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Closing the Door and Ending America's Greatness

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"If we ever closed the door to new Americans, our leadership in the world soon be lost."

The author of the above-quoted sentence surprised me and may surprise you. Read to the end to see what "woke" American delivered these prophetic words.

It is axiomatic that America's greatness rests in large part on the fact that we are a nation of immigrants. Donald Trump is not Making America Great Again. He is destroying our greatness.

Immigrants have contributed as much if not more to this country than they have received in return, but their welcome has always fallen far short of the ideal expressed in Emma Lazarus's iconic verse: "Give me your tired, your poor/Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

During the century after America's founding, most immigrants were Northern and Western European Protestants. In short, they were "people like us" to the original colonists.

Immigrants who failed to check all these boxes [faced a hostile welcome](#): "Irish and German Americans, especially Catholics, were not considered to be fully American in terms of culture or status by old stock Americans . . . Catholic churches and convents were destroyed and priests were attacked by Protestant mobs."

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Abnormal Circumstances

David Kulick

Under normal circumstances, the actions of an incoming President don't have an immediate effect on the economy, and it is reasonable to conclude that the policies of the previous administration remain in place while the new policies are adopted. Actions can be by executive order, or by having bills introduced in Congress to implement new policies.

The current situation is not normal. The one thing I know for sure about industry is the mantra that businesses want stability. You cannot plan for the future without knowing what the future is likely to bring. Trump's tariffs by executive order, the constant back and forth, do not provide industry with stability, to say the very least.

Presidents usually take credit for good things that happen but blame their predecessor for anything bad. However Biden left a surprisingly strong and resilient economy considering the impact Covid had on the world, and

Trump instituting tariffs through executive orders bypasses the usual lawmaking process, however akin to sausage making that might be. By using EO which he reverses almost daily, no one has any idea what the plan is, or if there is a plan, outside of the administrative insiders making a killing on the market gyrations. But one thing is sure, the best part of the economy still belongs to Biden, and the insanity of Trump's gyrations belong solely to him.

Trump is also doing through EOs what should be done through laws. Trying to institute English as the official language, or denying Birthright Citizenship are concepts that must be done through laws where they can be debated. This is all part of the Unitary Executive idea, that we should have a strong executive and weak Congress. That, of course, is a fascist approach backed by US fascists.

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The vitriol and nativism intensified with the arrival of immigrants with different skin colors and countries of origin as well as religions: “old stock Americans sought to preserve the traditional image of the country as primarily composed of descendants from Northwest Europe, especially of English Protestant stock.”

In the late Nineteenth Century, a series of “Chinese Exclusion” laws limited and then barred immigration from China. The Immigration Act of 1917 [established quotas](#), differentiating between “desirable” and “undesirable” immigrants based on nationality, race, and religion. Northern European Protestants were desirable, Southern and Eastern European Catholics and Jews were non-desirable, and non-Europeans were “highly undesirable.”

The latter were the “shithole countries” of that era, to employ the degraded imagery of a president who would be king. Yet those immigrants persevered and became assimilated, for there is no such thing as “shithole” countries. There is no shortage of shithole people, however, many of whom are descendants of earlier waves of immigrations, people who forget where they came from, people who pull up the ladder after themselves, like Donald Trump and Stephen Miller and their minions and enablers.

Southern and Eastern European immigrants were demonized in cartoons like this one from the May



16, 1923, edition of the Klan newspaper, *Fiery Cross*.

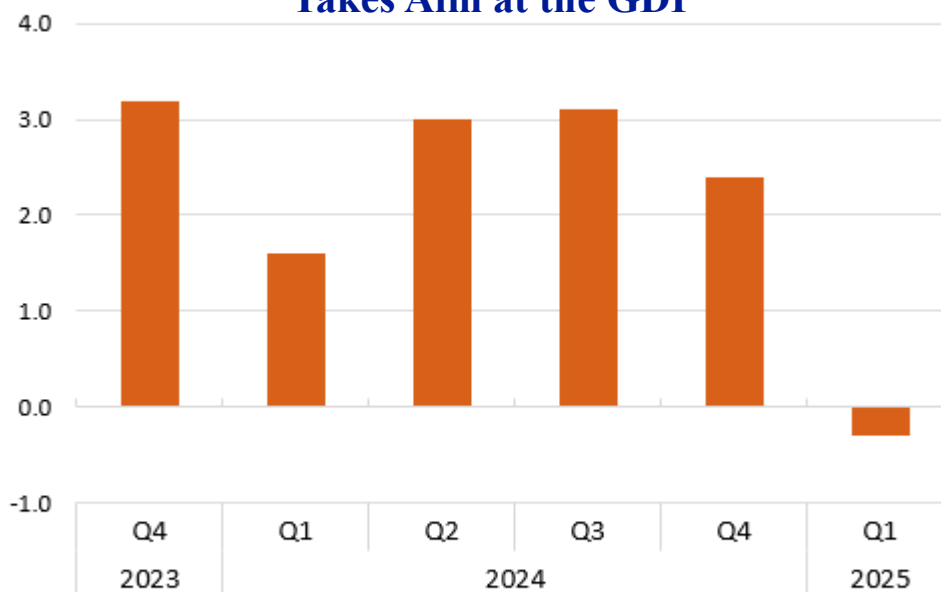
Normalizing Racism and Xenophobia

A closer look at The Twenties reveals that the Ku Klux Klan accomplished then what Donald Trump has accomplished today. They normalized racism.

The March 14, 1924, issue of the Klan newspaper *Fiery Cross* exhorted: “It is God’s purpose that the white man should preserve purity of blood and white supremacy in this country.”

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Donald Trump: A One-Man Wrecking Crew Takes Aim at the GDP



Source: Bureau of Economic Statistics.

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We know that Adolf Hitler studied and learned from the history of that era—in *Mein Kampf*, he praised the fact that American law “simply excludes the immigration of certain races.” Ironically, while Trump was probably parroting Adolph Hitler when he referred to immigrants “poisoning our blood,” that vile concept was, a century ago, as American as apple pie.

The Way Forward: Demolishing the Lies About Immigrants

Americans rejected the naked racism of the 1920s as they saw the contributions made by these immigrants. We can do so again by demolishing the lies:

- Immigrants do not pose a danger. According to a [study](#) by one of America’s most prestigious scientific societies, they commit far fewer crimes than native-born Americans.
- Immigrants “act more as ‘job creators’ than ‘job takers,’” according to a recent [study](#) published in the National Bureau of Economic Research. And many of the jobs they take are jobs that Americans do not want. Just remember that two of Donald Trump’s three wives were immigrants.
- Immigrants are not a drain on resources. Undocumented immigrants are ineligible to receive most federal benefits and immigrants who are eligible pay far more in taxes than they receive in benefits.

Ronald Reagan on Immigration

No less than Ronald Reagan understood the importance of immigrants and celebrated their contributions. The epigraph atop this piece comes from the last [speech](#) he made as president. Here’s a more complete extract:

Now, tomorrow is a special day for me. I’m going to receive my gold watch. And since this is the last speech that I will give as President, I think it’s fitting to leave one final thought, an observation about a country which I love. It was stated best in a letter I received not long ago. A man wrote me and said: “You can go to live in France, but you cannot become a Frenchman. You can go to live in Germany or Turkey or Japan, but you cannot become a German, a Turk, or a Japanese. But anyone, from any corner of the Earth, can come to live in America and become an American.”

Yes, the torch of Lady Liberty symbolizes our freedom and represents our heritage, the compact with our parents, our grandparents, and our ancestors. It is that lady who gives us our great and special place in the world. For it’s the great life force of each generation of new Americans that guarantees that America’s triumph shall continue unsurpassed into the next century and beyond. Other countries may seek to compete with us; but in one vital area, as a beacon of freedom and opportunity that draws the people of the world, no country on Earth comes close.

This, I believe, is one of the most important sources of America’s greatness. We lead the world because, unique among nations, we draw our people -- our strength -- from every country and every corner of the world. And by doing so we continuously renew and enrich our nation. While other countries cling to the stale past, here in America we breathe life into dreams. We create the future, and the world follows us into tomorrow. Thanks to each wave of new arrivals to this land of opportunity, we’re a nation forever young, forever bursting with energy and new ideas, and always on the cutting edge, always leading the world to the next frontier. This quality is vital to our future as a nation. If we ever closed the door to new Americans, our leadership in the world would soon be lost.

Photos from the Celebration of Community at Gaines Park May 10, 2025



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Thank Joe Biden

The American Rescue Plan Act begins the recovery from the Trump Depression:

- Local governments given \$360 billion to keep front line public workers on the job and paid.
- Expanded and extended unemployment checks to help workers until the economy reopens.
- Over 200 million Americans are vaccinated against COVID in first 100 days, thanks to \$160 billion funding for supplies and vaccines.
- Investments in Affordable Care Act allowed more than 18 million Americans to obtain health insurance, savings tens of thousands from premature, preventable deaths.
- Increased and expanded Child Tax Credit cut child poverty by 35% in 2021.
- Helped create more jobs (6.7 million) during the first year of any presidency.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act passes with 17 Republican senators voting in favor. Florida's senators vote against the bill, although they and our governor are happy to take credit for the money and services it provides.

- The largest investment in infrastructure in over a decade.
- The largest investment in clean drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in U.S. history.
- The largest investment in clean energy transmission and EV infrastructure in U.S. history.
- The largest investment in public transit in nearly six decades.
- The largest investment in bridges since the construction of the interstate highway system.
- More than 40,000 projects already off the ground.

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act is the first gun safety legislation in nearly three decades.

The PACT Act is the biggest expansion of veterans' benefits in over three decades. The Act has already sparked \$200 billion in private investments in the United States.

The Inflation Reduction Act is the greatest investment in green energy in U.S. history. It reduces the deficit by authorizing Medicare to negotiate with drug companies, closing tax loopholes, and providing \$80 billion to the IRS for additional tax enforcement.

The CHIPS Act invests in microchip production to make America more competitive with China and reduce our reliance on foreign sources for a vital component used by the defense industry. The Act has already sparked \$200 billion in private investments in the United States.

The July 17, 2024, **Executive Order** will allow an estimated 500,000 undocumented spouses of American citizens and their children to remain in the United States while obtaining legal status.

Thank a Democrat

1964 Civil Rights Act
1965 Voting Rights Act
Affordable Care Act
AmeriCorps
CDC
Family and Medical Leave Act

Food Stamp Act
Freedom of Information Act
GI Bill of Rights
Medicare and Medicaid
Minimum Wage Act
National Labor Relations Act

National Science Foundation Act
National Voter Registration Act
(a.k.a. Motor Voter Act)
Social Security Act
Unemployment Compensation Act
Workers Compensation Act

The Murder Machine: Enriching the Rich By Killing the Poor

Michael K. Cantwell

“We have to start talking about this budget as a form of social and political murder. And the reason I use the word ‘murder’ is because they know that it’s going to cause death.” Bishop William Barber, interviewed by Amy Goodman and Juan González on [Democracy Now](#).

What do you call people who would cut funding for the poorest and most vulnerable Americans in order to give more tax cuts to the richest and most entitled? Miscreants? Monsters? Murderers? Republicans? All of the above?

The greed goes beyond Trump and far deeper than anything Republicans have tried in the past. The last time Trump was in the White House Republicans passed the Orwellian-titled Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

It had little impact on jobs, was grossly weighted to the wealthiest Americans, raised taxes on some poorer Americans, and increased the deficit by between [\\$1.1-\\$1.9 trillion](#), giving the lie to “[ludicrous](#)” claims it would pay for itself or even “create additional revenue for the government.”

What Bishop Barber appropriately calls Trump’s “big, bad, ugly, deadly, destructive, debilitating bill,” just passed by House Republicans, is far worse. It [increases](#) the federal deficit by \$3.8 trillion while cutting Medicaid and other essential services by \$1 trillion.

Economics Nobel Laureate and former *The New York Times* columnist Paul Krugman [writes](#) that these cuts, especially those to Medicaid, “will cause immense, almost inconceivable hardship to the bottom 40 percent of Americans, especially the poorest fifth.”

Killing Them Softly with Sleights of Hand

More than three-fourths of all Americans have a [favorable opinion](#) of Medicaid, including nearly two-thirds of Republicans. That’s not surprising, given that over half of Americans say that they or a family member has been helped by Medicaid and nearly two-thirds say that someone close to them has received help from Medicaid.

But 60% of Americans also [support](#) conditioning Medicaid benefits upon work. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly “Food Stamps”) already requires able-bodied individuals aged 18 to 54 who are without dependents to work in order to receive benefits.

Republicans know it would be politically damaging to cut funding to Medicaid in order to give additional tax breaks to billionaires and multi-millionaires. But they also know something that those Americans who support work requirements do not, namely, you *can* cut benefits for people who *are* working by making sufficiently onerous to document that. In fact, as [The New York Times](#) reports:

Most of the people expected to lose coverage would be eligible for the program but unable to prove it under the law’s strict paperwork standard.

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Let that sink in for a minute: *most of the people who will lose coverage under Trump's big, bad, ugly, deadly, destructive, debilitating bill will actually have worked the requisite hours. They just won't be able to prove it.*

These cuts “will cause immense, almost inconceivable hardship to the bottom 40 percent of Americans, especially the poorest fifth.”

In fact, as Professors Pamela Herd and Donald P. Moynihan explain in a recent [guest essay](#) published in *The Times*, after Arkansas adopted such work requirements in 2018:

“nearly all of the people who lost coverage had met the requirements. They simply couldn't manage the paperwork to prove it.”

Or as Benjamin Sommers, a professor of health policy at Harvard and the lead author of a study on the Arkansas work requirements [puts it](#):

What this is really about is producing budget savings . . . This is not savings through improved efficiency, or more people going to work. It's savings by kicking people out of the program who are mostly eligible.

These sleights of hand are how Republicans hope to avoid the political damage that would result from their savage exploitation of the most vulnerable among us in order to reward the least needy and least deserving:

Republicans are opting for opaque cuts, which will shed millions of eligible beneficiaries by overwhelming them with pointless paperwork and other needlessly complicated administrative requirements.

And the staffing cuts directed by Trump pal Elon Musk have resulted in a lack of help with Medicaid/Medicare application problems. People have reported waiting more than five hours on hold and then having the call dropped.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that 7.6 million people will become uninsured as a result of this ugly bill. And studies have demonstrated that

the lack of health insurance is intractably linked to premature, unnecessary deaths.

A pre-Obamacare [study](#) at a time when 45 million Americans were uninsured estimated that the lack of health insurance led to 45,000 Americans dying prematurely and unnecessarily. A later [study](#)

examining the impact of Medicaid expansion when it first became available under Obamacare estimated that Florida's failure to expand Medicaid to 800,000 eligible Floridians resulted in 2,776 unnecessary deaths during a four-year the period 2014-2017.

Because the Florida Republican Party refuses to expand Medicaid, Thousands more Floridians have died since then. Click [here](#) or go to <https://floridadecideshealthcare.org/petition/> to support an Amendment to the Florida Constitution that would require Florida to expand Medicaid.

Trump's big, bad, ugly, deadly, destructive, debilitating bill will also have a [devastating impact](#) on rural hospitals, hundreds of which are already at an immediate risk of closing. Many of those who will lose coverage will be children, which is not only heartless but economically brainless, as Prof. Krugman explains:

Providing health care to children isn't just about social justice and basic decency. It's also good economics. Children who receive adequate care grow up to be more productive adults. Among other things they end up paying more taxes, so Medicaid for children almost surely pays for itself.”

But those returns come in the future, and the modern Republican Party does not care about the future of our children . . . or our Republic or our democracy, or our planet, for that matter.

They are laser focused on the present and on how they continue afflicting the most afflicted in order to comfort the most comfortable without attracting too much attention.

By the Numbers

Republicans aren't tiptoeing around throwing Americans off the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly "Food Stamps") in the same way they are tiptoeing around throwing them off Medicaid. See [The Murder Machine](#), page 6.

Here's a summary, from the [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities](#):

- SNAP funding cut by \$300 billion through 2034
- More than 40 million people, including some 16 million children, 8 million seniors, and 4 million non-elderly adults with disabilities will be affected by the cuts.
- More than 2 million children will see food assistance to their families cut substantially or terminated.
- For the first time, the federal government shifts funding costs on the states, making them responsible for between 5% and 25% of the cost, penalizing states depending on their "error" rates (a measure of overpayments and underpayments in their programs), with most states liable for 15% of the cost.

Trump Blinked*

Michael K. Cantwell

David Sanger of The New York Times [recently began an article about Donald Trump](#) as follows: "After weeks of bluster and escalation, President Trump blinked. Then he blinked again. And again."

More recently, Sanger wrote that opponents were [learning Trump's negotiating style](#), which he summarized as "maximalist, issuing a huge demand, creating a crisis and setting off a high-pressure negotiation. But increasingly often, he ends up backing down and simply declaring a win."

In reality, President Trump has yet to achieve anything remotely approaching a trade-related win since returning to the White House. The best he has managed is to avoid the even greater losses that would have followed had he failed to blink.

For example, "loss" is the only way to describe his decision last month to lower tariffs on all countries (except China) to 10% for a three-month period to allow negotiations. Previously the tariffs ranged from 39% on goods from the European Union to nearly 100% on goods from Southeast Asia. By blinking, Trump ensured that the dollar's status as a "safe-haven currency" was only threatened rather than completely lost.

"Loss" is also the only way to describe Trump's dropping the tariff on China from 145% to 30%. And it represents a realization that Trump started a trade

war "that China is infinitely better positioned to win." China was already moving to shift exports to other countries and has access to countries other than America for goods it currently imports from America. As The Wall Street Journal editorial board pithily put it, "The President started a trade war with Adam Smith. He lost."

These losses are presented as wins by the rightwing media, which is why the butcher at my greenmarket is far from alone in celebrating Trump's latest "victory." It remains to be seen whether he, along with tens of million more Americans, will continue to believe Trump rather than their "own eyes" when stagflation returns.

Companies are already warning that the tariffs will force them to raise the prices they charge consumers, and Mattel, Chlorox, and Denny's recently reported that sales are already down as consumers reduce purchases in anticipation of those higher prices. The Fed will be faced with the same Hobson's choice it faced back in the late 1970s and early 1980s. If they lower interest rates to reduce the likelihood of a recession, they increase the likelihood of runaway inflation.

During his first term, Trump blamed the COVID-19 pandemic for wrecking the economy. This time around, he will have no one to blame but himself.

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Trifecta: Donald Trump and the Reverse Midas Touch

Michael K. Cantwell

Donald Trump has the reverse Midas Touch. In 2021, his support of Republicans David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler helped deliver the U.S. Senate to Democrats by electing Reverend Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff, respectively, in Republican Georgia. The following year his support of Herschel Walker in the midterms helped Democrats increase their Senate majority.

Since being reelected, Trump has rescued seemingly doomed campaigns of foreign leaders and may even have helped elect a pope.

After Justin Trudeau resigned as Canada's prime minister and leader of its Liberal Party in January, Pierre Poilievre's Conservative Party was expected to win the national election by double digits. But Trump's delusionary insistence it was inevitable Canada would become our Fifty-First state, coupled with the punitive tariffs he'd announced, helped Mark Carney's Liberal Party to a surprise victory. The damage to conservatives was so bad that Poilievre even [lost](#) the parliamentary seat he'd held since 2004.

"Down Under," center-left Prime Minister Anthony Albanese became the first Australian PM to win reelection in 21 years, making a "[stunning comeback](#)" and defying Australia's so-called "incumbency curse." As in Canada, the losing candidate (Peter Dutton) also lost a parliamentary seat he'd held for over two decades.

Albanese also had [Trump to thank](#) for the surprise win. Albanese specifically rejected Trump and his policies while Dutton and his party were seen as identifying with Trump: "Analysts argue that mirroring Trump switched from a political positive for Australian conservatives to a negative after Trump imposed global tariffs."

Pope Leo XIV

Pope Francis, a staunch advocate for the vulnerable and downtrodden, was widely referred to as a "voice for the voiceless." With his death, and with Trump back in the White House, ultra-conservatives who opposed Pope Francis were plotting to "[make the Vatican great again](#)." Of course, that's not what happened.

Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost (now Pope Leo XIV) appears to share his predecessor's concern for the vulnerable and voiceless. As Trump and his minions step up their demonization and abuse of immigrants, we can take heart in knowing that the papacy will continue to be a voice for the vulnerable and the voiceless.

There was every reason to fear the pendulum would swing back with Pope Francis's passing. There's a natural tendency for such swings – Francis succeeding Benedict was a quantum shift, as was Trump 45 succeeding Obama, Biden succeeding Trump, and Trump 47 succeeding Biden. So how did Pope Leo happen?

One [report](#) claims that the conclave was not looking for a counterweight to Trump, but it's hard to believe the specter of Donald Trump was not in the room with the cardinals. And to the extent that he swayed yet another the election, we owe him our gratitude.



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Stagflation

Michael K. Cantwell

GDP has dropped from 2.4% in Biden's last quarter to -0.4% in Trump's first quarter, and this is before the Trump tariffs have taken effect.

Companies that sell popular products and services to consumers, including Mattel, Chlorox, and Denny's, are [reporting](#) both that Trump's tariffs will force them to raise their prices and that sales are already down as consumers are reducing purchases in anticipation of those higher prices.

The University of Michigan Survey of Consumer Confidence just [reported](#) that consumer sentiment fell for the fifth straight month since Trump entered office and now is only slightly above its all-time low. Republicans as well as Democrats are expecting higher inflation and unemployment, which

The Conference Board's Consumer Confidence Survey [reported](#) that "consumers' expectations for the future are at a 13-year low." More than 70% of Americans expect a recession and inflation expectations reached their highest level since November 2022.

The Fed is facing the same Hobson's choice faced by the Fed back in the late 1970s and early 1980s as well as more recently in 2022. If they lower interest rates to reduce the likelihood of a recession, they increase the risk that inflation will spike. And if they increase interest rates to fight inflation, they risk causing a recession.

In the earlier instance, Americans suffered stagflation – interest rates that went as high as 20%, inflation that never fell below 10% for over 3 years and peaked at 14.8% as well as unemployment that reached 10.8%. While many economists predicted that the 11 interest rate increases imposed by the Fed in 2022-23 would cause a recession, not only was inflation cut from 9.1% to 3% in a year, but unemployment experienced only a slight uptick, from 3.6% to 4.2%. See [Deconstructing the Inflation Bogeyman](#), *The Delray Democrat*, September 2024. We not only avoided a recession but growth remained strong because of Bidenomics.

Today, however, we have a one-man wrecking crew in the White House. Stagflation will be resurrected, and with a vengeance.



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Worth Quoting

"I hope that nobody actually believes the MAGA line that universities are indoctrinating their students in wokeness, DEI, Marxism, whatever. The real complaint, obviously, is that these institutions aren't indoctrinating their students — that they are exposing young people to a variety of ideas and encouraging them to think for themselves, when they should be preaching right-wing dogma and obedience to whatever The Leader says they should believe." Economics Laureate and Former *The New York Times* op-ed columnist Paul Krugman, on [Substack](#)

"Ron DeSantis went from Rupert Murdoch and every Republican billionaire telling him he could be president to sniping at hecklers at a fish shack in Destin. It's quite a fall." Former Republican Rep. Matt Gaetz, on [Alternet](#).

"Our great universities are the envy of the world and a crucial national asset. Look around you. I urge you to take none of this for granted. When you look back in 50 years, you will want to know that you have done whatever it takes to preserve and strengthen our democracy, and bring us ever closer to the Founders' timeless ideals." Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, speaking at Princeton University. Full text of comments [here](#).

Upcoming Protests (Shout-Out to Philip Katz for these)

Avelo Airlines: Stop the Ice Deportation Flights, Saturday May 31st from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, Palm Beach International Airport. This new airline is starting ICE deportation flights for the Trump Administration. It flies out of PBI and Fort Lauderdale. Join the local protest Our action will be at the departures area in PBI. Park in short-term parking at Terminal 1.

Delray Beach VA Rally & Protest, Friday June 6th: 10:00AM - 12:00PM, 4800 Linton Boulevard, Delray Beach, Florida 33445. On the anniversary of D-Day and coinciding with a national action out of Washington, DC, this event will be a call to protect veterans' jobs and benefits and protect democratic principles.

No Kings & Trump Anti-Birthday Party Rally & Protest, Saturday June 14th. This is the big one – read more and sign up on Mobilize.

Delray Beach Pride Festival. June 14th is also Delray Beach Gay Pride. Join the city of Delray Beach in celebrating love, diversity, and community at the 5th Annual Festival from 4:00 to 7:00PM at the Old School Square.

2025 Membership

Char Lane

The most consequential General Election of our lifetimes is over and now is time to be resilient and work hard to help keep our democracy intact.

It's time to renew our DCDB 2025 memberships. Our membership is on a calendar year basis and your dues help provide funding for operational projects, such as *The Delray Democrat*, our meetings, other operational supplies, and signage for our sign waving events. Meetings are at 7 PM on the third Thursday of each month and held at the PBC DEC Office at 220 Congress Park Drive. Meeting notices are sent out in the weeks prior to meetings and include Zoom links to register for and/or join the hybrid meetings and links to our various websites.

Our goal is to educate people as to the importance of voting, why they should vote Democratic and why they should use Vote-by-Mail as a critical tool in support of this goal. **Please remember to reenroll in the Vote-by-Mail Program for 2025-2026 online at votepalmbeach.gov and selecting the Vote-by-Mail tab or calling 561.656.6208 or visiting any of the SoE offices.**

Getting out the vote is our most important mission. You can help by making phone calls, texting, writing postcards, canvassing, or becoming a precinct leader.

You can register people to vote and help people sign up or reenroll to vote by mail. You can volunteer for projects to benefit the community. The 2026 Mid-term Elections are less than two years away and we have so much work to do.

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