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*\*My Fellow Republicans: The Chair of our County Party was recently asked about our party's vision for 2024. He submitted to the local paper for publication Publius' first Op-Ed. (which can be found in the December 2023 Newsletter on our website) The treasurer of the local Democrat party wrote a "Letter to the Editor" attacking our party as "not having a tangible vision for Barry County." Below is our Chair's response. \**

## **SEPARATION OF TRUTH AND KNOWLEDGE**

**An account of the democrat party**

Recently the Barry County Republican Party submitted an article about the vision of the Republican Party going into 2024 to our local newspaper. The main "calling" of the article was to return to God's ultimate truth so that we can build our community on the rock, and not the sand. This of course offends those who hate the truth, so naturally the treasurer of the Democratic Party wrote a letter to the editor claiming we had no tangible vision. Instead of entertaining the opinions of those who support murdering babies and mutilating children, I'll take this opportunity to give a quick history of some of the Democrats' tangible accomplishments throughout the years.

We can trace the Democrat party back to the early annals of our country where they proudly fought the newly formed Republican Party (under Abraham Lincoln) for their right to own slaves. Of course, they used the phrase "states' rights" in order to disguise their true intentions of enslaving our fellow man. Although the Republicans in office eventually won the civil war the Democrats wouldn't stop so easily.

Six days after the Confederate army surrendered, John Wilkes Booth, a Democrat, assassinated President Lincoln. Lincoln's vice president, a Democrat named Andrew Johnson, assumed the Presidency. But Johnson adamantly opposed Lincoln's plan to integrate the newly freed slaves into the South's economic and social order. After the Democratic Party failed to defend slavery, and lost the Civil War, they began to immediately oppose reconstruction.

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They did this by founding the Ku Klux Klan, imposed segregation, and perpetrated lynchings. The Democratic Party was unified in their opposition to the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery; the 14th Amendment, which gave blacks citizenship; and the 15th Amendment, which gave blacks the vote. All three passed only because of universal Republican support. And when all of their efforts to enslave blacks, keep them enslaved, and then keep them from voting had failed, the Democrats came up with a new strategy: If black people are going to vote, they might as well vote for Democrats. As President Lyndon Johnson was purported to have said about the Civil Rights Act, "I'll have them n\*\*\*\*\*s voting Democrat for 200 years!"

The Democrat Party is still working hard to keep their rich and proud reputation. Now they have targeted the women and children of America. They proudly shout "women's health" or "reproductive rights" using the same strategy they did during the civil war. What they really mean when they say that is "we want to murder babies!" They are great at controlling the narrative by reinventing words like abortion instead of the correct words like infant genocide.

I admit that they have it hard living in a world with no objective truth, but it gives the Democrats the ability to switch gears instantly playing to their advantage. For example, they love to use the phrase "my body, my choice" when advocating for the murder of babies, but when the MRNA shot was being forced on people that logic went right out the window. Now they told us that we were murdering grandma and grandpa if we didn't get the shot. Using guilt language such as this they advocated people not having a choice in the matter. So much for "my body, my choice".

In the state of Michigan, the Democrat controlled legislator is also continuing to work towards their tangible goals of socialism. Whitmer separated the elderly away from their families at the last stage of their life; she invited the Chinese Communist Party to build environmentally unsound battery plants in northern Michigan to poison our land and waterways while they spy and make money off of Americans who protested their presence. She turned a blind eye to the will of the people. Her administration tricked the voters by twisting what was in the proposals, and now parents have lost rights when it comes to the decisions of their minor children. Just this past year the Democrat controlled government passed legislation taking away the townships and counties constitutional rights for local control. They violated the 2nd Amendment by passing law's that infringe on the rights of the citizens.

The Democrat controlled federal government has also effectively taken away the sovereignty of our nation by leaving the border open for millions of illegal immigrants. Everything they are doing promotes the culture of death, death of our people, our families, our economy, and our Constitutional rights.

Knowing all of this I have a hard time wrapping my head around anyone who would proudly call themselves a democrat while at the same time criticize an article calling for truth.

To rephrase the intent of the original article, our pursuit and vision is for truth first! While godless endeavors may promise immediate gratification or material gain, they often lack the inherent depth and significance found in moral and virtuous actions. Choosing morality over meaningless pursuits aligns us with principles that transcend personal desires, fostering a sense of interconnectedness and compassion towards others. Morality serves as a guiding compass, guiding us towards a path of integrity, empathy, and harmony within ourselves and society. By prioritizing morality and virtue, we not only uphold fundamental ethical values but also contribute to the betterment of humanity as a whole.

**As far as their attack on our "tangible" goals, the Republicans hold every single political office in Barry County.**

**-Phillip Josephs  
Chair, Barry County Republican Party**

# SENATE CANDIDATE FORUM



Sandy Pensler lays out his case for election.



Nikki Snyder listens to a question from the moderator.



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**Citizens for Local Choice Submits Initiative  
Petition to the Bureau of Elections**

**LANSING, Mich.** - The Ballot Campaign Committee, “Citizens for Local Choice,” today submitted an initiative petition to the Bureau of Elections to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to, among other things, repeal Part 8 as added by Public Act 233 of 2023. The Committee has requested approval of the Summary of Purpose and pre-approval as to form.

The Summary of Purpose provided to the Bureau for consideration provides:

“A proposed initiated law to allow local units of government to retain authority to regulate the development of solar, wind, or energy storage facilities in their jurisdictions by repealing laws that mandate statewide standards for energy facilities and permit the Michigan Public Service Commission to override local energy facility development decisions. If enacted, this proposal will allow local units of government to continue to determine their own standards regarding setback distance, structure height, and the amount of light and sound emitted by energy facilities, and to exercise final authority over the construction of energy facilities within their jurisdictions.”

The summary will be prepared by the Director of Elections for consideration by the Board of Canvassers. The Board of Canvassers is expected to approve the petition within 30 days, following which the Committee will be granted a 180-day window to gather and file the necessary 356,958 valid signatures from registered voters. To ensure placement on the November 2024 ballot, valid signatures must be submitted by May 29th; otherwise, the initiative will proceed to the November 2026 ballot. For those wishing to participate in the effort, additional details can be found at [www.micitizenschoice.org](http://www.micitizenschoice.org).

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# WHY THE CHANGES?

Some of you by now have noticed the changes in the design and layout of this newsletter, including a new name. As editor I wanted to give you all a brief explanation as to why we have made these alterations and what the point and plan is going forward.

In line with our mission to reach out and bring truth to the people of Barry County it is important that we do not fall prey to preconceived notions as to our purpose and agendas. Too often when people see “Republican” they instantly conjure up ideas spread by the left-wing mainstream media. Changing our name will allow our message to more easily be a part of the county conversation and hopefully break down the prejudices and knee-jerk reactions that so many of us are prone to. For those of you who don’t know, Pachyderm is a fancy scientific term for an elephant, so for those who know, the name seemed a perfect fit.

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This issue is smaller than usual because we want to revamp the publication date to coincide more closely with the first of the month. March’s issue will be out the first week of the month, and you can expect each new issue to fall in line.

Next month we will be covering the recent County BOC meeting about the Solar Power issue, as well as bringing you more information from a local organization fighting against the taking of our farmlands.

We will also be highlighting the results from the Conventions that are taking place this month and looking forward to the coming election season. Don’t forget to Vote!

As always look for the Chair’s Corner, and an inspiring op-ed from Publius, as well as pictures from events.

We will see you next month!

-don perry,  
Editor, The Pachyderm

**Our New Website  
Address!**

<https://www.barrycountyrepublican.org/>

# LOOKING FORWARD

## **-PUBLIUS**

**I** recently read an article by the former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich commenting on a report published by the Rasmussen Polling Firm. The firm interviewed a large number of Americans and discovered “the driving force behind the destructive radicalism which is pushing us into a cultural civil war.” Surprise everyone! It is not the so called Alt-right. What Rasmussen found is both shocking and disturbing, and unfortunately we ignore it at our own peril.

**OUT** of every 1000 respondents the firm uncovered three to four who were far more radical than anyone else. Who are these people? After doing deeper comparison research the results showed some deep commonalities among these people. They had graduate degrees, family incomes in excess of \$150k a year, and lived in large cities. Despite the prevailing job approval that our current pretender in chief receives, these people gave him a whopping 81% approval rating! Not unsurprising they are overwhelmingly Democrat (73%), young (between 35 and 54 years old) and nearly half (47%) favor a Bernie Sanders styled socialism. What is shocking is that the vast majority of them, 86% are white.

**DIGGING** deeper into the results, Rasmussen found that while “57% of all voters say there is not enough individual freedom in America, 47%! of this ‘elite’ 1% say there is too much freedom!” When broken down into those who consider themselves politically obsessed, nearly 70% of them say there is too much individual freedom in America, and say they ‘trust government to do the right thing most of the time.’

**PERHAPS** most disturbing of all though is that “35% of the elite 1%, and 69% of the politically obsessed said THEY WOULD RATHER CHEAT THAN LOSE A CLOSE ELECTION!” This group also overwhelmingly finds that both Congress and journalists fall into their favorable categories and are in favor of the current collection of college professors. They support stricter restrictions on private use of gas, eating meat, and the banning of most of what middle Americans rely on every day for transportation and heating.

**SO** who are these people? “According to Rasmussen, the most radical of the elite 1 percent were educated at what he calls the ‘dirty dozen,’ Harvard, Yale, U of Penn, Northwestern, John Hopkins, Columbia, Stanford, Berkeley, Princeton, Cornell, MIT, and the University of Chicago.” These are the people who dominate the universities, media, judiciary, three letter agencies, massive foundations and most major corporations. They intermarry and live in the same zip codes. And they firmly believe that their views are the ‘common sense, mainstream values.’

**WHY**, you ask, should we care? These are the same people who in 1972 were convinced that McGovern was going to decimate Nixon. And these are the same people who woke up on that Wednesday morning flabbergasted that this crazy, Alt-Right demagogue had swept the country.

**WE** have to be careful that we are not living in the same kind of echo chamber. We also have to have at our disposal this information so we can talk to Independents and the Moderate Democrats in our lives. I truly believe that most Americans do not reflect these radical values, but those conversations have to start taking place so that we, the people, left, right, and center, stand a chance to leverage the country back from the radical Marxist, big government primrose path those at the highest level are leading us down.

**BE** proactive! Talk to your neighbors! And most importantly Vote and encourage your friends and family, co-workers and hunting buddies, women’s groups and college students to Vote! The fate of the country rests in our hands, not theirs.