



The New York Young Republican Club

Record

Letter from the Sergeant-at-Arms:



We are heading into one of the best years in our Club's history. Not only have we reached a remarkable number of members, but we're paving the way for the next generation of freedom-loving Republicanism. I joined this Club when it was on the verge of disintegrating, but under the steady leadership of President Gavin Wax and Vice President Viswanag Burra, I had the privilege to be part of its revolutionary rebirth.

Most of you seasoned members recognize me as the Outreach Chairman, where I've developed partnerships and sought recruitment for the Club while also traveling across the nation representing our great organization. In that capacity, I also worked on local elections, most notably the landmark victory for Vickie Paladino (CD-19) in Queens, whom I served as Campaign Manager! I, with the help of the Club, flipped a D+11 district, and it is now represented by its first-ever Republican woman in the City Council.

It's with this specific set of skills that I have been granted the honor of becoming Sergeant-at-Arms, a position that hasn't been filled in our Club since its glory days of the 1950s. The main focus of this role is to maintain order within Club operations and to reach out to all individuals within our communities by developing a critical task force that speaks to their issues. The most prevalent example of this is our newly formed caucuses.

Under my purview, the caucuses will ensure that we advocate representation of each respective interest in the Club and the Republican Party. A total of four caucuses led by their respective Chairmen have already had a massive impact in supporting elections, protesting, and hosting events. These groups represent Asian, Catholic, Hispanic, and Veteran niches of Republican values respectively.

The Asian Caucus has become a massive vessel in Asian-American politics in New York City. The Hispanic Caucus is an up-and-coming force focused on developing partnerships with communities in New Jersey and even Washington Heights. The Veteran Caucus has established what will become an ongoing traditions by hosting an Army-Navy game event and bringing resources to our veterans across the city. One of the most recently chartered caucuses, our Catholic Caucus, has brought the Word of Christ into the Club and put a certain emphasis on worship for our members of that faith.

It is my honor to announce that we have launched a two brand-new caucus: the Italian Caucus, represented in its logo by the eminent Christopher Columbus, and the Black Caucus, which sports a logo of one of my favorite heroes: Frederick Douglass. The Black Caucus provide a foundation from which we will spread Fredrick Douglass's vision for Black Americans. The Left has abandoned Black America and has no interest in our true success. "Knowledge makes a man unfit to be a slave," as Douglass said, and there are no slaves in this Caucus.

As 2022 continues, collaboration is the key to furthering our success. Whether it's meeting up on the weekends to get signatures, having a drink together to discuss strategy, or making sure that we vote for the right candidates, these interactions will mark the path to victory!

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History of United States Presidents and the New York Young Republican Club

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Introduction

Presidents' Day is officially George Washington's birthday. In the United States, we typically honor major presidents like Washington and Lincoln; however, this holiday has evolved over the years as a day to celebrate the birthdays and lives of all U.S. Presidents.

If you're familiar with the Club's history, you may be aware that we have worked with many candidates that have pursued the presidency. For some, we were instrumental in helping them get elected, and others continued to support the Club in our pursuit of growing the Republican Party even after they served as President.

Our predecessor club, The Young Men's Republican Union, was organized in 1856 as the Young Men's Fremont and Dayton Central Union. As abolitionists, they were concerned with the direction of the country and acknowledged the impact that the 1860 election would have on the future of America.

Armed with digitized archives, the History Committee has thoroughly researched the New York Young Republican Club's relationship with past U.S. Presidents. This article will explore our various relationships with select U.S. Presidents, including President Abraham Lincoln, President and Chief Justice of the United States William Howard Taft, President Herbert C. Hoover, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and President Richard M. Nixon.

President Abraham Lincoln - The Club Sponsors the Cooper Union Address

On February 9th, 1860, Charles C. Nott, a member of the Executive Committee of the Young Men's Republican Union, sent an invitation to Abraham Lincoln to visit New York City and deliver a political lecture. When Lincoln arrived in New York City on February 25th, the Young Men's Republican Union assumed sponsorship of the speech and moved

its location to the Cooper Union in Manhattan. On February 27th, a few hours before his speech, Lincoln had his picture taken by famed photographer Matthew Brady, rendering Lincoln the first-ever media candidate upon the photo's publication.

Appearing before an audience of 1,500 people at Cooper Union, Lincoln argued that the Founding Fathers had set the country on an anti-slavery course, contrary to the claims of Stephen A. Douglas and other Democrats, whom he maintained had conspired with Southern slaveholders to expand slavery into the territories. Lincoln asked his fellow Republicans to hold firm to their anti-slavery principles, saying: "Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it." The crowd rose out of their seats and cheered, and the speech is considered by many historians to have been critical to Lincoln's subsequent electoral victory.

After this historic speech and for the purpose of campaigning, the Club published a series of papers called "Lincoln and Liberty." In addition to these papers, they distributed transcriptions of the Lincoln-Douglas debate, reprints of the speech at Cooper Union, and other vital documents. Through our steadfast efforts, Abraham Lincoln was elected President of the United States.

President William Howard Taft - Guest of Honor at NYYRC Inaugural Gala

William Howard Taft served as President of the United States from 1909 to 1913 and Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court from 1921 to 1930. Some of the highlights from his presidency included pursuing antitrust initiatives against large corporations, reducing tariffs to increase trade with foreign nations, investment in Latin America and Asia to improve the United States' sphere of influence as a global power, and making six appointments to the U.S. Supreme

Court. These appointments included Justice Willis Van Devanter, who would later be one of the “Four Horsemen” that would resist much of FDR’s New Deal, and future Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes. Subsequent to his presidency and as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Taft took a strong position against encroaching federal power as it related to the Commerce Clause, and he supported parental rights in the education of children.

President Taft also had a proud legacy with the New York Young Republican Club and was the Guest of Honor at the Club’s first formal gala on December 20, 1911. In his speech, he emphasized very timely and relevant positions that continue to hold true today. “Our chief defect is sometimes a lack of respect for the law. We do not follow it as closely as we ought nor with that devotion that our ancestors are noted for. I believe it is true that we do not hold the law as sacred as we should. We live fast and think more of the pleasure of living than of how we live.” Spoken like a true future Chief Justice of the SCOTUS.

Today, many influential voices in our society disregard the parameters set forth by the Constitution and our local laws - whether that be through activist court decisions regarding controversial social issues or by abandoning proper civics when protesting issues that strongly resonate with communities. The result is the erosion of Constitutional principles and the reckless destruction of the material creations made possible by the American Dream.

Most recently at the local level, this has included the failure to prosecute violent and serious offenders, witnessed here in New York City, thus providing a means for the populace to deprioritize the importance of legal structure and due process. President Taft recognized this specific problem with regards to the criminal process in his speech to the Club when he stated: “No matter how careful we may be, we do not have the support of the public in many of our best endeavors nor of the newspapers that love to make heroes of murderers.”

Finally, in regard to the mission of the New York Young Republican Club, he stated that “the nation must look to the young to look for the accomplishment of big things.” He added, “No great cause has ever been won in this country that was not the result of party endeavor and party enactment.”

He concluded his speech with a call to action for

the Young Republicans to recognize that “Real effectual reform must come from within the party itself,” and expressed his hope for the young to be the “redemption of the Republican Party.”

In 2022, 111 years later, we continue to channel the spirit and wisdom of President Taft’s words that evening. We continue to hold firmly to our principles of law and order, but also consistently look to bring about meaningful reform and challenge the status quo of establishment forces that burden this cause. The “redemption” will come, and our 1000+ members (and counting!) will continue to carry on this mission.

President Herbert C. Hoover - Delivers a Brief Address to New York Young Republican Club

Herbert Clark Hoover served as President of the United States from 1929 to 1933. It is fair to say that he was an accomplished man before becoming President. Hoover traveled to China, learned Mandarin, and owned and operated his own mining company, becoming a self-made millionaire and an avid world traveler. During World War I, he evacuated Americans from Europe, and, in 1919, he was head of the Food Administration and ran a program that fed war-torn Europe.



After serving as Secretary of Commerce under Presidents Harding and Coolidge, Hoover became the Republican presidential nominee in 1928. Some of the highlights from his career included achieving international success as a mining engineer, administrator, and humanitarian. Unfortunately the stock market crashed in October 1929, less than one year into his presidency, signaling the start of the Great Depression. His efforts were not enough despite multiple initiatives like urging business leaders not to lay off workers or reduce wages, advising state and local governments to support Americans that were left destitute by the Depression, and asking Congress to appropriate

money for public-works projects. Hoover was a firm believer in a balanced budget and unwilling to plunge the federal government into massive debt by instituting a welfare program. By 1932, more than five thousand banks failed and unemployment worsened, eventually leading to FDR's election and implementation of the New Deal.

Chairman of the Campaign Committee John McKee Stratton came up with a creative way to meet Herbert Hoover. He delivered to him a personal message that would create publicity for our members and also help galvanize voters. On October 3rd, 1928, John announced he would use a speedboat, a plane, and a car to visit Washington D.C. and submit to Herbert Hoover a report of his committee's activities to date. He planned to leave at 9am from the Battery in NYC, and sail a boat to a plane near the Statue of Liberty. He expected to land at Hoover Field, whence he would be driven to Hoover's campaign office in Washington D. C., submit his report, and then return to his office at 61 Broadway by the afternoon.

Upon his arrival, John's memorable visit triggered a brief address from Herbert Hoover. Hoover expressed his gratitude to John and the New York Young Republican Club for their words of encouragement and all the hard work they did supporting his candidacy. He was grateful to see how the Party was appealing to young men and women, and, most importantly, he acknowledged the hard work put in to get people to understand the issues and vote.

Given that Herbert Hoover took an active role in shaping the relationship between the federal government and the fledgling commercial aviation industry while he was Secretary of Commerce, John's use of an airplane as the primary mode of transportation to deliver the message was an effective way to earn acknowledgement and a quality response from the candidate.

Hoover stated: "You speak of the way in which the aeroplane has facilitated your coming here. It marks another advance in invention which will have a profound effect on our national life. It brings out the courage of men, stimulates the spirit of adventure, and it annihilates time and distance, and it brings people closer together."

Lastly, on May 26th, 1938, the Club extended an invitation for the Hon. Herbert Hoover to meet for dinner and discussion with the entire Club. Hoover expressed that the audience should be

no more than forty people. The discussion would be personal and off the record. There had to be zero publicity, and everything discussed would be strictly confidential. Only members of the Board, the Executive Committee of the Advisory Board, and the Chairmen of the five committees focused on policy were invited. On Friday, June 3rd, 1938, the dinner took place at the Harvard Club. Until this day, there is no record of the topics discussed.

Given that he was critical of the New Deal and often called it a "cock-eyed setup," we hypothesize that Hoover spoke about the current and long-term implications of big government policies and their impact on Americans.

Based on past discussions and messaging, we believe he shared some words of encouragement and offered advice. He would advise Republicans to speak more about the rich history of the Republican Party. He would often discuss the need to talk about how the Republican Party guided the nation in the era of its greatest development. He would remind Party members that many of the most significant social advances in our nation can and should be credited to the Republican Party, including legislation that gave vast benefits to labor, economic security to the people, and further contributions to world peace in the form of forward-looking treaties.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower

Dwight D. Eisenhower was one of the most influential leaders in our nation's history and serves as a model example of patriotism and love of country. During World War II, he served as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe and was a five-star general in the U.S. Army. He planned the Normandy Invasion and other significant advances of the Allied forces during the war. Eisenhower was later elected President of the



United States in 1952 and went down in history as one of the most successful to hold office. For six out of his eight years as President, Congress was controlled by Democrats, but Eisenhower still managed to carry out several important policies that have had a lasting effect on our country to this day. The Interstate Highway system was enacted, and he signed the Civil Rights Act of 1957. He began the NASA program and navigated our nation through tensions with the Soviets in the direct aftermath of World War II. His two terms brought economic prosperity.

The New York Young Republican Club was at the forefront of General Dwight D. Eisenhower's 1952 presidential campaign. The Club was one of the earliest Republican organizations to support him in the primary. Several alumni of the Club went on to serve in President Eisenhower's administration - most notably, Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr.

Dulles cultivated a reputation for taking an aggressive stance against Communism and the burgeoning Cold War threat posed by the Soviet Union. He helped President Eisenhower carve the United States' display of peace through strength and reasoned diplomacy. Attorney General Brownell was considered by Eisenhower for a Supreme Court nomination and was instrumental in the development of the Civil Rights Act. President Eisenhower also notably appointed Club alumnus John Marshall Harlan II to the U.S. Supreme Court, where he served for 16 years. We wrote about Justice Harlan II and his tenure in the June 2021 issue of *The Record*.

In 1954, the New York Young Republican Club honored President Eisenhower with the Civic Service Award (now known as the Phillip J. McCook Award) for his years of dedicated service to the United States and the Republican Party at the highest levels. We are pleased to continue to reflect on his legacy and his many significant contributions this month as we celebrate our presidents.

President Richard M. Nixon

Richard M. Nixon served as President of the United States from 1969 to 1974, previously serving as a Representative and Senator from California and as the 36th Vice President from 1953 to 1961 under Eisenhower. His five years in the White House saw the end of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War, détente with the Soviet Union and China, the first manned moon landings, and the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency.

He was an Honor Roll Club member of the New York Young Republican Club. After Gov. Nelson D. Rockefeller (R-NY) dropped out of the 1968 Presidential race, the New York Young Republican Club threw its support behind Richard Nixon for president.

When he announced his candidacy for president and selected Spiro Agnew as his running mate, the Club did something unique. The New York Young Republican Club sponsored high-relief, finely sculptured medals bearing the portraits of Nixon and Agnew on one side and the Republican elephant on the other. The medals are 1.5 inches in diameter and came in bronze and pure silver. While production of the bronze medals was unlimited, the production of the pure silver medals was limited to only 5,000.

Interestingly, sculptor Patrick Whitaker also produced similar medals for the opposition, so voters could choose between the Nixon/Agnew medal or the Humphrey/Muskie medal. This exciting find motivated the Club to acquire a genuine sample of this artifact now displayed at our Clubhouse so that members and guests can appreciate a piece of the Club's history!



New York Young Republicans Rise!

Since the Club's inception, the New York Young Republican Club has served as a foundation for its members to leverage the knowledge gained and connections made to catapult their careers in politics.

When you look at the legacy history of the Club, you will discover that members of the New York Young Republican Club and its predecessor Clubs went on to do great things that moved America forward! What about you?

Statements

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik Formally Joins the NYYRC

The New York Young Republican Club is proud to announce that Congresswoman Elise Stefanik (NY-21) has joined as the newest member of the Club! At 37 years young, Congresswoman Stefanik is the third-highest ranking member of the Republican Caucus in the House of Representatives as Conference Chair. She is the most powerful New York Republican in Congress since Congressman Jack Kemp, who served as Conference Chair over thirty years ago.

We are ecstatic to have such an esteemed member of Congress as a member of our Club, and we look forward to working with her as we promote and progress an America First agenda in New York and across this great nation.

The Club looks forward to welcoming Congresswoman Stefanik and her newborn son to our Clubhouse soon!



Congressman Lee Zeldin Formally Joins the NYYRC



The New York Young Republican Club is proud to announce that Congressman Lee Zeldin (NY-1) has joined as our newest member! Congressman Zeldin is a true America First Patriot, a veteran of the Iraq War, a Lieutenant Colonel in the Army Reserves, and running to be the next Governor of the State of New York.

Now that Congressman Zeldin is a part of our membership, he joins current member Andrew Giuliani, also running for Governor of New York. We as a Club are proud to have both Republican gubernatorial candidates as members and look forward to engaging with them during their campaigns and the general election this year.

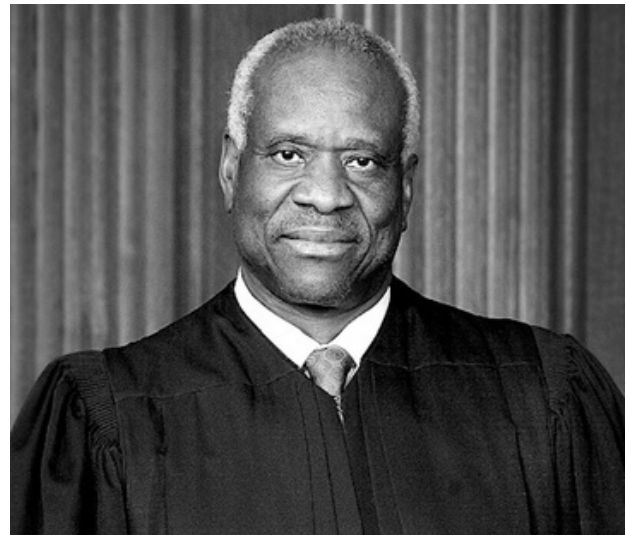
Supreme Court Hits Then Misses on Mandates

The New York Young Republican Club applauds the Supreme Court's conservative majority standing firm for the freedoms of Americans for striking down the OSHA COVID-19 vax-or-mask mandate for businesses with over 100 employees. Not only did the mandate trample on the personal and religious freedoms of millions of Americans, but it also has been a contributor to the supply chain and inflationary issues the country is facing. With shelves bare and workers losing their jobs over a vaccine that has been unable to reduce COVID-19 transmission, the Biden Administration has shown they're more interested in controlling Americans than solving the most pressing issues we face.

The New York Young Republican Club is also disappointed in the Supreme Court allowing the mandate for healthcare workers to stay in effect with the rationale that hospitals are recipients of federal funds. Even though we have a conservative Supreme Court majority, they have been unwilling to limit an ever-more encroaching government. This go-around of Americans' rights under the guise of the government allowing strings attached with federal dollars shows the necessity to permanently reduce government spending and

reduce the government's ever-growing role in our economy.

The importance of the Supreme Court can never be understated, and but for President Donald J. Trump's three successful Supreme Court Justice confirmations, the OSHA mandate would likely have remained in effect. We continue to be vigilant over the nomination process onto the federal bench and look forward to the [Thomas] Court's upcoming decisions this session.



The Rigging of NYC Elections

Yet again, Democrats are changing the meaning of words to steal elections. In 2020, we saw an unprecedented attack on state election laws via very well-organized lawsuits from numerous left-wing groups. They succeeded in undermining our democracy by erasing state election integrity laws purportedly as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. What Democrats learned from Biden's narrow margin of victory in Wisconsin, Arizona, and Georgia is that, when they can make elections into a free-for-all, they come out on top. New York City Democrats have now passed a law allowing non-citizens to vote in municipal elections, erasing longstanding common-sense rules yet again, to rig elections and dilute the voting power of the American people.

The New York Young Republican Club wholeheartedly opposes this effort. We fully

support the Republican National Committee's efforts to ensure voter integrity across the United States, including in New York City, by suing Eric Adams, the New York City Board of Elections and the New York City Council to prevent this law from going into effect. We are proud that four of our Club's members are parties in this lawsuit alongside the RNC and NYRSC: Joseph Borrelli, Inna Vernikov, David Carr, and Vickie Paladino. We believe that they will succeed as the Democrats' heinous law violates the New York Constitution and multiple state laws.

Article II & IX of the New York Constitution explicitly limits voting to citizens by stating that "[e]very citizen shall be entitled to vote". Section 5-102(1) of Chapter 17 of the Laws of New York, the Election Law, even goes further, limiting voting and registration to those who are "a

citizen of the United States.” Finally, Section 23(2)(e) of Chapter 36-a of the Laws of New York, the Municipal Home Rule Law, limits election law changes to those conducted via public referendum, inherently voiding the non-citizens voting law as it was passed through the City Council and permitted to become law unsigned

by Eric Adams.

We will continue to watch as this litigation proceeds, and we will remain vigilant against the Democrat Party’s effort to disenfranchise American voters.

We Call on Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg to Resign

It is difficult to decide where to begin, but we will start with a cornerstone belief of the New York Young Republican Club: the Right to Life. The Right to Life includes the simple New York City right to be able to walk down the street or take the subway without threat to one’s life. We have seen a dramatic spike in crime in the City that impairs each New Yorker’s access to this right.

Most recently, a woman was pushed in front of an oncoming subway car, leading to her death in the Times Square station. District 1 City Council Member Christopher Marte described it as an “accident”. A woman lost her life from an intentional assault. This is NOT an accident; it is called homicide. Councilman Marte’s description of the event is emblematic of the Democrat Party’s gaslighting of the crime wave hitting our country and especially New York City.

Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg is a part of this Democrat Party that focuses more on placating woke mobs by downgrading serious felonies or

completely decriminalizing other crimes than on providing a safe city for New Yorkers. Under the facade of “restorative justice” for criminals, average hardworking and taxpaying New Yorkers feel unable to take the subway at night or walk home alone from a bar because D.A. Bragg is unlikely to prosecute a simple mugging or assault. Outrageously, D.A. Bragg wants to downgrade felonies with firearms concurrent with Manhattan experiencing a steep uptick in shooting deaths. Not only is it completely unacceptable that D.A. Bragg is following a line of policies which will incentivize criminality, it is a dereliction of his duty.

The New York Young Republican Club calls on D.A. Alvin Bragg to resign immediately. If D.A. Bragg does not resign, we call on Governor Hochul to begin proceedings under Article 3 Section 34 of the Public Officers Law to remove D.A. Bragg. To prevent New York City from becoming the crime-ridden and desolate Gotham City that it once was, we must have a D.A. willing to enforce basic laws.

Not One Second of the 2022 Genocide Olympics

The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is a totalitarian regime bent on denying the Chinese people their natural rights. They have orchestrated a severe genocide against the Uyghur people, a religious minority in China. Their actions include but are not limited to: forced abortion, sterilization, and contraception, forced labor, suppression of religious practices, and arbitrary detention in internment camps that are estimated to house over 1,000,000 Uyghurs. The Western World, led by hypocritical “Big Guy” Joe Biden, remains silent on the issue, despite their claimed commitment to so-called “human rights.” The Biden Administration’s unwillingness to criticize the CCP shows how

they prize money over the values that they purport to represent. The victims of this are people across the world whose governments know that the United States will not take action against them so long as the cabal of globalist special interests advocate for silence because of their Chinese investments.

While it isn’t surprising that a man who campaigned from his basement is unable to restrain the CCP, our biggest geo-political foe since Soviet Russia, what is even more unsettling is what the CCP has on Biden and his family. What we know from the Laptop from Hell is that Hunter Biden was paid handsomely from CCP-

backed investors, but how deep the Chinese Corruption with the Biden Crime Family goes is uncertain. Even though the Biden Administration's lukewarm condemnation of the genocide is to be expected given the numerous failures plaguing the administration—among them the border, the supply chain crisis, inflation, and the violent crime epidemic—the corporate support of the CCP's Genocide Olympics is especially egregious.

Numerous multinational corporations are sponsoring this year's 2022 Winter Olympics hosted by the CCP. The top five US Corporations sponsoring the Genocide Olympics are: Airbnb, Coca-Cola, Procter & Gamble, and Intel. They seem to not only disregard the genocide against the Uyghurs, but also the numerous other human rights abuses the CCP commits, including, among others, disappearings, rape, and extrajudicial executions. Most recently,

Democrat Mega-Donor and Golden State Warriors part-owner Chamath Palihapitiya said "nobody cares" about the genocide against the Uyghurs as the profits to be made in a rising China are just too lucrative to be concerned of a genocide that is in similar modern scale to only the Holocaust.

We ask our Club Members to watch not even one second of the Genocide Olympics, and we condemn all of the corporate sponsors and Chamath Palihapitiya in the strongest possible terms. During the 1980 Summer Olympics in Soviet Russia, the United States led a boycott of the Olympic Games against the USSR's invasion of Afghanistan. Unlike Joe Biden, if we had a strong and able President representing the American people's interests, as we had in President Donald J. Trump just over a year ago, we would be doing the same today.

NYYRC Stands With Canadian Truckers' "Freedom Convoy"

Canada's truckers are making their voices heard, despite the corporate media blackout, on the impact of Justin Trudeau's tyrannical CCP Virus mandates and other police state measures. The heart of their movement is a worker-led revolt against an ever-encroaching Socialist-lite regime which believes that elites can force workers to comply with overbearing regulations. By leveraging their power over the supply chain of Canada and North America, Canadian truckers have amplified their voices into a political force. This Canadian movement is similar to what is underway in the United States as ever-increasing numbers of citizens declare that they are fed up with the government telling them what to do.

The New York Young Republican Club has stood against CCP Virus vaccine mandates since the government first publicly considered them for several important reasons. First, the novel form of RNA vaccine is not only experimental but also has not withstood long-term clinical trials. Second, we contend that the individual must have control over their own health decisions. The third being the risk of complications. For many specific populations, including adolescent and teenage boys and particularly young men, the risk of complications from the CCP Virus vaccine such as myocarditis and pericarditis could outweigh any potential benefit of the

vaccine. Finally, the efficiency of the vaccine in preventing transmission is known to be non-existent. The New York Metropolitan Area has one of the highest vaccine rates in the world; nevertheless, the city was still hit especially hard by the Omnicron variant.

We proudly stand with the Canadian truckers and call on politicians on both sides of the border to heed their cries and stop the mandates. Let people live or die by the consequences of their actions; the meddling hand of the State need have no role in these affairs.



Opinions

This is not the Healthcare Profession I Fell in Love With

By Chelsea J. Hall



I can recall my first day of nursing school like it was yesterday. The excitement I felt entering a profession that I was so proud to be accepted into was overwhelming. The butterflies I had during my first clinical rotation in the ICU was a reminder that I was responsible for human life in its most vulnerable moment, giving me the validation that I wanted that responsibility.

The years were filled with rigorous classes, exams, labs and countless hours of lectures by our tenured professors. The closer graduation approached, the more “real-world” those lectures became. Some still echo in my head:

“You are your patient’s biggest advocate at all times.”

“You respect the decisions that your patients make, even if you don’t agree.”

“You will be responsible for treating felons, murderers, abusers, drug addicts and alcoholics, and you must show all of them exemplary care and empathy while in the hospital.”

These were the oaths we took when we were pinned at graduation. These were the promises ingrained into us before walking into our first hospital shifts as licensed medical professionals. These are the oaths and promises that are no longer being kept by the healthcare profession. It’s both alarming and gravely upsetting.

A little over three years ago, I worked my last shift as a bedside nurse in the ICU. If I had

known at that moment that a few months later we would be in the midst of a global pandemic, I would not have changed careers. Ironically, after seeing the drastic and corrupt changes within the healthcare system and the declining state of healthcare workers due to COVID, I am ever more grateful that I was not at the bedside. Somewhere between the start of Operation Warp Speed and vaccine mandates, the healthcare profession as a whole decided to condemn anyone who dared question taking the COVID vaccine. Doctors refused to treat unvaccinated patients in their offices; nurses wrote op-eds on losing empathy for unvaccinated individuals and thousands of “healthcare heroes” were terminated for not complying with the mandate.

I never thought I would live in a time where doctors and nurses would be more worried about and even refuse to care for an individual based on vaccination status. When did the respect for medical freedom and completely informed consent become the enemy of the medical profession? The vaccine does not stop the transmission of the virus and therefore your vaccination status doesn’t really affect other people, so what sense does it make to punish only those who refuse it?

What may be the most alarming about all of this is how many of my old colleagues, classmates and former friends want this to happen and want vaccine mandates to be normal. They peddle their excuses of “being tired” yet still found the time to write op-eds, make choreographed TikTok dances and sing a cringe-worthy song at the White House. That’s some interesting exhaustion.

Nursing is tiring no matter what. I was tired after working a stretch of six night shifts in a row while taking care of an abusive alcoholic. I was tired after re-admitting the same patient for the tenth time in three months because our “frequent flyer” wouldn’t properly care for themselves outside of the hospital. I was tired after allowing my patient to leave AMA (against medical advice) knowing that the chances of them surviving once leaving the ICU were not high. I was tired of keeping a suffering and terminally ill patient on life support because the family was not ready to make a decision on

palliative care. But it does not matter that I was tired. What matters is that despite how tired I was, and despite how much I disagreed with some patient situations, I continued to show them exemplary care and respect for their own medical freedom, and honored their right to decide what does and does not happen to their own body. This is the nature of the profession and it is the battle that we all signed up for when we put on our uniforms.

"You respect the decisions that your patients make even if you don't agree."

I found myself thinking "This is not right," many

times over the course of my bedside career. But what isn't right for me doesn't mean that isn't right for my patients. I did not sign up to be a nurse to dictate my patients' medical decisions. I became a nurse to educate and advocate - not to coerce, intimidate, and mandate. The latter is what is turning into the new normal. To coerce and mandate individuals to receive a vaccine is both criminal and hypocritical. It creates hostile division and complete distrust in the medical profession as a whole. I hope for the day that vaccine mandates no longer exist, but fear that the end of them may not be near for a while.

Modern Day Leper: Song of the Unvaxxed Girl in a Metropolitan World

By Becky Oliveira

I begin my week in a CityMD, gritting my teeth as an overzealous PA shoves a swab so far up my nose that my eyes water.

"Do you need a tissue?" they always ask, and the answer is always yes. While I aggressively scratch my nose with a tissue to rid myself of that ill-inducing itch that the swab always causes, I brace myself for the questions that I know are coming: Height? Weight? Date of birth? Easy. It's only the last question that gives me pause.

"Are you vaccinated?"

I have a split second to gauge whether this person is going to verbally assault me if I tell the truth. I could lie - it might be safer to lie - but some deep foolhardy pride within me always makes me straighten my back and look them in the eye. "No, I'm not vaccinated."

Sometimes there's no reaction to my answer, but other times everything becomes a bit stiff - all small talk gets cut short (as though I am no longer worthy of casual chatting) and the PA leaves the room as quickly as possible. And so it has been, in many aspects of my life, since vaccine mandates were announced in New York and many of us became lepers in our own city overnight. The result - and perhaps the intent - has been to make us feel unclean, as though our grubby, unvaccinated hands are unfit to work or receive an education or even go out to eat without proof of our compliance.

Just two semesters away from my graduation, my



liberal Brooklyn college announced that all students needed to receive the jab to even step on campus. I requested a religious exemption and attached a letter with it listing my deeply held beliefs that prevent me from receiving this vaccine. I especially punctuated the fact that, despite the narrative currently espoused by the Roman Catholic Church, I am free to worship Christ as I see fit. I was denied. But still I fought and, after weeks of appealing and by the grace of Almighty God, I was granted my exemption on the condition that I be subjected to weekly testing and show daily proof in order to step in the building. Asinine and completely arbitrary, of course, because we all know that the vaccinated can get and spread COVID just as easily, but the medical theater our glorious leaders have subjected us to is simply too virtuous to follow any sort of logic. We all must swallow The Truth even as it constantly changes. Even as it constantly contradicts itself.

This is the reality of the biomedical security

state that we're living in. But it's not the weekly testing that causes me shame, nor is it even the blue sign on restaurant doors that tells me my sickly presence isn't welcome. Instead, what has shaken me is the complicity of so many that I once trusted. Even as the golden idol of Fauci that society has erected begins to crumble, still so many cling to his legs and beg for deliverance. And as he preaches from his pulpit still, the derision he and his ilk have caused has led family members to scorn me, friends to turn their backs on me, and complete strangers to treat me as a second class human being. It is not without rage that I view these soft and pliant people who bent the knee with hardly any pressing. What happened to our toughness? Our no BS, no nonsense attitudes? Since when do New Yorkers allow ourselves to be pushed around? And since when do we shun those who refuse to budge?

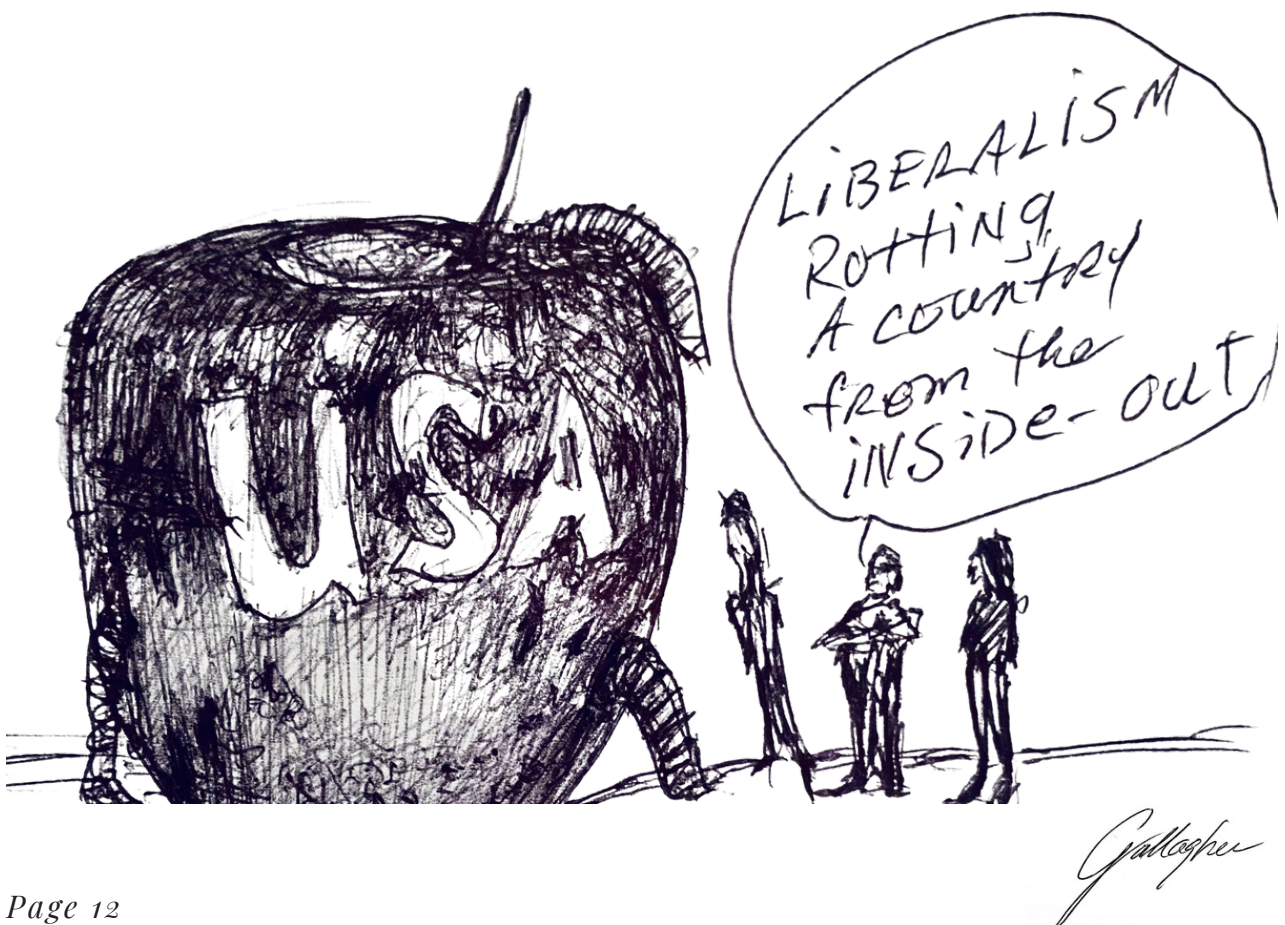
In lieu of anger, we must weep for those who follow it all so ardently - not because they are mostly bad, but because they are mostly good. The desperate need to prove their virtue is being used against them by a state that understands how best to manipulate their emotions. The regime has convinced them, with brightly colored advertisements and chipper voices, that they must follow all of the machinated dogma to be a caring person. The most anxious and insecure among us have adopted it, swallowed it whole, and now they preach it with impunity. It

feels easy and righteous to direct our desperate anger towards these types as they seem to be the most complicit, but wild anger will achieve no positive ends. It will only waste the precious energy that we cannot afford to lose.

We know our enemy. The only proper response is to organize against the machine. From the school boards to the Governor's mansion, we must seize our power - the people's power - back from the clutches of an elite class that has held us hostage for far too long. Being against the regime while living in its deep blue epicenter is not for the faint of heart. It requires grit and an iron will. But our pain is not our weakness - it is our power. After all, who would ever feel the need to move forward if they're comfortable with where they are now?

We are not lepers. We are not diseased. We will not be shamed for our medical decisions by those who follow a doctrine that can't even agree with itself.

We're in the eleventh hour now; the twelfth hour approaches, and, if we are not prepared to fight, to stew and bathe in our discomfort and pain, then we will lose it all when it comes. As our Lord Jesus suffered on the cross, we too shall suffer in His name in pursuit of a noble cause, wearing our righteous indignation on our sleeves as we march into a battle for our freedom and our lives.



Endorsement: Michael Henry For New York Attorney General



The New York Young Republican Club is proud to endorse Michael Henry for New York State Attorney General.

“In the hands of One Party, the great state of New York has fallen into steep decline. I’m running for Attorney General of New York to tackle the issues that matter most to the people who live here: crime, corruption, and COVID justice for grieving nursing home families. Public safety must be the top priority for any elected official, yet bail reform and other pro-criminal measures have left our streets less safe. We currently have a Democrat Attorney General, the state’s chief law enforcement officer, who doesn’t believe in law enforcement. And with One Party in control of our government, corruption runs rampant and unchecked. In particular, families of grieving nursing home families saw that on full display when Andrew Cuomo became a pandemic profiteer. These families still have no justice,” said Michael Henry.

Public safety is a top priority for Henry and he has firmly taken a stance against Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg’s no-prosecute agenda. With the state already in the grip of a crime crisis, Henry has also advocated for repealing bail reform and putting the focus on crime victims.

Henry plans to root out the political corruption that has plagued Albany, starting with leading a campaign to promote justice for the victims of Andrew Cuomo’s nursing home scandal.

He also is fighting against non-citizen voting in New York City. Henry will support a Republican Party court action against the city law that Henry says violates the state Constitution and state election law.

A Queens resident, Henry currently owns a law firm that focuses on commercial litigation. He has also represented many asylum seekers from China fleeing religious and political persecution. Prior to his law career, Henry worked in management in the mortgage industry.

Henry holds a Bachelors’s, Juris Doctorate, and a Master’s in International Relations with a Graduate Certificate in International Law and Diplomacy. Over the past several years, Henry has contributed to the world of legal thought by writing columns on numerous topics, including immigration and public policy. He has also spent time working on various political campaigns and working with numerous political organizations throughout the United States.

Michael Henry is a much-needed voice at this time in the State Attorney General’s office. The New York Young Republican Club strongly urges all citizens in New York to vote for Michael Henry for New York Attorney General.

My advice to colored men everywhere is to stick to the Republican party. Tell your wants, hold the party up to its profession, but do your utmost to keep it in power in State and Nation.” –
Fredrick Douglass

Endorsement: Viktor Orbán For Prime Minister Of Hungary



The New York Young Republican Club proudly endorses Viktor Orbán for Prime Minister of Hungary. Orbán served as Prime Minister from 1998 to 2002 and as Leader of the Opposition from 2002 to 2010 before his second premiership began in 2010. Throughout his political career, Orbán has been a great defender of Western Civilization and the rights of the family. Orbán has stalwartly defended the people of Hungary and pushed back against globalist encroachment on his nation's sovereignty.

In seeking another term as Prime Minister, Orbán commits to continue his focus on the success of the Hungarian people collectively while respecting and supporting the traditional civil rights of the individual. Orbán's Hungary has worked toward national self-sufficiency, national sovereignty, family-centered policies, full employment, and the preservation of cultural heritage. Many politicians speak on these issues, but Orbán acts. His leadership was particularly resolute during the 2015 European migrant crisis and subsequent reforms curbing illegal immigration; he built an effective wall along

Hungary's border in which all Hungarians should take pride. He also engineered the eviction of the George Soros-funded Central European University from Hungary, eliminating a toxic entity that fomented hatred of Western Civilization among Hungarian youth. Orbán is a member of the Calvinist Hungarian Reformed Church, while his wife and their five children are Roman Catholic, and he is a stalwart supporter of Christian values in his role as Prime Minister.

This is the first international endorsement the Club has made, but it is a natural one. The Club has a long history advocating for the Hungarian people when they were under communist rule and has been a friend to Hungary since Hungary's liberation from communist tyranny. In the past, the Club assisted with the Hungarian Relief Program, offering to sponsor young Hungarian refugees for study at an accredited American college or university in the United States. In 1958, the Club condemned the cruel murders of Imre Nagy and General Pal Maleter by the Soviet Union.

Today, both the United States of America and countries in Europe like Hungary face an existential crisis. The ruling elite and political establishment's failed leadership and ideology have eroded the meaning and purpose of citizenship. For those against this ideology and for the preservation of Western civilization for all countries in the West, it is imperative that we stand in support of one another as national communities. The New York Young Republican Club strongly urges all voters in Hungary to help preserve Western Civilization by re-electing Viktor Orbán as Prime Minister of Hungary.

Endorsement: Stefano Forte For New York State Senate (SD-11)

The New York Young Republican Club proudly endorses Stefano Forte for New York State Senate District 11.

A lifelong resident of Northern Queens, Forte has been engaged in community activism since he was 17 years old. His life mission is to be a driving force for positive change in the region. Currently, Forte is the president of the Queens branch of the American Conservation Coalition,

a group dedicated to cleaning up the city's parks and restoring the environment. Forte is also the Republican Male District Leader for AD 25.

Forte's family lived the American Dream in New York, but the city and state that nurtured them is falling apart under poor governmental management. Failed leadership has led to spiking crime and homelessness that is rapidly deteriorating city life. Forte would like to make a

change in the state government so New York can once again be a place that is hospitable to families, small businesses, and all manner of hard-working Americans.

Forte would seek to address the failures of the bail reform law of 2019 to begin the remediation of the recent crime wave experienced in New York City. As a common-sense humanitarian, Forte understands that New York's bail system was in need of revisiting as those with the financial means to post bail for minor crimes often had an unfair advantage over those who did not. However, in its current iteration, the disastrous bail reform law allows criminals to commit hate crimes, possess a gun on playgrounds, and engage in the possession and distribution of illicit images of minors without needing to post bail.

To prioritize the safety of children and families, Forte will fight the current bail reform law either with common sense reform or by completely replacing it with new legislation. Desired changes would provide judges with the necessary discretion to put those who commit heinous acts such, as the ones outlined above, back in jail, while ensuring that criminals who



happen to be homeless are off the streets. Forte's realistic approach to reverse the trend of rising crime is needed in the New York State Senate.

The New York Young Republican Club strongly urges all Queens District 11 voters to support Stefano Forte for NY State Senator.

Endorsement: Mike Crispi For Congress (NJ-4)

The New York Young Republican Club is proud to endorse Mike Crispi for the 4th Congressional District in New Jersey. Crispi is currently a successful businessman who ran the conservative talk show Red White Truth. Crispi was formerly a television Commentator for Right Side Broadcasting. He is a member of the New York Young Republican Club and the Club's Campaigns Committee has actively supported Crispi in the petition process.

Crispi was raised in a family of public servants. His father worked for the Department of Homeland Security, and his mother worked for the Federal Aviation Administration. Upon his graduation from Elon University, where he attended on a football scholarship, Crispi settled in New Jersey and began his business career. In the wake of the 2015 Republican resurgence, Crispi engaged in the movement and has become an influential conservative political commentator.

If elected, Crispi would advocate for strong American values, including supporting the



police, reinforcing the second amendment, ending all illegal COVID-19 mandates, and supporting election integrity. Crispi intends to support the fundamental rights guaranteed to all Americans in the Constitution. He also supports requiring term limits for senators and members of Congress. He believes implementing term limits would serve the broader goal of ending political corruption at the federal level. The New York Young Republican Club strongly urges all New Jersey 4th Congressional District voters to support Mike Crispi.

Objects

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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"If I were a black liberal, I would be hailed, I guess. But I'm not. I mean, I think for myself. I want to make my own decisions." – Clarence Thomas