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The House has become an asylum for left-wing lunacy under Pelosi and the new Democrat-Socialist majority. While our nation faces an unprecedented crisis at our southern border, the Democrats are still obsessing on the 2016 Presidential election and passing bills that are truly bizarre in their effect. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, I have found myself at the center of several of these issues, and want to share some thoughts on where the left would take us if given the chance.

Much of their attention is focused on trying to resurrect the discredited Steele dossier and salvage the Mueller report that they were hoping would make a case for collusion or obstruction. But this hasn't stopped them from offering a glimpse of life under their control, including a bill that threatens children with hideous psychological and medical experiments and makes a mockery of women's sports by allowing males identifying as women to compete against them. Several left-leaning states have already passed such laws with heart-breaking results.

In the last newsletter, I opined on their effort to rig our national elections the way they've rigged California's. They have also held hearings to explore what they can do to extend the stifling limits on free speech already imposed by many university campuses on the general public, and I offer some thoughts on this as well.

Fortunately, all of these bills will stop dead in the Senate this year, but if the Democrats prevail in 2020, what will come next is terrifying: rigging of election laws, suppressing speech, packing the Supreme Court and leaving our borders wide open. They can do all this with majorities in both houses and a President willing to sign their bills. Future elections would become a fait accompli, a lockstep court will rubberstamp their agenda, and it would be game, set and match for the American Republic.

In his House Divided Speech, Abraham Lincoln spoke of a crisis that must be met and passed. For our generation, that crisis is the 2020 election. It is now less than 500 days away, and we dare not fail.


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There's a reason for the abusive rhetoric from the left. For two and a half years they pedaled a monstrous lie that Donald Trump is a traitor colluding with a hostile foreign government. They concocted it with a phony dossier commissioned by the Clinton campaign from a foreign spy using Russian disinformation. It was then used by the highest officials in the FBI, our Intelligence agencies and the Justice Department to promote this ugly narrative first, in a failed attempt to interfere with the 2016 Presidential election and then, to undermine the constitutionally elected President of the United States.

The first calls to impeach Donald Trump came just one week after the 2016 election and more than two months before he was even sworn in. Jerry Nadler was caught openly plotting impeachment just one day after the 2018 election put him in charge of the Judiciary committee.

Despite spending \$25 million on an outrageously biased team of partisan zealots assembled by Mr. Mueller — which initially included the now-infamous Peter Stroz and Lisa Page — and using some of the most abusive prosecutorial tactics ever employed in this country, they could find no evidence to support the lie.

What to do? They had to think up another lie and think it up quick. So now we hear cries of obstruction and coverup. Good luck with that! Coverup of a crime that never happened? Obstruction, by turning over EVERY document Mueller requested and even waiving executive privilege to allow the White House Counsel to testify?

Yet that's the case the Democrats are making, with no evidence except the President blowing off Trumpian steam behind closed doors in words that amounted to absolutely no action whatsoever.

If every politician who tells his staff, "I'd like to strangle that guy" is ipso facto guilty of attempted murder, you might as well turn out the lights and close the doors at the Capitol.

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When one compares that to Hillary Clinton's willful destruction of 30,000 emails under subpoena, a true picture of the double standard involved comes into sharp focus.

Yet while the Democrats are fixated on impeachment, three major investigations into how the Democrats concocted this bizarre and monstrous lie of Russian collusion are nearing fruition. Within the next few months, we will hear the findings of Inspector General Michael Horowitz, U.S. Attorney John Durhan and the Senate Judiciary Committee under Lindsay Graham. If what we're starting to hear comes out

in detail: that this was a deliberate hoax developed and pursued with the most terrifying powers we entrust to government by senior officials in our law enforcement and intelligence agencies — that could be the biggest threat ever posed to our democracy and a complete game changer in American politics.

The reckoning is coming. As Longfellow said, "The wheels of the Gods grind slow; but they grind exceedingly fine." ■

HR 5:

THE LEFT'S WAR ON WOMEN AND CHILDREN

HR 5 is called the “Equality Act” and it passed out of the House on a nearly party line vote. It purports to grant “transgender” people equal rights that they have presumably been denied. It is in fact one of the cruelest examples of leftist ideology trumping common sense.

There are some fundamental principles we should all be able to agree on: don't hurt other people; respect the right of doctors to do no harm; respect the right of parents to protect their children. This measure violates these principles in the most fundamental ways.

This isn't speculation. Many states have already adopted similar laws, and we're now seeing firsthand the result of them. It has already been used to destroy safe spaces for women such as bathrooms and locker rooms and to justify hideous medical experiments on children. And any parent with a daughter who is striving to excel in sports should take note.

Wherever these laws are imposed, biological males have begun to dominate women's competitions. Take, for example, 16-year old Selina Soule of Connecticut. She tells the story of qualifying for the prestigious Middletown Invite for track and field:

“Eight of us lined up at the starting line ... but when six of us were only about three quarters into the race, two girls were

already across the finish line...What just happened? Two boys identifying as girls happened. Fair is no longer the norm. The chance to advance, the chance to win has been all over for us ... I missed the chance to compete in the New England championship this past season because of this... The CAAC won't listen to my voice, but I hope Congress will...HR 5...will endanger women and girls of all ages, by opening up every sports team in the country to any male who self-identifies as female. This policy will take away our medals, records, scholarships and dreams.”

We know this will happen because it already has. And we know it's the intent of the bill because Congressman Steube offered an amendment that “Nothing in this act may be construed to require a biological female to face competition from a biological male in any sporting event.” The Democrats voted it down on a party-line vote. Sorry Selina. If you're looking for fairness from this majority, you've come to the wrong place.

This bill could have protected the professional judgment of doctors, but it doesn't. At our hearing on May 1, the bill's author said, “What HR 5 does is to ensure that transgender people, including young people, are not denied care because of their gender identity.” What is care for gender identity? Cross sex hormones, puberty blockers and surgery. Refuse to provide it – on the self-diagnosis of a child – and you've broken the law.

Indeed, Johns Hopkins University, that pioneered sex re-assignment surgery, stopped the practice because they saw the long-term harm it did to their patients.

And we know that's the intent of the bill, because I offered an amendment that “Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require health care providers to affirm the self-professed gender identity of a minor” and the Democrats voted it down on a straight party-line vote.

Listen to one anguished parent, Elaine, tell her story: “Let me explain to you how this works. If you take your child to a clinic to seek help, affirmative care means the ... professionals must accept a child's pro-

fessed gender identity...Under “conversion therapy” bans, questioning a child's professed gender identity is now illegal. So, if a little boy is 5 years old and believes he is the opposite sex, affirmative care means going along with his beliefs. Parents are encouraged to refer to him as their “daughter” and let him choose a feminine name. Teachers are told to let him use the girls' bathroom at school. Therapists will reassure parents that social transition is harmless and reversible. Is it really harmless to tell a child who still believes in the tooth fairy that he is the opposite sex? ... If a 10-year-old girl is uncomfortable with her developing body and suddenly insists she is a boy, affirmative care means blocking this girl's puberty with powerful drugs.”

We know this will happen because it already has. And we know this is the intent of the bill because Congressman Mike Johnson offered an amendment that “Nothing in this Act or any amendment made by this Act may be construed to deny a parent's right to be involved in their minor child's medical care.” The Democrats voted it down on a party-line vote.

Elaine goes on to say: “I am speaking out because I love my daughter. And it is because of her that I know what I have told you is true. She has been a victim of “gender affirming” medical procedures, and I was powerless to stop doctors from harming her.” Sorry, Elaine. The House majority doesn't care and isn't listening.

This is the brave new world that House Democrats propose under the name “equality.” This dystopian vision of the future will now stop in the senate – this year. What happens in 2021 depends on voters next year. ■





HATE SPEECH AND CENSORSHIP: THE SLIPPERY SLOPE

One of the more frightening aspects of the rise of the unhinged left is its efforts to suppress speech. It began with the introduction of the concept of “hate crimes” in the 1990’s: the notion that why you commit a crime is more important than the crime itself. Within a decade, “hate crimes” had spawned “hate speech,” statements that simply expressed vile sentiments.

The schoolyard wisdom that *“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me,”* acted as a reminder that words can be countered by other words. After all, that’s why we have a First Amendment. The freedom to speak your mind is absolutely essential in a free society. Jefferson said, “Error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it.”

Speech can be ugly, disgusting, hateful, prejudiced and alarming. But it can never be dangerous to a free society as long as men and women of good will have the freedom of speech to dispute it, challenge it and reject it.

Free societies do not punish words and thoughts — they punish deeds. The reason is because words and thoughts can be countered by better words and thoughts.

Suppressing speech — even the most hate-filled speech — doesn’t diminish its influence. It strengthens it. Churchill made this point when he said, “It is this very conflict of spiritual and moral ideas which gives the free countries a great part of their strength. You see these dictators on their pedestals, surrounded by the bayonets of their soldiers and the truncheons of their police...yet in their hearts there is unspoken fear. They are afraid of words and thoughts: Words spoken abroad, thoughts stirring at home — all the more powerful because forbidden — terrify them. A little mouse of thought appears in the room, and even the mightiest potentates are thrown into panic...A state of society where men may not speak their minds, where children denounce their parents to the police, where a business man or small shopkeeper ruins his competitor by telling tales about his private opinions — such a state of society cannot long endure if brought into contact with the healthy outside world.”

As we are seeing across the world today, it is a very slippery slope between banning hate speech and banning speech we hate. We’ve seen so many examples recently (even in our own country) of legitimate speech being suppressed on college campuses, on social media platforms, and even in public discourse.

If there is an ideology or idea we don’t like, the weakest thing we can do is try to forbid it or suppress it. The strongest thing we can do is to use our own freedom of speech to confront it and defeat it on the merits. If we allow our society to become a society where men and women may not speak their minds, we will have lost the very quality that he said gives free countries a great part of their strength. As Churchill said, these ideologies cannot long endure if brought into contact with the healthy outside world — but that in turn **REQUIRES** unrestricted freedom of speech — precisely the freedom protected by our First Amendment.

We have made very limited exceptions when speech becomes an explicit incitement to do violence or to falsely defame an individual’s reputation. In the case of defamation, the truth is always an absolute defense.

What we are hearing now is something fundamentally different. It is to set up government or corporate officials to decide what speech is acceptable and what is not. That is a very dangerous power that can quickly be abused.

Today, a great deal of public discourse is conducted on social media — major platforms like Google and Facebook and Twitter. We have granted them legal immunity from the content of their platforms under the assumption that they merely provide the public square, and that those who use it should be held accountable for their own statements. This is appropriate as long as these platforms are not practicing any form of censorship or political favoritism.

We are discovering, however, that they are indeed practicing censorship and political favoritism. This is their right as private corporations. But once they begin to do so, they cease to be neutral platforms and instead become publishers responsible for their content and subject to liability for defamation. ■



The National Right to Work Committee gave its annual “Dirksen Award” to Congressman McClintock at its annual meeting at the Reagan Presidential Library on April 26th. The Dirksen Award is the highest award granted by the committee to an individual “making the most outstanding contribution to public awareness and understanding of the Right to Work principle.”

In accepting the award, McClintock had this to say:

For more than 50 years, the National Right to Work Committee has sought to uphold one of the most important rights in society: the freedom of all workers to decide for themselves the terms and conditions of their employment: what their own talents, skills and experience command in a free and open market. Every person’s labor is worth exactly what they are freely willing to accept and what another is freely willing to pay. Every person has a natural right to make these decisions for themselves.

The issue has never been unions — we defend the right of individuals to join together with others for their mutual betterment — IF they freely choose. What we object to is the use of force to compel them against their will.

This freedom, by the way, is essential both to the worker who chooses to join a union as it is to the worker who does not.

After all, coercion is not necessary where allegiance is earned. Coercion is only necessary where the natural allegiance of workers hasn’t been earned. If you can force somebody against his will to

join your union, you don’t have to worry much about pleasing him. Only voluntary associations have to please their members — because otherwise they have no members.

And that’s where coerced labor unions are failing. When they don’t have to earn their workers’ allegiance, they don’t tend to serve their workers very well. And that is not my verdict: that is the verdict of the workers themselves.

The essential element of this engine of prosperity that we call capitalism is the freedom of any two parties — buyers and sellers, employees and employers — to make their own decisions in coming to mutually acceptable and mutually beneficial agreements without outside interference. Government’s role is to protect that right.

And that is what this organization has fought for so heroically and so effectively: the freedom of every worker to decide whether joining a particular union is in their own best interest. Should unions attract their members by the services, benefits and advantages they offer to their members, or should they be allowed to force individuals into their ranks with the police powers of the state?

In fact, forced union membership is just one aspect of a much broader struggle that mankind has confronted through the ages. In his introduction to “The Ten Commandments,” Cecil B. DeMille said that the story of Moses and the Exodus is the same question that continues into our time: “Are men free souls under God, or are they the property of the state?”

This is the great question our society is now confronting — whether to continue the American experiment in freedom or to surrender our lives to those who believe they know better how to run them and have no problem using compulsive force to do so.

The dangers that the National Right to Work Committee has confronted for half a century in the workplace are now coming to our homes and families. And from the success of the Right to Work movement, we can take courage — and encouragement — that freedom can — and must — prevail. ■



CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you for responding so generously to support Congressman McClintock's campaign. As we get closer to the 2020 election, we are getting a good understanding of who will be challenging the Congressman next year. So far, we have two far left Democrats running. They are in the mold of Bernie Sanders and Ocasio-Cortez far left. That means they support socialized healthcare, open borders, and giving free healthcare to illegal aliens. We must confront this far left ideology here and defeat it in

2020. That is why your overwhelming support at this time has been so crucial. You can call the campaign at 916-787-0112 to contribute or volunteer on the campaign. Your help will be the key to our victory in 2020.



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I NEED YOUR HELP TO WIN IN 2020!



Thank you for standing by me last year. Your loyal and generous support made the difference by assuring I had the resources to defend this seat against the radical left.

Nancy Pelosi's Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee targeted eight California Republican seats last year, and I was the only one to survive. The massive influx of leftist money combined with one-sided election laws literally cut our Republican delegation in half – from 14 seats down to just seven – out of a total of 53 California House seats.

In this district, I was outspent more than three-to-one. But you gave me enough to respond to the attacks and get my message out to voters. In the end, the Democrats spent more than \$4.6 million dollars here – in vain.

Here's the simple math behind the challenge now ahead of us: I'm now one of just seven remaining Republican representatives from California. That means that the Democrats will try to double down next year. They certainly have the resources to do it.

Countering the enormous built-in advantage that Democrats have in California doesn't require that we out-spend them. It DOES require that we reach the voters and make our case. With your help, I was able to do that in 2018, and I'll need you standing with me again this year as we rebuild for 2020.

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