

Defending The Republic

"A Republic...if you can keep it."

-Benjamin Franklin



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A nation conceived in liberty

Dear Patriots,

We celebrate Thanksgiving this week. We love this uniquely American holiday commemorating survival in a New World by giving praise to God and thanking Him.

We pray that you have a joyful celebration with family and friends. Try not to gloat about being correct and proven so, on just about everything, this past year.

Today, we provide a few longer and deeper pieces to contemplate over a large piece of pumpkin pie.

We will talk with you again on **Monday, November 27.**



1- There is no one person who knows more about the details of January 6 and all of the cases that have followed than Julie Kelly. We will watch her closely as she demands more from the House Republicans.

Liberty is much needed for the people still being arrested by the DOJ. Keep all of these victims of the Biden Regime in your prayers.

Declassified with Julie Kelly

Time for Truth and Accountability J6 Committee

QUOTE: The security video tells part of the story of what happened that day. As lives continue to be destroyed by Biden's DOJ, it is imperative House Republicans expose the full truth of January 6.

On a near-daily basis, the Department of Justice announces new arrests related to the events of January 6. Authorities arrested a Minnesota man on Wednesday for allegedly obstructing law enforcement and other minor offenses; U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia Matthew Graves, appointed by Joe Biden in 2021, trumpeted the news on his office's X account.

Court proceedings for January 6 defendants fill the docket of the federal courthouse in Washington on any given day as the current caseload exceeds 1,200 Capitol protesters. Political prisoners wait out excessive sentences as appeals slowly make their way through the system.

The human wreckage left in the wake of the DOJ's abusive, retaliatory prosecution of individuals who protested Biden's election nearly three years ago is an ongoing tragedy. Meanwhile, the same DOJ—along with their accomplices in Congress and national news media—

has concealed the truth about what really happened before and on that fateful afternoon.

After months of promising to do so, House Republicans finally released the first tranche of surveillance footage captured by security cameras on January 6. The move was lauded by the Right—and condemned by J6 propagandists including members of the now-defunct January 6 Select Committee. Rep. Jamie Raskin accused House Speaker Mike Johnson of "giving a diagram to future insurrectionists & terrorists." Former representatives Adam Kinzinger and Liz Cheney took to X to post well-worn video clips of protesters clashing with police.

But their time of controlling the narrative is over. Millions of Americans will now see video of police officers standing by as protesters walked in the building, some exchanging handshakes and fist bumps. Future video releases could shock the public as it reveals numerous instances of police brutality that resulted in the deaths of three individuals that day.

Which is just one reason why Speaker Johnson's next move must be the formation of a separate January 6 committee. Tapes only tell a small part of the story; more must be revealed to expose the full truth, redeem those who have been destroyed by the cruel weaponization of the four-hour disturbance, and hold the architects of the Jan 6 fraud accountable.



2- A nice piece of remembrance of American

history. When Lincoln made the now famous Gettysburg Address, it was derided and scorned by the smart people of the time. But, years later, looking for solace and meaning after WWI, veterans found the words comforting and brought the speech out of obscurity. Lincoln's succinct words withstand the tests of time and are comforting today. Lincoln gave the 272 word address on November 19, 1863.

Salena Zito

The enduring importance of the Gettysburg Address

GETTYSBURG — On a crisp November morning 160 years ago, President Abraham Lincoln woke to a beautiful, cloudless fall day and began making a couple of slight corrections to a short speech he was going to give that morning. He would speak at a ceremony to dedicate the Soldiers National Cemetery, honoring the dead who had fallen in the pivotal Civil War battle here in Gettysburg months earlier.

In contrast, according to news accounts, the planners didn't even send Lincoln's invitation until Nov. 2 and it didn't arrive till a week before the ceremony. No one really expected Lincoln to come, explained Gwinn.

"Lincoln rarely left Washington, D.C., so when he was sent the invitation, it was seen as a grand gesture. The big 'get' for the event was Everett."

Everett took to the stage around 11 a.m. and for the next two hours delivered his remarks honoring the men who had perished just three months earlier. Both Seward and Lincoln embraced Everett after the speech, and then Lincoln took to the podium.

Two minutes and 272 words later, delivered in his signature squeaky voice edged with a Kentucky twang, Lincoln stepped down from the podium, as the choir began to congregate, and believed unequivocally that he had failed to meet the moment.

"And for a long time, that wasn't just his sentiment — that was the sentiment of those who reported on it and those who were there to hear it," Gwinn said. "His voice didn't carry, so unless you were in the front few rows, you really didn't hear it, which is why many of the newspaper accounts of the day have missing words in it." Everett — despite his great ego and to his great credit — sent Lincoln a note the next day that read: "I should be glad if I could flatter myself that I came as close to the central idea of the occasion in two hours, as you did in two minutes."

Everett recognized the importance of the address, but many, including many newspapers, dismissed the speech as harshly as the Clearfield Republican did a week later, when it referred to Lincoln as a "jester" and his speech "cold, insipid and unworthy of the day" and predicted the speech would never be thought of again.

"Unfortunately, that is exactly what happened for decades," said Gwinn. "Today we look at the Gettysburg Address having this immortal quality to it," but the address fell quickly into obscurity.

The historian, who has worked at the Gettysburg National Park for over 20 years, explains that it wasn't until the early 1900s — when a lot of Civil War veterans, particularly Union veterans, returned to the battlefield to dedicate monuments — that the significance of Lincoln's speech becomes truly evident. Almost all of those

veterans refer to the Gettysburg Address — or borrow from it — in their dedicatory remarks.

"Which tells us that, by that point in time, Americans — and veterans of the United States armies in particular — are trying to attach a meaning to what they had done, what they had accomplished," said Gwinn of the shift of the speech out of oblivion to reverence and endurance. The Gettysburg Address has had a "shelf life" throughout our modern history, Gwinn said, where we can brush it off and take it out when we need it. "In part, because of the way that Lincoln composed it — he doesn't mention a single place by name. He doesn't mention a single person by name. He only alludes to one date, and that's 1776." Thankfully, the veterans of that war — in their search for purpose and meaning — plucked those words out of obscurity and refused to allow the consequences of time to erode a profound ethos that endures — and in many ways defines who we are — today.

Lincoln's Address

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

"But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have

consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."



3- We predict that many will be flocking to Louisiana as it becomes an even freer place to live and prosper.

Yahoo

GOP secures all elected statewide offices in Louisiana, after Republican victories Saturday

QUOTE: Come January, the GOP will control every elected statewide office in Louisiana after Republicans swept three runoff races for attorney general, secretary of state and treasurer Saturday night.

The GOP success, in a state that has had a Democrat in the governor's office for the past eight years, means that Republicans secured all of Louisiana's statewide offices for the first time since 2015. In addition, the GOP holds a two-third supermajority in the House and Senate.

Liz Murrill was elected as attorney general, Nancy Landry as secretary of state and John Fleming as treasurer. The results also mean Louisiana will have its first female attorney general and first woman elected as secretary of state.

Saturday's election completes the shaping of Louisiana's executive branch, where most incumbents didn't seek reelection and opened the door for new leadership in some of the most powerful positions.



4- We have all witnessed this morphing by the Dems into a dictatorial cabal who worships the government.

ALEX GUTENTAG AND MICHAEL SHELLENBERGER on Substack

Why Democrats Became The Totalitarians They Warned Us About

QUOTE: How did the Left go from defending the free speech rights of neo-Nazis to demanding censorship, falsely accusing their opponents of being fascists, and seeking their incarceration?

Elites in the Democratic party and in the mainstream media, through their efforts to subdue a populist backlash, have eroded First Amendment rights and have politicized the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Justice (DOJ).

Democrats became everything they once said they feared in Trump: censorial, totalitarian, and corrupt. Their years-long clampdown on dissent and criminalization of political opposition was a systematic attack on liberal

democracy. Worse, they became everything that liberals during the 20th Century warned Americans about. The Twitter Files, the Missouri v. Biden case, the Facebook Files, and new documents recently analyzed by Public have exposed the lengths to which Democrats went to quash opposition and prevent citizens from exercising the right to protected speech.

At the same time as the federal government has pushed for censorship, the FBI under Biden has increasingly become a domestic spying agency, turning its efforts against regular Americans. When whistleblowers step forward to push back against the bureau's partisan or unethical practices, the FBI retaliates against them. Meanwhile, Biden's DOJ is inappropriately shielding him and his son from any accountability for their lucrative influence-peddling operation. A growing body of evidence suggests that President Biden played a major role in his son's business and that the DOJ is protecting the president from repercussions. This is precisely the type of corruption Democrats warned Trump would bring to the office of the presidency.

The Democratic party and the Biden administration have become precisely what liberals said Trump would be, and they have attacked the foundational principles of our democracy in the name of protecting them. How did this happen?

The obvious reason for the authoritarian and even totalitarian turn among liberals was the Internet in general and social media in particular. Elites since World War II had largely controlled the information that the masses received through TV, the big newspapers, and wire services. That all changed with the rise of the Internet. "We are creating a world where anyone,

anywhere may express his or beliefs, no matter how singular" wrote former Grateful Dead lyricist John Perry Barlow in 1996, "without fear of being coerced into silence or conformity."



5- We are still of the opinion that we have much to learn from our brilliant Founding Fathers. Read this prophetic letter written by Thomas Jefferson on the peril of national debt. The entire letter is available at the link.

Emerald Robinson

Thomas Jefferson Warned Us About Massive National Debts

A 1789 letter from Thomas Jefferson to James Madison has lessons for our bankrupt nation

QUOTE: The following letter from Thomas Jefferson to James Madison (dated September 6th, 1789) has been known as "The earth belongs to the living" letter to generations of American historians.

With America's national debt standing at more than \$33 trillion dollars, the letter's topicality has never been more urgent. Jefferson anticipated the nightmare of a monstrous national debt which no later generation could fully repay: "I am not among those who fear the people. They, and not the rich, are our dependence for continued freedom. And, to preserve their independence, we must not let our rulers load us with perpetual debt. "



GIVE Thanks. GIVE praise. PRAY for
divine intervention.