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CHOOSE THE RIGHT SIDE

by Carolyn L. McLarty, DVM, Republican National Committeewoman for Oklahoma

The Republican Party Platform states that it will continue to enthusiastically support President Trump's America-first agenda. The Party makes it clear that Republicans depend on the innate optimism, resourcefulness, and energy of the American people.

The GOP espouses that the independent nature of Americans coupled with a dependency on Almighty God are driving forces that make us the freest and greatest country in the world. It continues, "We believe in American exceptionalism. We affirm, as did the Declaration of Independence, that all are created equal, endowed by our Creator with inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. We believe our constitutional system of limited government, separation of powers, federalism, and the rights of the peo-

ple must be preserved uncompromised for future generations."

The GOP further states, "This platform is optimistic because the American people are optimistic. Every time we sing, 'God Bless America,' we are asking for help. We ask for divine help that our country can fulfill its promise. We earn that help by recommitting ourselves to the ideas and ideals that are the true greatness of America."

The Democrat Party, in contrast, focuses on dependence on the government for prosperity, rather than on individual achievement. It emphasizes diversity that divides people according to racial, ethnic, economic, geographic, education, and gender, which leads to socialism, communism, and totalitarian rule.

The Democrat Platform states, "Americans believe that diversity is

our greatest strength. That protest is among the highest forms of patriotism. That our fates and fortunes are bound to rise and fall together. Democrats will forge a new social and economic contract with the American people — a contract that creates millions of new jobs and promotes shared prosperity, closes racial gaps in income and wealth, guarantees the right to join or form a union, raises wages, and ensures equal pay for women and paid family leave for all, and safeguards a secure and dignified retirement.

Democrats will fight to repair the soul of this nation. To unite and to heal our country. To turn this crisis into a crucible, from which we will forge a stronger, brighter, and more equitable future. We must right the wrongs in our democracy, redress the systemic injustices that have long plagued our society, throw open the doors of opportunity for all Americans, and reinvent our institutions at home and our leadership abroad." 



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**AMERICA
MATTERS**

BE A VIP: VOTE IN PERSON

by Tabitha Walter, Eagle Forum Political Director.

There is one thing that Michelle Obama and I agree on: We must vote in-person this November. Despite Democrats making universal vote-by-mail a policy initiative of their party platform, the former First Lady plead, *"We have got to grab our comfortable shoes, put on our masks, pack a brown bag dinner and maybe breakfast, too, because we've got to be willing to stand in line all night if we have to."* Why? Because she knows the stakes are high and voting by mail is not safe.

With sweeping changes due to the current pandemic, only six states require an excuse to vote by mail now and eight states, along with Washington, D.C., are automatically sending ballots to all voters. With cluttered voter rolls and mismanaged election offices, this lays fertile ground



for abuse of our election system.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) simply cannot promise that your ballot will be kept private or that it will arrive on time. In fact, the post office has failed to meet basic standards for years now. USPS has accumulated almost \$161 billion in debt and even lost almost \$9 billion last year alone. New technology and methods of delivery have evolved over the last decade, but the post office has not, rendering their business model unsustainable.

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

saw this as an opportunity to push her agenda and further divide Americans. She brought Congress back into session on a Saturday to pass the *Delivering for America Act* which provided a \$25 billion bailout for the USPS. This was in addition to the \$10 billion bailout that came in a previous Coronavirus stimulus bill. It is no surprise that the bill passed due to the Democrat majority in the House, however, 26 Republicans voted in favor. The Left's delusional messaging is slowly creeping into the Republican party.

Liberals labeled those who opposed these bailouts as fascists and election interrupters. The same people pushing out memes painting the post office in a flawless light were the same ones complaining about their missing package weeks prior. Heritage Foundation's Hans von Spakovsky put it this way, *"If you won the PowerBall, would you be willing to send your winning ticket through the mail?"* I think not.

Some states allow ballot harvesting during elections where someone goes house-to-house to collect ballots. In California, campaign workers can do just that. Imagine handing over your ballot to the candidate you oppose or to a political organization like Planned Parenthood or Black Lives Matter. The allure for voter fraud is real and attainable.

Ballot harvesting has actually overturned elections. In North Carolina's 2018 congressional primary, a political contractor collected ballots and filled out ones that were left blank. When election officials were made aware, the whole race was thrown out and a new one conducted. The last thing we need to experience in 2020 is a whole new election.

On a positive note, Wisconsin successfully kept the spread of COVID-19 down while allowing voters to cast their ballots in-person during their April primary. Based on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services' data, out of 400,000 voters, 71 tested positive for the virus afterward. Out of those cases, many were infected somewhere other than their polling place. The study deemed voting in-person a low-risk activity. When asked if Americans should vote in-person, Dr. Anthony Fauci said, *"I think if carefully done, according to the guidelines, there's no reason that I can see why that not be the case."* We have the science and the data to back it up.

New York City's June primary is a perfect case against mail-in voting. Election officials rejected 84,000 mail ballots due to minor errors. Out of the hundreds of thousands of ballots received, one in five were thrown away. This isn't a rare situation though. Election offices in various states have seen tens of thousands of errors in their mailed ballots as well.

These are errors that could have easily been avoided. When voting in-person, questions about a confusing ballot or fields accidentally left blank can be easily caught and highlighted by a poll worker before leaving your polling place. In past election years, officials' efforts to "improve" ballots have at times caused more confusion than clarity. Unclear instructions, missing information, or formatting issues can immediately be addressed by those trained to remedy these situations.

With the current divisive political climate and a culture rapidly embracing oppressive regimes, the 2020 election is the most important one in history. Now is the time to make your vote count and to do that, you must vote in-person. 

AMERICA OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

by Allen West, Lt. Col. U.S. Army (retired), Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas, and former member of U.S. Congress representing Florida 22nd District.

If you listen to the leftist media outlets, they tell us that our country, America, is a land of racism, not opportunity. They are teaching our children that our beloved Republic started in 1619 when slaves first arrived on these shores. They do not want us to believe that America began on July 4, 1776. These are the same media outlets that would not want you to know that our Republican Party of Texas was founded in Houston, on July 4, 1867 by 150 black men.

My story is that of opportunity. A kid born in 1961 in a blacks-only hospital, Hughes Spalding, in Atlanta. Today, that same fella is a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and now Chairman of the Republican Party of Texas. It is all possible because, here, in America, we are endowed by our Creator, the Judeo-Christian God, with unalienable rights: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The greatest equality we possess in America is the *equality of opportunity*. That means no matter where you are born, no matter where you come from, you can achieve whatever hopes, dreams, and aspirations your individual will, determination, and drive desire. We are all “dreamers” in America, not just some politically identified demographic.

What is the opposite of our equality of opportunity? The antithesis is the progressive socialist left’s concept — nightmare — of *equality of outcomes*. Analyze what “social justice” really means: it is the forcible mandate of equality for all or social egalitarianism. That results in a few elites deciding what our outcomes shall be, based solely upon their sub-

jective interpretation, centered on their ideological agenda, of what the elites think is just, right, and equal.

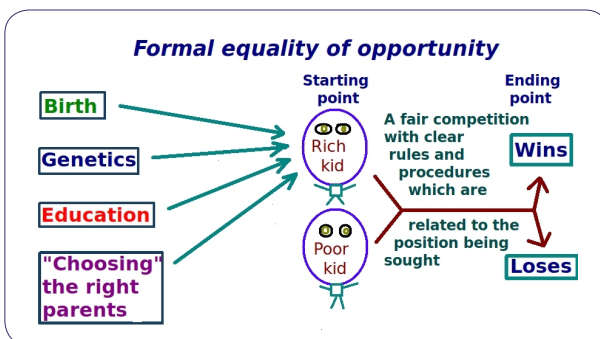
We are all blessed as individuals with our respective talents, gifts, intellect, and exceptionalism. In America, we believe that the individual is sovereign over the institution of government. Progressive socialists take the opposing viewpoint; they see the institution of government as sovereign over the individual. Leftists do not embrace the fundamental American ideal of individual rights. They demand collective subjugation.

How does one subjugate individuals? It is simple: fail to truly educate society and its future generations. Instead, indoctrinate the children and control the culture as well as the media narrative.

This is why Joe Biden has come forward and stated that he will eliminate charter schools. For the left, any competition to their state-controlled indoctrination centers is a threat. As a matter of fact, one of the planks in Karl Marx’s *Communist Manifesto* was state control of education. This is why the school board member is the most important elected position in our nation. If you do not believe me, just take a look at what is happening in Texas with Austin, San Antonio, and Carrol Independent School Districts. We are well aware of the socialist, Marxist indoctrination happening on our Texas college and university campuses. All this breeds the next generation of leftist radicals, whom we are watching riot and enact violence and chaos on our streets.

Equality of opportunity leads to economic empowerment while equality of outcomes leads to economic

enslavement. Equality of opportunity creates victors! Equality of outcomes results in victims. So many have come to America, legally, and found the equality of opportunity. Even those, like my predecessors, who were forcibly brought here to these shores, eventually found equality of



opportunity, even under the most horrible conditions.

The progressive socialist left believes that they can guarantee happiness by determining your outcomes. It has always proven unsuccessful and we must reject it again this election cycle, and in the future. Sir Winston Churchill aptly defined socialism: “Socialism is a philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance, and the gospel of envy; its inherent virtue is the equal sharing of misery.”

Equality of opportunity is the American way. Equality of outcomes just ends up with equal sharing of misery because no government can guarantee your happiness. 

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