voting system. During the committee meeting, Representative Chip Neiman testified to the need for a “runoff” election bill. He voiced his concern about the number of Democrats switching to the Republican Party on Election Day. Representative Neiman received push-back from the committee for his tactics used to gain support from other lawmakers.

The Wyoming House Freedom Caucus recognizes that constituents are concerned about the future of primary elections in the State of Wyoming and stand strong behind Representative Neiman’s recent efforts. Caucus Spokeswoman, Representative Rachel Rodriguez-Williams stated, “The Caucus does not support an “open primary”. We believe candidates should have at least 50% of the vote to go on to the General Election. Wyomingites should feel confident in the election process and that the Wyoming Legislature is committed to election integrity”.

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Size of Government

You would think that Wyoming would have fewer government employees than other states. We are, after all, the cowboy state--rugged individualism; self reliance and all that. The truth is, per the population, Wyoming has more government than just about any other state. Why? It certainly isn't that more government is required here: crime is nearly non-existent, we don't have any sprawling cities that require increased administration. More than other states, Wyoming has over 450 government employees for every 10,000 citizens; communities of 4,800 people have over 40 law enforcement officers and the largest employer in most Wyoming towns is the government. The more government in your community, the more your life is affected by it. Far from its intended role, the government in our state has become unwieldy, inefficient and overly intrusive.

In the Wyoming Constitution, as there should be, are many more limits on government than anything else. Yes, what the government can and shall do is clearly defined but moreso than other states, our Constitution serves as a mechanism to limit government. Look at the very first Article, "All power is inherent in the people and all free governments are founded on their authority;" and my personal favorite, "Absolute, arbitrary power over the lives, liberty and property of freemen exists nowhere in a republic, not even in the largest majority." And yet in many Wyoming communities it is the local governments that manage many day-to-day operations. In my little town of Buffalo, the city owns the golf course, the YMCA, the day care, the outdoor pool, and the "convention center." It's almost as if our chief industry is not tourism, coal or even natural gas but rather, is government.

At the most fundamental level there are only a few things government should do--public safety, water/sewer/sanitation, and roads. That's it--nothing more complicated than that. Then why are there city ordinances governing the length of a blade of grass or what type of mechanic work I can conduct in my driveway? These intrusive laws, while they might seem laughable to some, are the result of a lack of personal responsibility of the citizenry. If the length of your neighbor's grass offends you, you should go talk to him and not to city hall. The government doesn't have any business in your grass, under the hood of your truck or behind your front door or the majority of our personal matters in our lives. These laws result in the government being ever-involved in your personal life. Why take care of ourselves when we can get the government to do it for us? We are, after all, being sent checks by the federal government for not doing anything to earn them.

But "reducing the size of government" has become more of a mantra than anything. It's almost fashionable. Candidates utter that phrase without any intention of following up on it because it resonates with voters. And really, it is so vague that it is kind of meaningless. So candidates use it to get votes. In the end, people get elected, and after their victory party voters leave them to their own devices. Quite literally, calls are made to more liberal minded allies and the game's afoot.

The only way to get government back into the box it came out of is to be involved. And, it starts with our own little swamp. We all complain about the same families running the same things in town. The same people sit on all of the county boards. And so, the functions of our communities become insular. And why shouldn't they turn into a little swamp of their own? There is nothing to push back against them. The little swamp is just as pervasive as the one in Washington D.C. but it has much more of an impact on our daily lives. Similarly, we citizens are much more able to have an influence on it. All of us should be attending our city council meetings and special district meetings--if for no other reason than to keep an eye on what elected officials are doing. But, by your attendance, you'll gain experience and when the time is right you should run for those board seats or even for city council or county commissioner.

Rather than accept the little swamp as it is, we need to change it. The only way to do that is for you to be involved.

David Iverson
Owner of Cowboy State Politics

Fourth of July in Fremont County!



Fremont County Republicans participated in the Dubois and Lander Fourth of July parades. The day was hot and full of celebration.

Photos (Columns L-R): (Left Column) (top) Dubois float; (bottom) Dubois float with Dubois parade crew (Right Column) (top) Parade crew getting ready to line up for the Lander parade; (middle) Party members handing out candy on the parade route; (bottom) Party members and kids on the Dubois float.

Teach Them to Learn

In the middle of a phone conversation with my oldest son the other day, he said, “Oh, Mom, I’ve been wanting to remember to tell you something. I want to thank you for teaching us how to learn.”

What? Huh? I’m choking up already.

“Young people these days (he’s 33 and already complaining about the younger generation) have all the information in the world on their phones and don’t know what to do with it. Thank you for teaching us to keep learning all our lives.”

It’s not every day that a mother gets this kind of validation of a lifetime of effort from a child. I had never come out and told him that this had been my primary goal while homeschooling. It was simply a way of life in our household.

I try not to look back with regret, because I can’t change a thing about the past, but sometimes ...

Circumstances beyond my control, but known beforehand by God, kept us from homeschooling until my oldest was in 6 grade. The next year I was able to attend our state homeschool convention where I first heard people talking about a classical education. I wanted to jump up in the middle of sessions and holler, “Yes, this is it! This is what I wish I had had for myself. And what I want for my children!” But I was starting from scratch and was already behind. My son was halfway “done.” I knew that I would never be able to catch up, so I made it my goal to teach my children how to keep educating themselves, just as I was, and am continuing to educate myself.

Homeschooling or not, we had made learning a natural activity from the very beginning. A few days after I brought my first child home from the hospital, he was crying and crying, and I had done everything I knew to do. So I read him “The Three Bears” with all the voices; great big Papa Bear, middle sized Mama Bear, and wee little Baby Bear.

Before he was 6 months old, he would sit on my lap and look at pictures while I read. Particularly the “Lucky” book.

My children grew up seeing me reading every day.

We were living on the economy in Germany when my oldest started kindergarten. There wasn’t a lot of entertainment available for us, so many evenings we all sat around the dining room table, each reading a separate volume of our World Book Encyclopedias, periodically sharing interesting facts.

Years later, my father-in-law told me that when he was in school he had heard a girl whispering to her friend one day, “There’s Curt Pendergraft. He reads the encyclopedia.” So it was in our genes.

We never purchased much homeschool curricula, but we wore a trail from our house to the public library. The only limit was: Whatever you check out, you have to be able to carry by yourself. Because I have too many of my own to be able to help you.

Whenever someone said, “I wonder how . . .” we said, “Let’s find out,” and went to the books.

My kids drew, colored, and painted while I read aloud. This kept their hands busy while listening and let me know if they were comprehending what I was reading.

My husband traded labor for piano lessons for all three kids for several years. Until they were old enough to decide if they wanted to pursue music.

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In the middle of a city, one son wanted a job working with horses. I drove him around looking for riding stables or someplace that might need help. He ended up with a job at a saddle shop.

All three kids helped Dad in his cabinet shop at various times. Each one decided that would not be their profession.

Every family can find ways to develop the natural curiosity in their children and turn them in the direction of their God-given talents. Most of us homeschoolers start with the handicap of not having been educated in the way we wish to educate our children. Wouldn't it have been lovely if we had been? We can't change a thing about the past. We can, however, say, "I don't know. Let's find out."

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Roots of Freedom

A grove of Aspen trees grows from the simple beginning of a single root. They become one of the largest organisms on the planet as a result of their interconnected root system and reliance upon one another. So it is with a freedom-minded people.

Have you ever watched a group of people who love America, freedom, and all that flows from true liberty? Especially those who are engaged in trying to keep America free? What you'll witness is the passionate, tireless, and singular dedication of modern-day freedom fighters. They are at the very roots of freedom.

I watched such a group of people working together in late 2018 to determine a strategy and course of action for the next year. They were dedicated folks working for conservative groups of all sorts. Among the group were representatives of family, religious, and military/veteran interests. While the interests were varied, the shared cause was to support policies that keep liberty and opportunity alive for this generation and those that will follow us.

Roots of Freedom

For me, it provoked the roots analogy I use here. Plants need roots to sustain life, remain stable, and grow strong. So too, do strong, liberty-centric governments.

The men and women gathered in that meeting inspired me. They represented new roots that had grafted into the foundations, or root system, built by past generations of men and women committed to the cause of freedom. I saw firsthand an important element of preserving liberty--the work and diligence of each generation. The work that happens off the military battlefield and away from the public eye. The gritty, and often thankless, work of analyzing public policy, then working to share that analysis with both the public and the politician.

The roots of freedom in this country are strong and deep after two hundred forty-five years. Generations have loved American liberty, built families and businesses without the constraints of tyrannical oppression, bled to defend our freedoms, and even died in defense of the same.

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Editorial Page

The position of Fremont County Coroner is an elected office and was recently vacated by retiring coroner Mark Stratmoen on July 1, 2021. Wyoming State Statute 22-18-111(a)(ii) states that the county commissioners must immediately send written notification of the vacancy to the chairman of the party of the incumbent. Because Mr. Stratmoen was a Republican and because he retired mid-term, the notification was directed to the chairman of the Fremont County Republican Party Central Committee. Per the same state statute, the chairman is to call a meeting within fifteen (15) days of notification, interview and select three (3) candidates, and forward their names to the Fremont County Commissioners to fill the vacant position. The commissioners then have five (5) days to make their selection from the list sent to them by the people's representatives.

According to State Statute 7-4-103, the requirements for County Coroner are that the person be a US Citizen, resident of Wyoming, 18 years of age or older, with a High School Diploma or equivalent, with a valid Wyoming Driver's License and clean driving record. An ad was placed advertising the position and request for applications, with the deadline for all submissions ending at midnight on July 9, 2021. Five candidates applied and all met these qualifications, moving on to the interview portion at the upcoming central committee meeting.

On July 12, 2021 the Fremont County Republican Party Central Committee met and each candidate was interviewed separately. The same questions were asked of each candidate. Additional questions were then asked by the members of the Fremont County Republican Central Committee. Following the interviews the members of the Committee were asked to vote for their three top choices, and votes were immediately counted.

The results were announced and the names of the three top vote getters were sent on to the Fremont County Commissioners by text and email after the July 12 meeting and via fax on July 13, 2021. All of this was done precisely as required by State Statute.

After the Fremont County Commissioners interviewed the three top candidates on July 13, 2021 Commissioner Larry Allen remarked that he wanted the Fremont County Republican Party to reconsider because the three candidates were unqualified. The remainder of the Commissioners concurred. They did not elaborate on the nature of the candidates' lack of qualification.

What is there for the Party to reconsider? The three candidates are qualified according to State Statute. They were selected according to State Statute. The Party took great care in following the law as written. There is no legal way for the Fremont County Republican Party to reconsider even if they wanted to.

According to State Statute, the Commissioners have five days after receiving the three names to fill the vacancy by appointment of one of the three candidates. The Commissioners are going to have to make their choice by July 18, 2021 or they will be in violation of the law!

Vern Tromble

The vacated office of the Fremont County Coroner by Mark Stratmoen evoked Wyoming § 28-18-111(a)(ii). The party chair was notified, applications were accepted by deadline, applicants were screened to ensure they all met minimum state standards, a meeting was held, the Central Committee voted, and the top three candidates were forwarded to the county commissioners for interviews and final selection. All of this occurred according to statute.

The Fremont County Commissioners then had five (5) days to make their final selection, but they hesitated. The Lander Journal, in its July 14, 2021 edition, reported, "At this moment I'm prepared to ask the Republican Party to reconsider and provide this board with a list of qualified applicants,' Fremont County Commission vice chairman Larry Allen said after interviewing the three nominees presented Tuesday." "This is uncharted waters,' Becker said. 'I've never experienced anything of this nature...'"

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The commissioners never expanded upon their meaning of the lack of qualifications. The Central Committee realized each individual is more than their appearance on paper and as such, they reviewed the various letters of interest and curriculum vitae carefully and spent their evening in undivided attention and careful consideration in the holistic approach of selecting the best candidates for this very important position. Were the forwarded candidates truly unqualified?

This summary of the candidates might provide some clarification.

• **Larry DeGraw**

- o Law Enforcement – Patrol Officer, Assistant Chief, Detective (arson & burglary and fire & fire fatalities)
- o Coroner’s Office – Coroner Investigator with 1350 POST training hours and 239 POST death investigation hours. Training hours include courses in suspicious deaths, forensic fire deaths, coroner basic course, gunshot & stab wounds, master coroner courses #5 and #6 in advanced death investigation.
- o In the interview, this candidate voiced support for SF 95, the double-homicide bill.
- o *Summary: This candidate has previously worked for the coroner’s office and already has numerous hours of coroner training under his belt (about 350 hours less than the current deputy coroner). He has worked in law enforcement and therefore there could be a seamless working environment between both agencies. He has respect for the law.*

• **Karl R. Falken**

- o Two bachelor of science degrees, basic laboratory and testing training.
- o In his working career, Karl has supervised up to 40 people and has managed projects with budgets of up to \$50 million.
- o This candidate also voiced support for the double-homicide bill during his interview.
- o *Summary: This candidate has the skills to manage the coroner’s office, staff and budget, and has the learning ability to take the training necessary for the position. He has a respect for the law.*

• **Joseph W. Lucero, MD**

- o Captain, Medical Corps, U.S. Navy (retired)
- o Doctor of Medicine, Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, Family Practice, Undersea/Hyperbaric Medicine
- o Willing to take the additional steps to become a fully credentialed medical examiner

- o This candidate, during his interview, took the double-homicide issue one step further. He stated that if a murdered woman was pregnant with twins it would be a triple-homicide.
- o *Summary: This candidate has the leadership skills necessary to supervise the coroner staff, he is a medical doctor who not only has the experience of working with patients but in the event his patient passed while under his care a coroner would not be necessary, he has respect for the law, and very importantly he is willing to garner his M.E. certification, which would not only save Fremont County money but could make Fremont County money.*

The Central Committee saw these qualifications and potential benefits for the county and advanced these candidates to the county commission. Uncharted waters? Perhaps it means being able to make money rather than spend it.

Tina Clifford



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Book Review

Why Won't They Read

by Diane Pendergraft

Some of my earliest memories are of my mom reading to my sisters and me. Raggedy Ann and Andy books are prominent in those memories. I believe Mom chose the Raggedy books because she remembered them from her childhood. I wonder what she would think of the stories if she read them now. I have gone back and tried to read them as an adult and couldn't get into them. They seem syrupy and silly. I remember some of the cute characters from the illustrations, but I don't remember much about what they did. It seems that Ann and Andy went around being nice to people and wishing cream puffs and soda water into existence. The antagonist of each story was cured by kindness. Though the lovely color illustrations of fairies and strange creatures in dreamy settings fed our fancies, I don't believe they fed our moral imaginations at all.

What did I feast on once I got into chapter books? I may have bought all the books about animals published by the Scholastic Book Club in the late 1960s and early 70s. 101 Dalmatians, Kavik the Wolf Dog, Blaze, the Story of a Horse, Incredible Journey, The Black Stallion, and many others the titles of which I don't remember and which haven't survived the years that are rather hard on 25 cent paperbacks.

Why all the animals? For one thing, I'm a girl, I lived in the country, and I really wanted a horse. But what else was I longing for? While it's hard to look back and analyze the me of forty-five years ago, I think what I hungered for was a nobility depicted in these creatures that I hadn't yet discovered in books about people. The Dalmatians and their friends organize a daring rescue at great personal (animalial?) risk, Kavik is strong and loyal, Blaze bravely pulls a fire engine, The Black Stallion and the pets that make the Incredible Journey show amazing stamina and heart. Most of these stories feature a strong bond of friendship between man and animal or animal and animal.

When I ponder why my child doesn't like to read, I should probably start by asking what type of books I'm offering. As I note the kinds of books that are being published by the ton for children today, it seems that often we are denying our children stories of characters who develop strong virtues. Many of today's children's books can't avoid the themes of the inherent wisdom of children, the serious want of wisdom in the adults in their lives, that any child can grow up to be anything he wants to be, and children, at least the main characters, are good enough just the way they are.

Perhaps our children are starving for healthy servings of virtue even as we keep offering them the latest, most popular brand of empty calories. Children who are allowed to choose whatever they want to eat don't usually choose the foods that are best for them unless they have been properly trained to choose well. Maybe our children who won't read are suffering from malnutrition while surrounded by food.

A few years ago, I was commissioned to read and review all of the Time Warp Trio books then in print. They were eye-opening for me. While I couldn't point to much in them that is overtly objectionable, these are vapid stories masquerading as an entertaining introduction to history. It would be possible for middling readers to gobble these books like potato chips. Are these the sort of books that will genuinely satisfy a healthy appetite?

I also note the disturbing trend of bringing children, and at times animals, into historical settings to "help" our heroes. Why do our heroes need the wisdom of children in order for things to come out "right?" Ben Franklin got his ideas from a mouse? The Wright Brothers needed help from a dog? If children and animals are wiser than our most famous historical characters, where do children go from here? They are wise enough to know that these scenarios are not truth. Whence the idea that children can't appreciate anything unless we bring it down to their level? When we do this, we leave them nothing to which to rise.

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Why the insistence that every new book be part of a series? I assume that, first of all, it's the current marketing ploy which creates an appetite then graciously offers to feed it. Most of the popular series' seem designed to be consumed in a binge. "No one can eat just one," the publisher hopes. I'm reminded of a chapter in C. S. Lewis' *Surprised by Joy*. Toward the end of the book, he recalls having made it his goal to achieve a particularly satisfying state of mind and continually attempting to reproduce it. He says, "To 'get it again' became my constant endeavor." Is this why we hunger for a series? To continually get it again? Are we so unwilling to turn loose of a desirable state of mind that we mistake quantity for quality? Are we so eager for that state that we shy away from contemplation in favor of consumption?

We Christians are admonished to fix our thoughts on things that are true and honorable, right and pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and worthy of praise. We are also warned against gluttony. We are nowhere instructed to contemplate how good and worthy we are just the way we are. While I hope there's some room there for a bit of junk food, our standards must be higher than the average. We can teach our children to be satisfied with fruit for dessert rather than training them to require continuous snacking. It will be a full time job, but it is our job. And our sacred obligation.

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Even now, in our turbulent times, we see men and women working to maintain America's freedom-loving potential. They are passionate because they've connected to something greater than themselves. They've become a part of the root system. Part of the life-sustaining organism of freedom, if you will. They've embraced a deep understanding of the value of human life and liberty.

"Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves." ~ Abraham Lincoln

Is maintaining freedom worth allowing ideas to flow freely? Is it worth committing, time, energy, and passion to preserving? For me, the answer is an easy yes. Our answer to these questions, and our efforts in maintaining our liberties, will determine what we pass on to the next generation.

As we struggle to rekindle an understanding of freedom's principles in our day, we would be wise to consider Lincoln's words above. When we enter a time of censorship and stifling of the free exchange of ideas and opinions, we deny freedom to those around us. In truth, we risk freedom for all. We put an axe to the multigenerational network of lives and the many efforts expended since the founding of the United States.

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Bulletin Board

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