



The Phyllis Schlafly Report

VOL. 54, NO. 7-8

P.O. BOX 618, ALTON, ILLINOIS 62002

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021

GOP Thrives as Trump's Party

The attempted coup against Trump as the leader of the Republican Party has failed, and the quest to purge his supporters has boomeranged against the elite. In state after state, local GOP groups cast unanimous votes of censure against Republican officials who betrayed their constituents by misusing the impeachment proceedings against citizen Trump. The GOP has not seen this level of grassroots energy in decades.

“The best laid schemes o’ Mice an’ Men ... lea’e us nought but grief an’ pain, For promis’d joy!” wrote the celebrated Scottish poet Robert Burns, coining a phrase that John Steinbeck later borrowed for the title of his famous novel.

Never-Trumpers who control the GOP money had a plan for banishing Trump. Consultants who feed at the trough of campaign dollars wanted to resume lining their own pockets with fees, if candidates could raise money without competition by Trump.

But the continued enthusiastic support for Trump among voters, as confirmed by every recent poll, shows that we are not returning to a gentrified Republican Party run by the consultants. Liz Cheney hung on to her leadership position only because the vote was held in secret to conceal who the traitors are.

On February 13, 86% of Republican senators voted for Trump, despite intense arm-twisting to try to toss him overboard as the GOP leader. The scattered few Republicans who voted against him are a discredited bunch of Trump-haters, lame ducks, and recalcitrant globalists.

Sen. Pat Toomey (R-PA) was promptly censured by five GOP county organizations in his state, and Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC) was censured by his statewide party. These extraordinary rebukes by Republican groups against Republican officials reflect a new era of grassroots power within the Republican Party.

“The party is headed in a Trumpist direction,” lamented Sarah Longwell on C-SPAN. She is the Executive Director of a new PAC called the Republican Accountability Project, formed for anti-Trump Republicans from the wreckage of

the discredited Lincoln Project.

The hundreds of thousands of Americans who rallied for Trump on January 6th disrupted the carefully laid plans of the Trump-haters. America has a rich history of disrespectful, raucous protests dating back to the Boston Tea Party. The mockery of sanctimonious officials incurred their wrath against the mostly peaceful, even fun-seeking, protesters. Nobody likes to be ridiculed, and the self-centered political elites in D.C. dislike it most of all.

China forbids mocking its supreme leader Xi Jinping by comparing him to the cartoon character Winnie the Pooh and noting the uncanny resemblance. Two Chinese citizens suddenly disappeared after posting a video containing such ridicule, and humiliated leaders on Capitol Hill seem to want similar punishment here.

Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY) showed his disdain for the free speech rights of Trump supporters when McConnell ranted against him, before voting to acquit. McConnell should have defended First Amendment rights instead.

Congressional tyrants have demanded the arrest of hundreds of political protesters who made their way into the Capitol, a public building holding a proceeding that should have been open to the public. It was fake news by the *New York Times*, not retracted until a month later, that Trump supporters bludgeoned a Capitol police officer to death with a fire extinguisher. There was no truth to that story, yet Democrats based their article of impeachment against Trump on it.

When federal agents should be protecting our country against violent crime, they spend time looking for hundreds more of law-abiding Americans who happened to be in or near the Capitol on January 6th. One video even shows a police officer directing people to enter the building, but vengeance cares nothing about justice.

Hundreds of Americans are becoming political prisoners of retaliation by Trump-haters. Some are veterans who have risked their lives defending our freedoms against foreign enemies. Perhaps Mitch McConnell and

Nancy Pelosi would be more comfortable serving in the government of China, where harmless protests are brutally suppressed.

The protesters gave us powerful images that should become a rallying cry against the imperial Congress. The image of a jovial man playfully lifting House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's podium is a priceless symbol of how Americans feel about the D.C. elite, as is the picture of a peaceful commoner from Idaho sitting in the feckless Vice President Mike Pence's chair.

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA), a pro-Trump freshman in the House, is banned from Fox News and excluded from committees, yet immensely popular among her constituents. That attempted purge is failing badly too, as Never-Trumpers cannot stop talking about her.

Voter turnout decides elections now, and that requires enthusiasm for the Republican candidate. Trump has it, while his detractors do not.

GOP Needs Ordinary Americans

The raging battle for the soul of the Republican Party unfolded in the impeachment trial in the Senate. On one side were Trump's America First values and the right of free speech by him and more than 74 million Americans who voted for him.

Ordinary Americans are the only viable future for the GOP, rather than the lobbyists and corporate donors who shore up pro-impeachment Liz Cheney (R-WY) and other Trump-haters. Grassroots activism is what brought the party back from its nadir in the 1970s, and it is the only way that the GOP can win the White House again.

The attempt by globalists and the Deep State to purge Trump from the Republican future is an affront to this new base of the party. Keeping Cheney in her leadership position in the House, after her own Wyoming state party censured and rebuked her, shows how out-of-touch D.C. politicians are.

Cheney and other Never-Trumpers live in a delusional echo chamber ignorant of intense opposition to them outside of D.C. The cabal of Beltway insiders who prop up Cheney and other Republican proponents of impeachment hate Trump because they know they can never control him.

Globalists want to ensure that no future Republican candidate will stand in the way of their America Last agenda, as Trump did. They want to guarantee that the American people do not have a real choice on the ballot, by insuring that the nominees of both major parties are toadies for open borders, phony free trade, and further erosion of American sovereignty.

By controlling the money upon which Republican candidates depend for their campaigns, these small-minded manipulators are trying to steer the GOP in the wrong direction. They are anti-populists who disdain the grassroots.

This struggle within the GOP has persisted for nearly a century, as detailed in Phyllis Schlafly's seminal book *A Choice Not an Echo*. When the corporate side of the Republican Party gains control, it withers on the vine.

Fortunately, money is becoming less important in elections, as the recent vote tallies demonstrated. Republicans gained more votes than ever because of distrust of the liberal media and access to unfiltered information on the internet.

Liz Cheney epitomizes the worst of politicians, as she has no meaningful roots in the state she claims to represent in Congress. She is married to a D.C. attorney who is a partner in a law and lobbying firm, and her father Dick Cheney is the former vice president who made a fortune from defense contractor Halliburton.

Fox News gave Liz Cheney a soapbox to bash Trump and thereby insult the millions of Americans who support him and his political positions. On Super Bowl Sunday, Fox allowed her to make false insinuations against Trump about the protests on January 6th.

Cheney and Mitt Romney may think that by destroying Trump they would clear the field for themselves and their ilk. But the opposite is true, as the political trend is toward conservative populism.

Nearly 200 years ago, the elite attempted to stop Andrew Jackson, who like Trump was a champion of the common man. Biden has unceremoniously removed Jackson's portrait from the Oval Office, where it was hung by President Trump, while Biden converts our nation's capital into a police state.

Jackson opened up the White House to all Americans, much as Trump did with his unprecedented accessibility to the media and the public on Twitter. The eastern elite complained that Jackson's supporters ruined White House furniture by climbing on it with their muddy boots.

Jackson's supporters did trash the White House in celebration of his first inauguration in 1829, actions which Democrats and Never-Trump Republicans would demand be prosecuted as felonies or even impeachment today. The incidental damage to the Capitol on January 6th by enthusiastic Trump supporters (and Antifa infiltrators) is hardly an impeachable offense by a president who opposes vandalism.

Despite overwhelming support by the people for Jackson, a new political party called the "Whigs" arose among the elite united by their hatred of him. Like Never-Trumpers today, the Whigs had control of political money and the media, but before long the pompous Whigs self-destructed and became a forgotten chapter of American history.

Democrats today want to replace Jackson's image on the \$20 bill with Harriet Tubman, whose contributions are fanciful and obscure, with nowhere near the significance of Jackson's. This is similar to the rewriting of history that

they are already attempting against Trump.

Cheney, Romney, and a handful of other senators such as Ben Sasse (R-NE) and Pat Toomey (R-PA) are albatrosses on the GOP, opposed by their own constituents and loathed by many Americans nationwide. The road to future success for the Republican Party is conservative populism, not in insulting the more than 74 million people who voted for President Trump.

Democrats' Assault on Free Speech

Liberals have realized that the massive support for Donald Trump and his America First agenda is not going away. As long as freedom of speech survives and distrust of the liberal media persists, Democrats will be unable to control the minds of the American people.

First they wrongly impeached President Trump for giving a political speech; and now the Democrats are going full throttle to censor anyone who speaks out for ordinary Americans as Trump did.

Newly elected Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) is the latest target of this liberal censorship. Despite being sworn in for merely a month, Greene is being subjected to an all-out national attack by Democrats to silence and marginalize her.

That is a surprising amount of attention given to a freshman barely weeks after the opening of the new session of Congress. During Biden's first 100 days, one would think that the Democrat leadership in Congress would have better things to do than obsess about the blonde housewife from Georgia.

Well, Phyllis Schlafly was just a blonde housewife from a small town in Illinois when she defeated the Leftist agenda. Five years ago, Trump himself was just a businessman who the media insisted would never be elected president.

A plain-speaking American, Rep. Greene is no ordinary congresswoman as she single-handedly wakes up the entire country to what is happening. She tweeted that "America Last globalists are clinging to relevance because the People have rejected them."

Leftists were aided by a handful of Republican congressmen who are so hateful of Trump that they refuse to defend freedom of speech by him and those who support him. Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY) voted to impeach Trump for his speech rather than stand up against Leftist control of free speech for all of us.

Nearly a dozen county Republican organizations throughout Wyoming exercised their right of free speech to censure Cheney. The South Carolina GOP has done likewise to Rep. Tom Rice there for his pro-impeachment vote.

Sen. Mitch McConnell (R-KY), whose weak leadership as Senate Majority Leader contributed to the loss of the GOP majority in the Senate, has failed to defend the

importance of freedom of speech. "Conspiracy theories are cancer for the Republican Party," he declared in support of the censors.

Rep. Greene shot back, "The real cancer for the Republican Party is weak Republicans who only know how to lose gracefully. This is why we are losing our country."

Rep. Greene is so right about that. Charismatic and effective, Rep. Greene's outspokenness resonates with Americans as Trump's own statements have.

For that she has been subjected to relentless smears by the Left and intrusive scrutiny of everything she has ever said long ago. She married in college and her husband runs a construction company, we are told, while she raised their three children.

Twitter suspended her amid her enormous following there, and she has started on Telegram where she instantly picked up a large crowd. She is not backing down, nor should she.

On her first day in Congress she wore a mask with the lettering "TRUMP WON," and on January 21 she introduced the first article of impeachment against Biden. She told Never-Trumper Mitt Romney to grow a spine.

Rep. Greene was elected with 75% of the vote over her Democrat opponent after President Trump called her "a future Republican star." Democrats should be abiding by democracy in Georgia's 14th congressional district, rather than excluding their duly elected representative from committees.

Yet the same liberals who preach about respecting democracy are being anti-democratic toward Rep. Greene and the many Georgians who elected her. Rather than improperly banning her from sitting on House committees, the real issue should be whether the two Democrat senators from Georgia elected based on unaudited signatures on numerous mail-in ballots should be seated.

The "unity" professed by Joe Biden does not mean conciliation by the Left. It means silencing the conservative opposition to the liberal agenda. The ferocious attempt by Democrats to destroy Rep. Greene illustrates how far they will go to stamp out freedom of speech for all of us.

New terms are invented as euphemisms for this assault against our basic free-speech rights. "Deplatforming" sounds innocuous, but it means censoring someone's entire website on the internet, even though it may have millions of followers.

Churches may be the next target. The right to free speech in the First Amendment, which is unique to the United States, was supported in colonial America by pastors who wanted to be sure that they would never be intimidated for what they say from the pulpit.

After taking control of the White House, liberals' real goal is to silence Trump and demonize his supporters to the point that neither Trump nor anyone like him can ever be elected again.

Foolish Impeachment Strengthens Trump

A dumber stunt by the Democrats than proceeding with impeachment is difficult to imagine. It reminded Americans that Trump remains the most powerful figure in America, while the ghost-like Joe Biden occupies the White House as a mere puppet for Leftists who direct him.

It boosted Trump's standing within the Republican Party and among the general public. More than 85% of Senate Republicans strongly support Trump, as reflected by those who voted on January 26 to dismiss the impeachment entirely, and that is far more than he needed to win.

Trump's victory at the end of this foolish impeachment returns him triumphantly to the center of the political world. Meanwhile, lame duck Joe Biden is diminished by this process, because the Senate Democrats would not be going after Trump unless they felt he still holds immense power.

There is no precedent for the Senate to remove a president after he leaves office, or attempt to prevent him from running for president again. The Chief Justice properly refused to preside over this farce, thereby depriving the proceeding of the extra measure of dignity that ostensibly accrues to the impeachment of a sitting president.

Instead, the presiding officer was the partisan Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT), who is on record as having voted in favor of the prior failed attempt to remove Trump by impeachment. This was as biased as if Hunter Biden himself made an official decision as to whether Hunter Biden broke any laws.

Some Democrats thought they could vote to disqualify Trump from holding office again, but that notion is absurd. As a private citizen who meets the qualifications set by the Constitution, Trump remains free to run for president, be elected and serve a second term.

With so many legal and constitutional defects, the mystery is why Democrats pursued the folly of impeachment at this late date. The inevitable result was to unify and energize the 74 million Americans who voted for Trump – some say it was far more – and it is baffling that Democrats insisted on antagonizing that many voters.

Prosecuting the article of impeachment exposed anti-Trump Republicans to scrutiny, which was helpful to the Republican Party as it cleans house of the traitors from within. The ten House Republicans who inexplicably joined the Democrats to vote for the article of impeachment on January 13 should be censured by their local county and state Republican organizations, as Liz Cheney already has been.

Representative Liz Cheney (R-WY) parachuted into Trump country to claim a House seat on the strength of

her father's role in the Bush administration. She should have been removed from her position as third-ranking Republican, and back in Wyoming she should be defeated by a conservative opponent in her own upcoming primary next year.

The Oregon Republican Party, through its statewide executive committee, adopted a resolution expressing its “condemnation of the profound betrayal by the ten House Republicans who supported impeaching President Trump without any investigation, hearing, shred of due process, and in contradiction to the known and emerging facts.”

“Of equally grave concern,” Oregon Republicans continued, “is how Democrats and their enablers are trying to falsely assign blame to the peaceful protesters present that day, and to the tens of millions of Trump supporters. Any attempt to cancel or target anyone with deep concerns about the conduct of the 2020 election should be condemned and opposed.”

Trump will undoubtedly be campaigning for the congressmen and senators who stood with him, and against the political traitors who turned against him. This guarantees that Trump will remain the dominant force within the Republican Party, and not lend his name to a hopeless effort to start a new “Patriot Party.”

Essentially, House Democrats impeached Trump for expressing the political opinion that “we won this election” — an opinion shared by a large majority of the more than 74 million Americans who voted for him. By treating such an opinion as if it were “high crimes and misdemeanors,” the Democrats have severely undermined the very democracy that they sanctimoniously claim to defend.

It's no accident that Nancy Pelosi, as her first order of business in the new Congress, is moving a bill to require all states to remain vulnerable to future election fraud. Among its many bad provisions, H.R. 1 would prohibit states from requiring voter ID, requiring signature authentication for mail-in ballots, or restricting the process of ballot harvesting and the use of unattended drop boxes.

State legislatures should exercise their constitutional authority to enact laws now to prevent election fraud in the future. Presidential electors in future elections should be selected based nearly entirely on in-person voting.

The Phyllis Schlafly Report

PO Box 618, Alton, Illinois 62002

ISSN0556-0152

Published monthly by the Eagle Trust Fund, PO Box 618, Alton, Illinois 62002. Periodicals Postage Paid at Alton, Illinois. Postmaster: Address Corrections should be sent to the Phyllis Schlafly Report, PO Box 618, Alton, Illinois 62002. Phone: (618) 462-5415.

Subscription Price: \$20 per year. Extra copies available: 50¢ each; 10 copies \$4; 30 copies \$8; 100 copies \$15; 1,000 copies \$100.

www.phyllisschlafly.com

www.pseagles.com