

# The Democrat

A roundup of events, ideas, and opportunities  
for area Democrats and their friends.

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## Statement from the Chair

Hi. My name is Jewel Dickson, and I am the newly elected chair of the DEC. My full profile will be included in the February newsletter. For now, though, let's focus on the goals and plans the DEC leadership have set thus far:

- Seize on and sustain the energy and determination that have been emerging in our county and across the nation since the election.
- Focus that energy by developing greater trust, mutual understanding, and unity among Volusia County Democrats.

There is an aphorism about a man's jumping on his horse and riding off in all directions. I'm hoping we can jump on our horses and all ride off in the *same* direction. To make that easier, we have already begun several initiatives:

- This is the first of a new composite newsletter we will publish each month. The overall publication will provide material of common interest. Within, there will be discrete sections where each club and caucus that wishes can publicize its own concerns and activities, not just to its own members, but to the entire County.

- To complement the newsletter, we will build on Jean Jenner's solid foundation to expand and enhance the DEC website. Again, individual clubs and caucuses can have their own subsection.
- We are already seeking out and forming liaisons with other progressive groups within our County. A good example is the organizers of the Women's March in New Smyrna Beach.
- To promote all these endeavors we are already combining various individual mailing and membership lists into a composite list, updated, pruned, and enhanced. The program we are using, *MailChimp*, will allow us to create any number of sublists – for example, individual club and caucus lists.

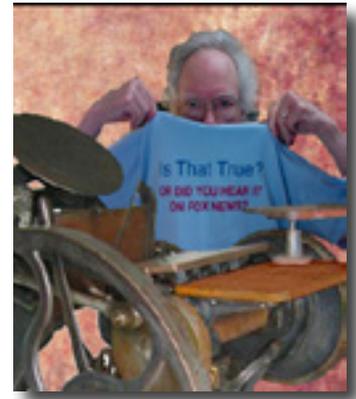
(Taking advantage of the newsletter and website opportunities is, of course, optional.)

We are determined to identify the best candidates and work hard to win local and state elections. At the same time we will be working to see that Democrats win a majority in either or both houses of Congress. That way we will be in a position to block Donald Trump's dismantling the federal government and fragmenting our society.

# Editorial

## Exciting plans for the future.

Wayne Dickson



As I remember it, when I was younger I could do everything: in a single day, I could teach two classes, attended two committee meetings, listen to a concert in *Elizabeth Hall*, and still have time to play a competitive tennis match. (Don't quibble! Those are my "alternative facts.")

I'm no longer that person, and I'm facing a much heavier task. That's why I'm so pleased to introduce Dana Dunmire and Sandy Colón as my new associates. You'll hear more about them elsewhere but for now let me say only that Dana will be helping me with the newsletter and Sandy will be taking on Digital Communications, including the website and the membership/ mailing list.

These women are well educated and trained, impressively experienced, capable, hard-working, and deeply conscientious. I for one am very glad that they've come to Volusia County.

Plans being made right now by the Communications Committee are based on the following principles:

- The better we get to know one another, the more likely it is that we will be able to present a combined front as Volusia County Democrats and to stand shoulder by shoulder in concerted effort.
- Working harder is good. Working both harder and smarter is even better.

- It's a terrible thing to waste or handicap human resources through unnecessarily redundant projects.

It might not be apparent at first sight, but trust me: the tasks of designing, writing or collecting content, laying it out, editing and proofreading, managing production and distribution, etc. of a newsletter or website can be seriously time consuming and energy draining. To expect every club and caucus in our district to produce its own professional looking newsletter and website is unrealistic. Even if it were possible, it would be incredibly wasteful of time, talent, and effort.

We (the DEC leadership and especially the Communications Committee) propose to do it smarter. We will produce a single combined newsletter. We handle the design, production, and distribution for everyone. Any of our constituent organizations that wishes will have its own section of the newsletter. They will need only to provide the content, and the content will be controlled by them and not by us.

The operative phrase there is "any... that wishes." What's coming down from the top is not coercion but opportunity. Any club or caucus that wishes to go it alone can, of course, do that. No one has to contribute content to the combined newsletter or website. However, within the constraints of design standards and

common sense, each organization that wishes to participate will have full control of the content appearing in its particular section of the newsletter or website.

We will edit whatever content comes in for consistency with legality and overall policy, naturally; and we will provide copyediting and proofreading for everyone. For those who request it, we will take the raw content you provide and write it up for you in appropriate form.

We are also planning to make the newsletter and the website as complementary as possible. For example, we will publish back issues of every newsletter we can find on the website. The newsletter comes out just once a month, so it will focus on unhurried reflective features, reports, opinion pieces, etc. Because it can be updated relatively quickly, the website will provide – in addition to its core permanent content – updates, announcements, new opportunities, “breaking news,” etc.



# Feature

## Changing the Democratic Party by Electing Its New Chair

Jim Gangitano, Volusia County State Committeeman



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### *It Has Been Called the Most Interesting Election Since November.*

I ran for election in December to be Volusia County's new Democratic State Committeeman to bring Florida Democratic Party (FDP) resources to Volusia County and improve the FDP. Since then, my resolve to be a catalyst for FDP change has only strengthened. I am very pleased to be working with my colleague and friend, State Committeewoman Joan Lane, to advance our shared goals.

Change is needed because Democrats could be winning more elections than we are. Florida is a purple state and Volusia is a purple county. Florida Democrats went into the November election with a slight advantage in voter registration, and in Volusia County, we also went into the election with a slight registration advantage. We also have outstanding Democratic leadership and club members in Volusia County, who organized a small army of volunteers.

I understand that there is more to winning elections than having a voter registration advantage and a good "ground game." However, these two factors show that winning in our

national, statewide, and Congressional races is possible. We've shown that we can do it here in Volusia—we did very well in local elections in November.

Fortuitously, my election to be State Committeeman, and Joan's reelection as State Committeewoman, occurred a little over a month before the state-wide election for FDP Chair was scheduled. If anything would create change in the direction of the FDP, it would be the election of a new FDP Chair. I began the New Year knowing that Joan and I would have the opportunity to vote, on behalf of Volusia Democrats, to select him or her. It was an honor and an opportunity that filled me with great hope and some apprehension about the importance of deciding well.

Joan and I, Democratic Executive Committee Chair Jewel Dickson, and several of the Club presidents met with the candidates for Chair as much as possible in the short period of time before the election. They came to Volusia County to talk with us. We were pleased with the quality of the candidates: Stephen Bittel, Alan Clendenin, Dwight Bullard, Leah Carius, and Lisa King. All of the candidates running for Chair were strong progressives who agreed that that change was needed. Most of them made similar points. FDP must:

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- Better support the county Democratic Executive Committees, local clubs, and grassroots Democrats.
- Revise the rules to provide fairer representation of all counties in FDP elections and other voting matters.
- Hire FDP staff from Florida to make sure they understand local conditions and can work with local volunteers. Make sure the staff reflect the diversity of Florida's Democrats.
- Sharpen our messages and quickly address misinformation from the other side. Increase our use of social media to spread the Democratic message.
- Broaden and deepen fundraising to grow the Party and to increase the participation of small donors.
- Work to attract more young people to the party.

With so much agreement among the candidates on what FDP should do, we needed to look at other factors to differentiate them, so we also reviewed the candidates' management experience, fund-raising capability, and ability to inspire the members of our party.

Again, they were all very well qualified. In the end, we voted for Stephen Bittel. He received over 55% of the vote and was elected, so we were not alone in thinking that he was the best of an excellent group of candidates.

Chairman Bittel is a lifelong progressive activist and is a self-made real estate developer from Miami, who has been a major fundraiser and donor for national and Florida Democratic causes.

I came away, as did Joan, with a new sense of hope for Democrats in Florida, a sense that we had a fresh start. As I continue in the role of representing Volusia County within FDP, I look forward to hearing all of your ideas.



*Donald Trump insists more people attended his inauguration than had attended Barack Obama's. As this side by side comparison shows, he may be right. His followers might have been there but impossible to see. Most of them might have camouflaged themselves to be indistinguishable from snow.*

# Blast from the Past

## Mussolini

### Written comments about Fascism

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### Editor's Note

Benito Mussolini was born on 29 July 1883 in northern central Italy. [For perspective, this was the year the academy that became Stetson University was founded. It was also the year the *Brooklyn Bridge* was completed.] In 1902 Mussolini moved to Switzerland, where he became involved in socialist politics. He returned to Italy in 1904, and worked as a journalist in the socialist press. He was drafted into the Italian army in September 1915.

In March 1919, Mussolini formed the Fascist Party, galvanizing the support of many unemployed war veterans. He organized them into armed squads known as **Black Shirts**, who terrorized their political opponents.

By October 1922, Italy seemed to be slipping into political chaos. The Black Shirts marched on Rome and Mussolini presented himself as the only man capable of restoring order. King Victor Emmanuel invited Mussolini to form a government. [Mussolini often lied about this, claiming he had had to fight his way to Rome.]

Mussolini gradually dismantled the institutions of democratic government and in 1925 made himself dictator, taking the title "Il Duce." The regime was held together by strong state control and Mussolini's cult of personality.

In 1935, Mussolini invaded Abyssinia (now Ethiopia) and incorporated it into his new Italian Empire. He provided military support to Franco in the Spanish Civil War. Increasing co-operation with Nazi Germany culminated in the 1939 Pact of Steel. Influenced by Hitler, Mussolini began to introduce anti-Jewish legislation.

His declaration of war on Britain and France in June 1940 was followed by a series of defeats in North and East Africa and the Balkans.

In July 1943, Allied troops landed in Sicily. Mussolini was overthrown and imprisoned by his former colleagues in the Fascist government.

In September, Italy signed an armistice with the Allies. The German army began the occupation of Italy and Mussolini was rescued by German commandos. He was installed as the leader of a new government, but had little power.

As the Allies advanced northwards through Italy, Mussolini fled towards Switzerland. He was captured by Italian partisans and shot on 28 April 1945.

[This note draws heavily on **BBC History**, chunks being directly quoted.]

The excerpts that follow are quoted directly from one or another printing or translation of Mussolini's *Doctrine of Fascism*, coauthored by Giovanni Gentile, and initially published in 1932. I couldn't find a text I was persuaded was definitive, so I combined parts from several.

I took the liberty of emphasizing parts I thought readers might find especially significant.

## (i) Fundamental Ideas

3. Fascism desires an active man, one engaged in activity with all his energies: it desires a man conscious of the difficulties that exist in action and ready to face them. **It conceives of life as a struggle**, considering that it behooves man to conquer for himself that life truly worthy of him....

5. Fascism is a religious conception in which man is seen in his immanent relationship with a superior law and with an objective Will that transcends the particular individual and raises him to conscious membership in a spiritual society.

7. ... Fascism is for liberty. And for the only liberty which can be a real thing, the liberty of the State and of the individual within the State.

*People still joke that at least Mussolini made the Italian trains run on time. And it's true. He did make the trains run on time. They still do (when they're not on strike) ... but at what cost? A friend who's now passed on told us about how he closed the borders, cutting her off from her friends. He ordered that school children learn only Italian and Latin, forcing my friend to drop Hungarian and German.*

Therefore, for the Fascist, everything is in the State, and **nothing human or spiritual exists, much less has value, outside the State. In this sense Fascism is totalitarian....**

9. ...**Fascism is opposed to Democracy, which equates the nation to the majority, lowering it to the level of that majority. . . .**

## (II) Political and Social Doctrine

3. Above all, Fascism, in so far as it considers and observes the future and the development of humanity quite apart from the political considerations of the moment, **believes neither in the possibility nor in the utility of perpetual peace....** War alone brings up to their highest tension all human energies and puts the stamp of nobility upon the peoples who have the courage to meet it.

6. ...Fascism attacks the whole complex of democratic ideologies and rejects them both in their theoretical premises and in their applications or practical manifestations. Fascism denies that the majority, through the mere fact of being a majority, can rule human societies; it denies that this majority can govern by means of a periodical consultation; it **affirms the irremediable, fruitful and beneficent**



inequality of men, who cannot be leveled by such a mechanical and extrinsic fact as universal suffrage. . . .

## Rejection of Parliamentary Democracy as a Sham and a Fraud

Fascism is therefore **opposed to that form of democracy which equates a nation to the majority, lowering it to the level of the largest number**; but it is the purest form of democracy if the nation be considered as it should be from the point of view of quality rather than quantity, as an idea, the mightiest because the most ethical, the most coherent, the truest, expressing itself in a people as the conscience and will of the few, if not, indeed, of one, and ending to express itself in the conscience and the will of the mass.

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*[Ernest Renan lived in the last 3/4 of the 19th century. He is best known for his works on early Christianity, especially the historical Jesus. He also published political theories.]*

In one of his philosophic Meditations Renan - who had prefascist intuitions - remarks, "Reason and science are the products of mankind, but it is chimerical to seek reason directly for the people and through the people. It is not essential to the existence of reason that all should be familiar with it; and even if all had to be initiated, this could not be achieved through democracy which seems fated to lead to the extinction of all arduous forms of culture

and all highest forms of learning. **The maxim that society exists only for the well-being and freedom of the individuals composing it does not seem to be in conformity with nature's plans...**



*Mussolini was always promoting his nation's ancient Roman heritage. This is an example. It's the Ara Pacis, or Altar of Peace, built by the Roman Senate to welcome Augustus home. For an exhibition he had arranged, Mussolini borrowed separate fragments from various museums and reassembled the altar. After the exhibition, he kept the altar intact, refusing to return the fragments to their legal owners.*



## Rejection of Egalitarianism

In rejecting democracy, **Fascism rejects the absurd conventional lie of political egalitarianism**, the habit of collective irresponsibility, the myth of felicity and indefinite progress.

## The Absolute Primacy of the State

The Fascist State is, however, a unique and original creation. It is not reactionary but revolutionary, for it anticipates the solution of certain universal problems which have been raised elsewhere, in the political field by the splitting up of parties, the usurpation of power by parliaments, the irresponsibility of assemblies; in the economic field by the increasingly numerous and important functions discharged by trade unions and trade associations with their disputes and ententes, affecting both capital and labor; in the ethical field by **the need felt for order, discipline, obedience to the moral dictates of patriotism.**



*Properly to reveal the pageantry (and, he hoped, intimidating power) of his military parades, Mussolini simply plowed down whatever structures were in the way and built a broad boulevard straight through the Roman Forum. (The Colloseum can be seen in the upper right quarter of the photo.)*

## The Fascist Decalogue

### 1934 Version

1. Know that the Fascist and in particular the soldier, must not believe in perpetual peace.
2. Days of imprisonment are always deserved.
3. The nation serves even as a sentinel over a can of petrol.
4. A companion must be a brother, first, because he lives with you, and secondly because he thinks like you.
5. The rifle and the cartridge belt, and the rest, are confided to you not to rust in leisure, but to be preserved in war.
6. Do not ever say "The Government will pay . . ." because it is you who pay; and the Government is that which you willed to have, and for which you put on a uniform.
7. Discipline is the soul of armies; without it there are no soldiers, only confusion and defeat.
8. Mussolini is always right.
9. For a volunteer there are no extenuating circumstances when he is disobedient.
10. One thing must be dear to you above all: the life of the Duce.

## 1938 Version

1. Remember that those who fell for the revolution and for the empire march at the head of your columns.
2. Your comrade is your brother. He lives with you, thinks with you, and is at your side in the battle.
3. Service to Italy can be rendered at all times, in all places, and by every means. It can be paid with toil and also with blood.
4. The enemy of Fascism is your enemy. Give him no quarter.
5. Discipline is the sunshine of armies. It prepares and illuminates the victory.
6. He who advances to the attack with decision has victory already in his grasp.
7. Conscious and complete obedience is the virtue of the Legionary.
8. There do not exist things important and things unimportant. There is only duty.
9. The Fascist revolution has depended in the past and still depends on the bayonets of its Legionaries.
10. Mussolini is always right.



*A unit of Blackshirts.*



*Ostia was the early port for Rome. As the harbor there silted up, the city was gradually abandoned. Mussolini had it excavated. This was no grand public building. It was a warehouse.*

# Review

## Hidden Figures

Barbara Grimm



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### Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Month with a Movie about African American Women at NASA

*Hidden Figures*, directed by Theodore Melfi, performances by Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe, and Kevin Costner, Twentieth Century Fox, 2017.

In the film *Hidden Figures* (based on the book by Morgot Lee Shutterly), Astronaut John Glenn says to NASA control, “Get the girl to do it.” He is asking, at a critical point during America’s first space flight, that NASA’s computer calculations be rechecked by an African American woman who is a NASA mathematician. And this bit of dialogue is apparently historically accurate. Today, if a famous man referred to an African American professional woman, or any woman, as “the girl,” it would be considered offensive. In the early 1960s, if John Glenn relied on and highlighted a woman’s expertise, that was a victory, no matter how he phrased it.

Oddly, this is one of the joys of watching *Hidden Figures*; the film prompts us to contemplate where we were in human relations in the early sixties, where we are now, and perhaps most importantly, the strength of character that was required to bring us to where we are today. Three African American women who worked for NASA as mathematicians in the early 1960s are our guides. Before NASA had its first giant IBM computer, people called “computers” made the calculations needed to plot the trajectories of rockets and the orbits of space capsules by hand and adding machine. The professional and personal lives of the African American women “computers” were fraught with indignities, insults, overwork, and setbacks. We see the intelligence, tenacity, and humor with which they fought back.



*John Glenn*

The victories these women won often came with figurative slaps in the face. When one of them goes to court to get the right to take engineering classes at a segregated school, the judge relents. “But only night classes,” he says. And yet the women persist, not only to help themselves but to help their country. The Russians were winning the space race in the early 1960s and tensions at NASA and in the United States were running high. The film is based on the nonfiction book with the same name by Margot Lee Shetterly and does a pretty good job at capturing the atmosphere.

The acting in the film is solid, the serious subject is softened with humor, the score and

music move the film along. History buffs will especially like the innovative take on well-known events and STEM teachers will be happy to show it to young women to inspire them to consider technical careers. If I have an issue with the film, it is that it seems to follow a pattern that other films about civil rights figures follow--our hero or heroine suffers but triumphs over racism. But as A. O. Scott of the New York Times says: “There is something to be said for a well-told tale with a clear moral and a satisfying emotional payoff.” *Hidden Figures* is worth a watch.



## The “Human Computers.”

*Katherine Johnson (played by Taraji P. Henson)*

*Mary Jackson (played by Janelle Monae)*

*Dorothy Johnson Vaughan (played by Octavia Spencer)*

# Op-Ed

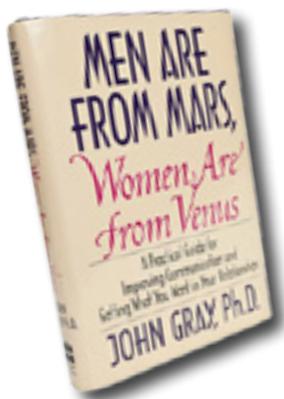
## Liberal vs. Conservative Brains

Wayne Dickson

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Let's agree to stipulate up front that I have no serious expertise in linguistics, psychology, physiology, etc. I'm simply sharing part of what I've read (or heard in audiobooks) from leading professionals in such fields.

Not too many years back, a pop psychology book titled *Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus: The Classic Guide to Understanding the Opposite Sex* achieved considerable popular success. The premise of that book, roughly, was that men and women have different brains and that consequently they feel, think, and see the world quite differently from one another.



The same principle obtains in the realm of politics, substituting “liberals” and “conservatives” for “men” and “women.” Liberals and conservatives do have different brains; they do feel, think, and see the world

quite differently from one another. As one would expect, this difference is caused partly by genetics and partly by experience. To some extent the difference can be affected by subsequent experience, but to a considerable extent it will never change.

Liberals have a very difficult time accepting how different from us the far right really are. They continue to frame arguments, cite evidence (well-documented evidence), appeal to principles and feelings that would be totally convincing to a fellow liberal ... but that mean nothing, might even seem laughable, to those on the right.

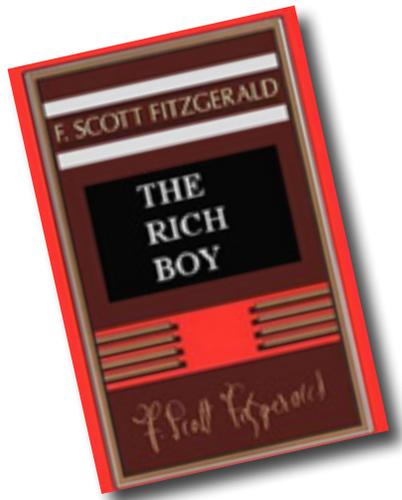
They do not think the same as we; they do not filter evidence from the outside world the same as we; and they do not react to what their filters let through the same as we.

In F. Scott Fitzgerald's short story “The Rich Boy,” the narrator observes of a young man he had known in college:

Let me tell you about the very rich. They are different from you and me. They possess and enjoy early, and it does something to them, makes them soft where we are hard, and cynical where we are trustful, in a way that, unless you were born rich, it is very difficult to understand.... Even when they enter deep

into our world or sink below us, they still think that they are better than we are.

[Yes, you bookish nerds. I am aware that Hemingway made fun of Fitzgerald for having written this! Decide for yourself which of the two was right.]



I don't mean to suggest that every conservative is a "rich boy" (or "girl") — duh! I mean only that a majority of them differ from a majority of us, some of them and some of us in one way, some in another; and that these differences are significant enough that we often have difficulty even imagining how those on the other side experience the world. And I mean that both ways. **They** have the same difficulty imagining how **we** see the world.

In one study

[L]iberals (at least in their own estimation) saw themselves as more creative, flexible, tolerant of ambiguity, and open to new ideas and experiences. Across the political personality divide, conservatives self-

identified as more persistent, orderly, moralistic, and methodical.

These personality differences were even reflected in the bedroom belongings and offices or workspaces of ideological undergrads, with liberal students collecting more CDs, books, movie tickets, and travel paraphernalia, as opposed to their conservative peers, who showed more sports décor, U.S. flags, cleaning supplies, calendars, and uncomfortable furniture....

Liberals may show greater tolerance for diversity and creativity, but they may also be more impulsive, indecisive, and irresponsible. On the flip side, conservatives may be organized, stable, and thrifty, but also have stronger just-world beliefs (leading to a greater tolerance for inequality), and stronger fears of mortality and ambiguity.

[As cited in *Alternet*: <http://www.alternet.org/fascinating-differences-between-conservative-and-liberal-personality>.]

Liberals expect and are tolerant of complexity, novelty (new ideas and experiences), and difference. They are more open to the world, and are more willing to take chances. They support elected officials who will lead and inspire them.

Conservatives, on the other hand, are impatient and uncomfortable with complexity, and they respond to it with belligerence. They are uncomfortable with and hostile toward novelty. They prefer the way things are and

have “always” been done. They fantasize about a golden past that exists only in their dreams. They are suspicious, fearful, and even aggressive toward the world beyond their immediate experience. They prefer elected officials who promise to protect and keep them safe — even, if possible, exhibit kick-ass aggressiveness toward other nations.



Now! Time to practice. I hope you’ll indulge me by reflecting on the following from the perspective of the ideas I presented above. It should be fun rather than painful!

### Prompt 1

The oath of office says the president’s primary responsibility is to preserve and protect the Constitution. Once the oaths and swearing were behind them, though, what have Presidents G.W. Bush and Barrack Obama claimed in their speeches was their “first” responsibility? What do you think President Trump might claim as his first responsibility?

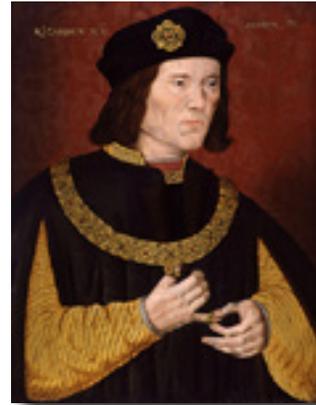
[I felt smug that I had noticed this myself, when no one else was pointing it out. Then, 15 minutes ago, I found this: <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/what-everyones-getting-wrong-about-the-presidents-no-1-job/>. So much for foolish pride! Really, though, the important thing is whether you think for yourself, not whether someone else is thinking of the same thing.]

### Prompt 2

Remember this traditional English children’s song?

For want of a nail, the shoe was lost;  
 For want of the shoe, the horse was lost;  
 For want of the horse, the rider was lost;  
 For want of the rider, the battle was lost;  
 For want of the battle, the kingdom was lost;  
 And all from the want of a horseshoe nail.

If asked why the kingdom was lost, how might a typical conservative answer? How about a typical liberal?



*The song alludes to the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485, when Richard III of the House of York lost his horse, his life, his kingdom, and his dynasty to Henry Tudor.*

*Scholars argue about whether Shakespeare’s play, which portrays him as a cruel child murderer, paints a false picture of Richard III.*

*Many questions were answered when his skeleton was excavated from beneath an English parking lot in 2012. Others persist.*

Now let's think of today. Get serious! What might your answers above suggest about liberal and conservative responses to climate change?

Here's a concept you might find relevant:

Complex causation occurs when “an outcome results from several different combinations or conditions” (Braumoeller). For example, one could hypothesize that either the proliferation of nuclear weapons and/or the lessons learned from World War II could have led to stability during the Cold War. It is important to note that while these relationships are presented as additive, they are not in a mathematical sense, but instead are cumulative.

<http://govthesis.site.wesleyan.edu/research/causality/>



### Prompt 3

Which of these two speakers in Robert Frost's Mending Wall talks like a liberal, and which like a conservative?

There where it is we do not need the wall:  
He is all pine and I am apple orchard.  
My apple trees will never get across

And eat the cones under his pines, I tell him.  
He only says, “Good fences make good neighbors.”  
.... I see him there  
Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top  
In each hand, like an old-stone savage armed.  
He moves in darkness as it seems to me,  
Not of woods only and the shade of trees.  
He will not go behind his father's saying,  
And he likes having thought of it so well  
He says again, “Good fences make good neighbors.”



Finally, I must warn you that we've been talking about a majority of Americans on both the left and the right. This year a whole 'nother phenomenon has emerged: the Trump voter. In the discussion of an **opinion poll** they conducted on December 6th-7th and released on December 9th, PPP authors made this observation:

[T]here was a cult like aspect to Trump's support, where any idea he put forth a substantial share of his supporters would go along with. *We see that trend continuing post election.* [My emphasis.]

Keep that in mind as you choose your answers to this edition's quiz!

# Quiz



## What Trump voters know that just isn't so.

1. What % of Trump voters think that Hillary Clinton received millions of illegal votes?
  - A. 20
  - B. 40
  - C. 60
  - D. 80
2. What % of Trump voters think that California's votes should NOT be allowed to count in the national popular vote?
  - A. 19
  - B. 29
  - C. 39
  - D. 49
3. What % of Trump voters insist that he won the national popular vote?
  - A. 10
  - B. 20
  - C. 30
  - D. 40
4. Nationally the New York Times has a 71% favorability rating. Among Trump voters it has a \_\_\_% favorability rating.
  - A. 7
  - B. 17
  - C. 27
  - D. 37
5. What % of Trump voters say that the stock market went down during the Obama administration?
  - A. 19
  - B. 29
  - C. 39
  - D. 49
6. What % of Trump voters say that unemployment increased during the Obama administration?
  - A. 37
  - B. 47
  - C. 57
  - D. 67
7. What % of Trump supporters think Hillary Clinton is connected to a child sex ring run out of a Washington DC pizzeria? Another 32% aren't sure.
  - A. 14
  - B. 24
  - C. 34
  - D. 44
8. What % of Trump voters think that George Soros is paying people to protest against Trump?
  - A. 43
  - B. 53
  - C. 63
  - D. 73
9. There is \_\_\_% support among Trump voters for expanded background checks on gun purchases.
  - A. 51
  - B. 61
  - C. 71
  - D. 81
10. There is 95% support among Clinton voters for increasing the minimum wage to \$10 an hour. Among Trump voters there is \_\_\_% support.
  - A. 34
  - B. 44
  - C. 54
  - D. 64



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## Quiz Answers

## Dates to Remember

## Links

1. C
2. B
3. D
4. A
5. C
6. D
7. A
8. D
9. D
10. C