



## The New York Young Republican Club

# Record

### Letter from the History Chairman:



In August 2021, our President, Gavin M. Wax made the decision to revive the History Committee. This Committee is dedicated to preserving our Club's records and archives, to finding new ones, and to helping maintain all the things that make the NYYRC a storied institution.

After being proudly selected as History Chairman, the Committee and I took a look at the Club's archives and found that we have records dating back to the 1860s, during the establishment of the first iteration of the NYYRC. We spent the rest of 2021 organizing and digitizing the club's archives. We are still searching for a lot of the Club's old directories, yearbooks, bylaws and constitutions, which are held at local libraries and academic institutions. Other documents are held by former members, and we will be reaching out soon and hope to receive those too!

One of the most fascinating discoveries is that our legacy organization, the Young Men's Republican Union, was instrumental in bringing Abraham Lincoln to the attention of the American people. The Club's sponsorship of Lincoln's speech at the Cooper Institute put him on track to be President of the United States. Amazingly, we still have the letter sent to former President Lincoln from Charles C. Nott, former Executive Member of the Club. Another great discovery was the Club's relationship with former Baseball Hall of Famer Jackie Robinson. In 1964, the New York Young Republican Club honored Robinson with the War Memorial Award (now known as the Philip J. McCook Award) for his contributions to his community and for exemplifying and promoting the spirit of liberty and individual responsibility in society. These relationships are just two examples of the impact our Club has had on politics and society in America.

In 2022, we will be conducting deep dives into the Club's archives and aim to publish interesting articles on the Club's history for the benefit of all member. To make learning the Club's history fun, we are looking to animate our timeline and to post interesting facts across the NYYRC social media platforms, while continuing to secure missing documents.

We hope you take the chance to indulge in our vast and rich history as an institution and political machine in this country!

**Aldo J. Solares**  
*History Chairman*  
*New York Young Republican Club*

# Programming

## Last Month's Events

### DECEMBER 2021

| SUNDAY | MONDAY   | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY  |
|--------|--|---------|--------------------------|----------|--------|---|
|        |  |         | 1                        | 2        | 3      | 4<br>NYRC 109th<br>Annual Gala                          |
| 5      | 6  | 7       | 8<br>Wine Wednesday      | 9        | 10     | 11<br>Veterans Caucus:<br>Army vs Navy<br>Viewing Event |
| 12     | 13   | 14      | 15                       | 16       | 17     | 18  |
| 19     | 20<br>3rd Annual<br>Christmukkah Party<br>with GETTR CEO<br>Jason Miller | 21      | 22                       | 23       | 24     | 25<br>Christmas Day                                     |
| 26     | 27   | 28      | 29<br>SIYR Holiday Party | 30       | 31     |   |
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in that order.

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## This Month's Events

### JANUARY 2022

| SUNDAY | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                          | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 9      | 10   | 11<br>Candidate Social:<br>Teddy Daniels for<br>Congress | 12        | 13<br>NYRC Comedy<br>Night Series | 14     | 15       |
| 16     | 17   | 18   | 19        | 20                                | 21     | 22       |
| 23     | 24<br>Candidate Social:<br>Stefano Forte for<br>State Senate | 25   | 26        | 27                                | 28     | 29       |
| 30     | 31<br>Margarita Monday                                       |  |           |                                   |        |          |

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There is no  
Democratic  
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way to fill a  
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## Statements

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### Statement on Mayor-Elect Adams NYPD Commissioner Appointment

It is a relief to see that Mayor-Elect Adams picked a non-ideologue and supporter of broken windows policing for the position of top cop in the city. The New York Young Republican Club wishes Ms. Sewell success, not just for her sake but for the sake of the city at large.

Our only concern, and one shared by others on news of her appointment, is her lack of experience running a department with the size and complexity of the NYPD. This is a department that is closer to the size of a small army rather than a typical municipal law enforcement agency. We hope that merit takes precedence in all city appointments and that Ms. Sewell was chosen on the basis of her skills and not simply in a rush to find the first non-white female ostensibly qualified for the role.

At the end of the day, Mayor-Elect Adams will need to deliver almost immediately on his promises to reduce crime if he wants any hope of achieving higher office or even winning re-election. He was elected by an unusual coalition given his moderate stances and electoral promises.

While the NYPD commissioner makes a big difference in the reduction of crime, the department is already a well-oiled machine. The various rank and file know what they have to do to get crime under control; their biggest issue has been the hizzoner tying their hands behind their backs and feckless district attorneys who refuse to prosecute criminals. Combined with bail reform, we have had a perfect storm of chaos in the Big Apple that has shown no signs of subsiding. As of December 5, shootings are up 100.8% and homicides are up 45.2% from the same period in 2019. Police morale is also at an all-time low with more than 5,300 NYPD officers have retired or left the force in 2020.

The New York Young Republican Club hopes Ms. Sewell will keep her promise to be “laser-focused” on taking criminals off the streets, and we urge her to help restore the anti-crime units that have been overwhelmingly successful at reducing crime in recent decades. After many years of being led by crime deniers, New Yorkers deserve leaders that are ready to tackle this crisis.

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## Formation of a Catholic Caucus

The New York Young Republican Club is excited to announce the formation of our organization’s fifth caucus, the Catholic Caucus.

The Catholic Caucus was built to ensure the representation of Catholics as a voting bloc in the Republican party. About one-third of New York City identifies with the Catholic Church, a number about evenly split between white and Hispanic voters.

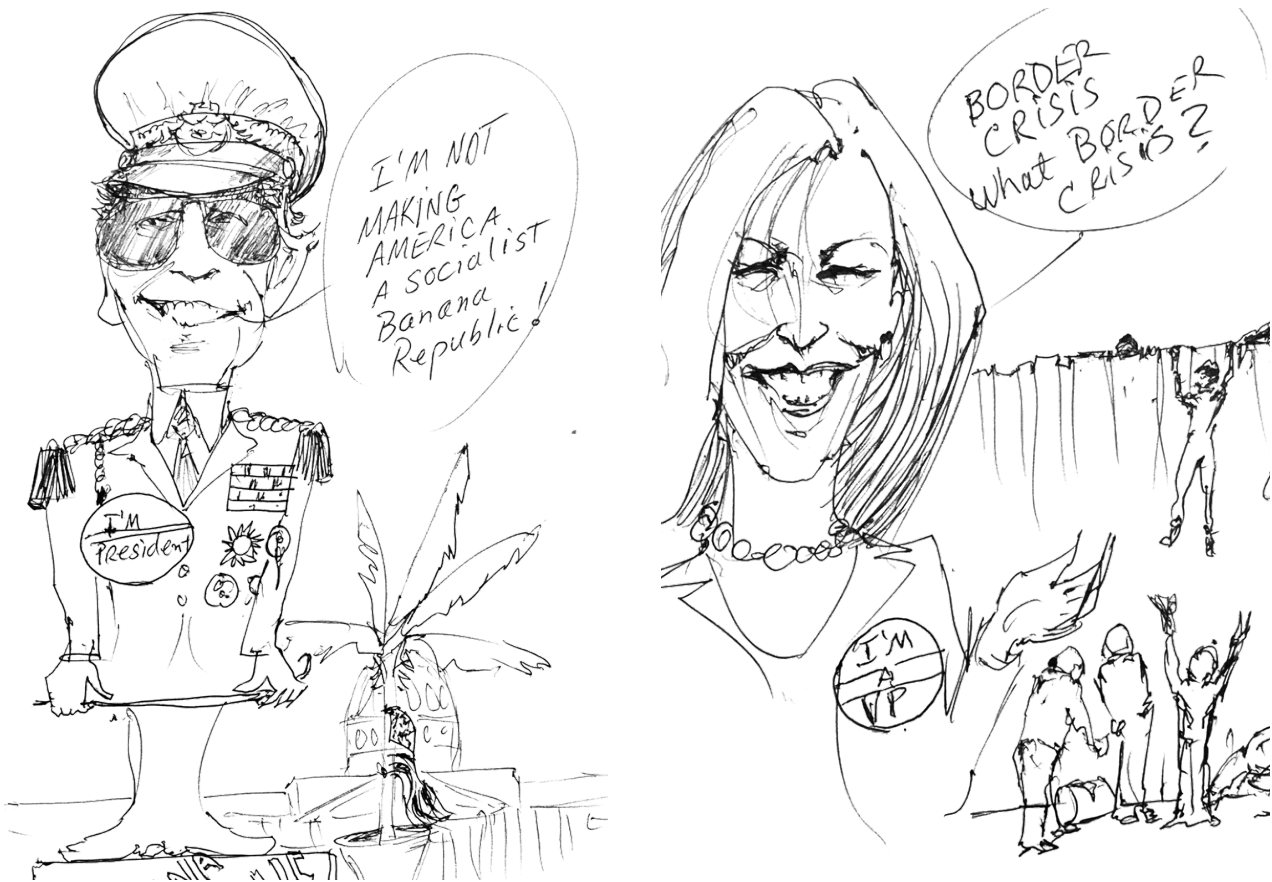
Historically, Catholics have played a major role in shaping New York culture, not to mention the foundational principles of our modern civilization.

As a party defending religious freedom and traditional values, the GOP stands with the long-cherished traditions of the Catholic faith.



*"Discourage litigation. Persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. As a peacemaker the lawyer has superior opportunity of being a good man. There will still be business enough." – Abraham Lincoln*

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*"We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." – Thomas Jefferson*

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## Member Spotlight: Jason Loughran

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Jason is a Veteran of the United States Navy and now serves as Executive Director of Special Projects for the New York City Department of Veterans' Services (DVS). In his role at the Department, he synchronizes the efforts of public, private, and not-for-profit agencies to overcome the barriers that hinder New York City Veterans' access to mental health services, employment, entrepreneurship, and legal and educational resources.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, he created "Mission: VetCheck" through a partnership with NY Cares and the Mayor's Office of Community Health to combat social isolation amongst the veteran community by providing supportive check-in calls conducted by volunteers.

During his military service, Jason deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2010 with Air Cargo Detachment-ONE. His detachment received a Flag Letter of Appreciation and a Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy when transporting supplies and equipment between Kandahar and Helmand Province while providing secondary ground support for the six aviation squadrons of the air wing.

Jason is an only child of a single parent and grew up in an apartment building in Oceanside, NY. He attended St. John's University for his undergraduate degree and Baruch College for his Masters. He was selected for the 2019 Baruch College Alumni Association Leadership in Public Service Award and the 2021 Irish Echo Community Champion Award.

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## Club History

**1969 – John V. Lindsay** would seek re-election, and all of the Club's energies were directed towards achieving that goal. He again was designated by the Republican and Liberal parties but faced a challenge for the Republican nomination from Staten Island Senator John J. Marchi. Despite the hard work of Club members and other Lindsay campaigners, when the results came in on Primary Night, the winner was Senator Marchi, who also had the Conservative party nomination. The Democratic candidate who won his party's primary was City Comptroller Mario A. Procaccino, a product of the Bronx Democratic organization who had benefited in the Primary Election by the vote being split among the "reform" Democratic candidates for

the mayoral nomination. The defeat of Mayor Lindsay in the Republican Primary shocked his supporters gathered at his headquarters that night. They cast a pall on the gathering until "reform" Democrats began to show up and, one by one, pledged their support to John V. Lindsay and said that they would become active in his campaign. This crossing of party lines would be the basis of the Lindsay victory that November. Still, it would have a deleterious effect on the Republican party locally in the years to come. The Club maintained 1,500 members on its rolls. President Richard Nixon appoints future Club Member **Rita E. Hauser** as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights

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*"The most important social welfare program in America is a job." –Newt Gingrich*

## Event Spotlight: NYYRC 109th Annual Gala



The phrase "a picture is worth a thousand words" is an understatement for the NYYRC 109th Annual Gala! The 109th Gala was the biggest gala we've had in decades, with almost 500 guests, 4 nationally recognized speakers and over 30 special guests in attendance. The evening was as elegant as ever, with tuxedos and gowns prominent in the Park Avenue ballroom. Guests enjoyed a night to remember, with enthralling and inspiring speeches from our speakers and the camaraderie of fellow patriots. We also enjoyed a sneak peak of *Uncle Tom II*, an upcoming documentary about the horrors of communism in East Berlin during the Cold War and challenges mainstream narratives of important Black figures in American history.



The NYYRC Annual Gala is our biggest event of the year and is the product of hundreds of hours of volunteer work from our Board of Governors and Executive Committee. Through wars, pandemics and other national struggles, our organization has not missed hosting a single gala since our incorporation in 1911. It is truly a labor of love, and we are proud of what we are able to offer to our beloved members and to our constituents. We look forward to welcoming ever more members and guests to our 110th Annual Gala in 2022.

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## Opinions

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### Dobbs and the Future of Abortion

By Hamilton Alexander



Recently, the Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case. This matter addresses a Mississippi law that was passed to ban abortions after the 15th week of pregnancy except in cases of health emergencies or fetal abnormalities. This case has gotten a lot of attention in the media, with both the pro-life and pro-choice lobby opining that the end of *Roe v. Wade* is imminent. While it would be optimal that this would occur, we hold a more realistic perspective. In this case, we believe that while abortion law will likely be reformed to some degree with recognition of the rights of states to regulate the practice of abortion earlier in the pregnancy, it will stop short of a full overturn.

It is more probable that the abortion standard set forth in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, the last major case dealing with substantive abortion issues, will be revised. At present, *Casey* holds that the state can regulate abortions from the point of fetal viability and subsequent to that time frame as long as an undue burden is not imposed on the pregnant woman. In contrast to *Casey*, the proposed law at issue in *Dobbs* would allow for state regulation to occur sooner.

Based on oral arguments before the Supreme Court, it appears that a majority of justices support the law. The structure of the Supreme Court as constructed, however, will likely lead to a narrower decision maintaining the Mississippi law and allowing for regulation by states earlier in the pregnancy. It would not, however, disturb existing state decisions that choose to maintain

state regulation later in pregnancy. The outcome of the Supreme Court decision would essentially pave a path for red states to pursue pro-life reform by allowing their regulation of abortion-related activities, but would not have a material effect on blue states that do not want to regulate earlier in pregnancy. In lay terms, the ruling would recognize "CAN" rather than "MUST" in applying the standard.

Reasons to consider why this decision will be narrower are the following:

First, if Chief Justice Roberts is in the majority, he would dictate who writes the opinion and, as an incrementalist heavily influenced by institutional concerns, he could assign it to himself to uphold the Mississippi law with a narrow ruling. If Roberts is not in the majority and Thomas, Alito, Kavanaugh, Barrett and Gorsuch are, one of them will write the opinion, and it could be broader and stronger. As senior justice, Thomas would have the most influence in this process, and he has a history of taking a stronger position in recognizing that the Supreme Court has an obligation to overturn *Roe v. Wade* in accordance with Constitutional principles than do his peers. This position, although correct, is likely a bridge too far for Roberts.

Second, this case would have likely led to a different opinion in June 2023 when perhaps Congress would have regained some sense of balance and less saber rattling and litmus test pressures with sensationalist discourse on court packing. There are very strong political interests at play here sadly and big money groups ready to flood the air waves on this issue. This was not the intent of the framers, but we have very much detracted off course. The Supreme Court was ambitious in addressing the issue this year at a time of high tension. While the Court should not be reactive to societal sentiment, it should be given the opportunity to adjudicate cases without the pressure of political turmoil and media fear mongering that has disregard for Constitutional law and the framers' intent of an independent judiciary.

It is only appropriate that judges go through a legal analysis without these sensationalist driven



narratives on all sides. It is not good for the nation. Remember, the Supreme Court was not and should not be designed to answer to democracy; it is an unelected branch. Let it be independent and deliberate, and respect the

process. Dobbs will likely be a win of sorts for the pro-life movement, but it won't be a wide scale mandate significantly disrupting societal sentiment as the media would have one believe. It is, however, a good step in the right direction.

## A Letter from the Veterans Caucus: Veterans Lead Right

*By Troy M. Olson*

If you're a politically active veteran, the Republican Party is your viable vessel for a continued political impact on your country, improving America's party of the Union and party of Civilization in a time of great division and elite gaslighting, and bringing about the second half of the long realignment that's been happening in our country. This isn't exactly a new condition for this country. Veterans and military service members have long felt more comfortable as voters, activists, and candidates in the Republican Party. But the precise nature of this preference is what is changing and for the better.

Over a decade ago, John McCain performed well with military officers, but lagged past Republican candidates with enlisted men and women while Barack Obama performed well by Democratic standards with enlisted, but lost officers. By 2020, this situation has reversed as Donald Trump found some of his most loyal support from veterans and enlisted military service members. This is not surprising - do the math, it's as good a tradeoff as the college educated voter for the working-class voter of all backgrounds, as good as the Hershel Walker (future U.S. Senator, R-GA) trade was for the Dallas Cowboys.

Many enlisted veterans come from small towns and rural America. Military service runs in families and is often seen as a duty, and patriotism both in the heart and through symbols runs strong in these communities. It's many of these same communities that have been ravaged by the tragedy of deindustrialization, and it's these symbols of American unity - our flag, our anthem, our history, our culture - that are under attack daily. So, while the veteran Republican is no new thing, so much has changed. The stakes are higher, and the needs of the modern party and country are vastly different than that of the Eisenhower to Reagan years.

Politically and philosophically, veterans are as complex as the nation we've served. This combination of complexity and patriotism makes



for a natural home in a Republican Party that values freedom and a First Amendment-aligned conversation around ideas, rather than in the party that demands rigid ideological conformity around a "progressive utopia" that is always another trillion-dollar proposal away and practices their worship in the Church of the Covidians. Democrats are too quick to judge veterans and treat us like we're victims rather than treating us as the patriotic leaders that we are. We have something to say, we have a story to tell, and we have insight into our era of real and relative American decline. Now given the victim complex of the Left this makes sense, and anyone who wants to be a professional victim is always welcome in that party. But the modern-day Democrat Party has nothing to offer the patriotic veteran leader and, if anything, is likely to turn on them for their political views. It saddens me greatly to say this, but wherever patriotism does exist from leaders in the Democrat Party it feels awkward, forced, and cringeworthy.

In our two-party system, however, where one party loses it becomes, in theory, the other party's gain - but with that, the risk for complacency and laziness beckons and must be guarded against. The Republican Party must not repeat the Democrat Party's mistake in taking any of its voters and potential leaders for granted. The party must fight for and earn every square inch of the future if we are to preserve



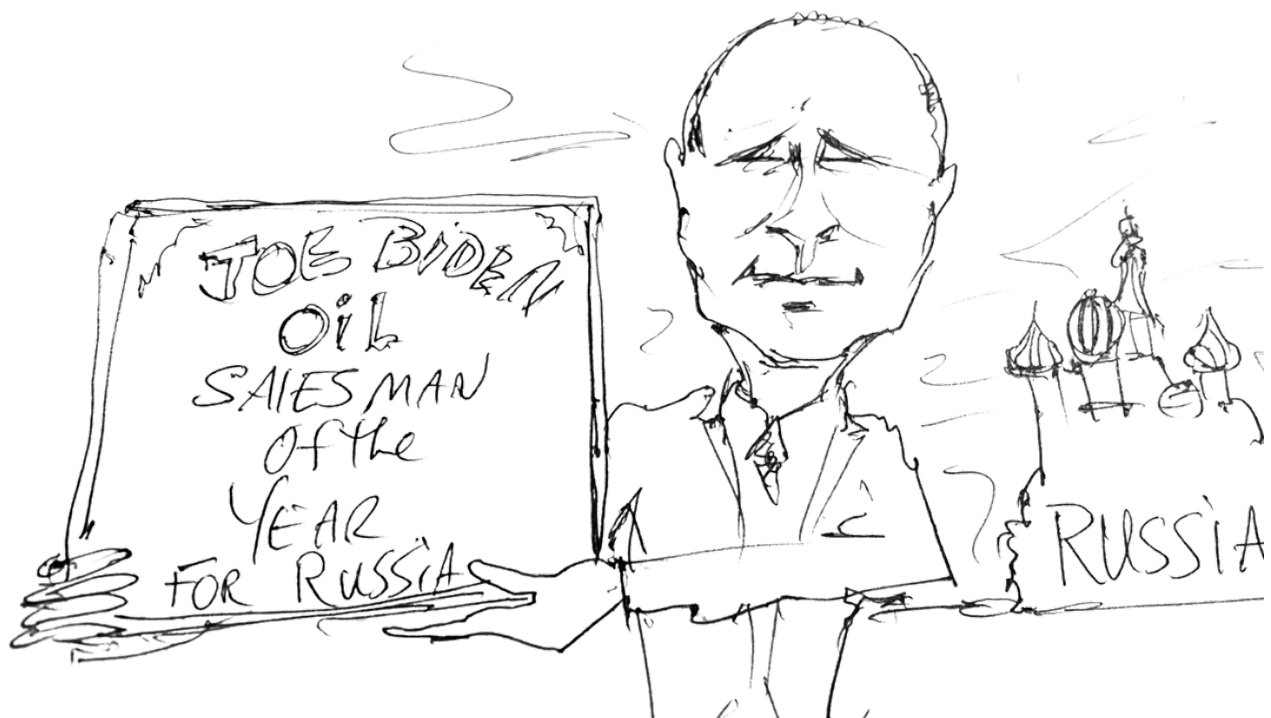
the American Republic built around our founding charters of freedom, our party's founding mission of a more perfect union, and subsequent strong leadership and stewardship throughout 20th century fight or flight moments. In our 21st century fight or flight moment—we must choose and be willing to die on our feet rather than submit and achieve a false peace on our knees.

This is the courage, moral clarity, and leadership we hope the newly formed NYYRC Veterans Caucus can provide for the Club, Party, and Country in the years to come, building on the great work that has been done and collaborating with the other newly formed Caucuses (Asian, Black, Catholic, and Hispanic) where appropriate. There are not nearly as many veterans around today in our era of an all-volunteer force. But it is a mathematical certainty that any current or future members of this Caucus and Club that have signed up to serve their country both volunteered to serve and put their life on the line during a time when our country was at war. For much of the civilian world, life has moved on as it tends to do. For the veteran world, it never does, and we never forget just how thin the veneer of civilization truly is. Whether it was twenty years of work evaporating before our eyes through Biden's

thoroughly disorganized and disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal this year and the shameful and dismissive behavior from a sitting Commander-In-Chief in its aftermath, or the tragedy of veteran suicide at home, every indicator of American decline and societal division hits veterans extra hard. We can sit back after our service is done and continue to be used as props and credibility enhancers by mediocre career politicians, or we can get to work, organize, and be part of a wave of citizen politicians, leaders, and activists just as we were citizen and professional soldiers, sailors, Marines, and airmen and women.

The work of the past, the work of previous generations of Americans, and the hope and promise of Civilization is worth fighting for and building on rather than tearing down.

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## Endorsement: Colin Schmitt (NY-18)



The New York Young Republican Club is proud to endorse Colin Schmitt for New York's 18th Congressional District. A lifelong Hudson Valley resident, Schmitt currently serves in the New York State Assembly as a member from the 99th district, representing parts of Orange and Rockland counties. Schmitt's public service experience began in high school, where he was the youngest aide ever hired by the New York

State Assembly. In addition to his government service, Assemblyman Schmitt serves as a Sergeant in the Army National Guard.

While a student at Catholic University, Schmitt founded the non-partisan government reform political action committee, New Dawn NY, which focused on promoting budget and ethics reform as well as job creation. Upon graduation, Schmitt joined the office of Senator Greg Ball, becoming the Director of Operations over the NYS Senate Veterans, Homeland Security, and Military Affairs Committee.

Assemblyman Schmitt has spent his career advocating for tax relief, ethics reform, and community preservation. Schmitt's lifelong advocacy for ethics reform makes him a timely and much-needed voice for congress.

If elected to Congress, Schmitt vows to strengthen the United States borders and bolster national security, fight for tax relief for families and seniors, strengthen the economy and empower small businesses, back the police, and support Israel while fighting anti-Semitism. The New York Young Republican Club strongly urges all New York residents living in the 18th Congressional District to vote in support of Colin Schmitt.

*"If you have an important point to make, don't try to be subtle or clever. Use a pile driver. Hit the point once. Then come back and hit it again. Then hit it a third time—a tremendous whack." -Winston Churchill*

## Club's Objects

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*To promote and maintain the principles of the Republican Party; to foster within the Republican Party and make practical in service of the municipality, state and nation, the idealism characteristic of youth; to correct in our own party that tendency of all parties to make organization an end rather than a means; to develop sound principle and public spirit in party politics; to promote honest and fair electoral methods, to the end that the expression of the popular will by whatever party or body, shall be as free, untrammelled and equal as possible; to resist and expose political corruption; to advocate merit rather than partisan service as entitling to public office; to watch legislation and to encourage public attention to and efficiently criticize the conduct of government.*

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## Our Executive Committee

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*"I like to say now that the reason I'm conservative is because I used to be a liberal, and I learned a lot."*

*—Candace Owens*