

### The New York Young Republican Club

# Record

### Letter from the Rules Chairman:



Having been born in post-Soviet Odessa, I am no stranger to the tyranny of an oppressive and corrupt government. In fact, the Ukrainian government continues to be the most corrupt political apparatus of the 21st Century.

Having entered the United States one year and nine days after the horrors of 9/11, I am also no stranger to the struggles of legal immigration. It did not occur to me on September 20, 2002 that the Land of the Free is free no more. The Patriot Act was signed into law, but it was hard to reminisce about something I had never had.

In Ukraine, organized crime is embedded in the consciousness of the popular psyche, and racketeering is par for the course of the national ruling class. Nonetheless, as time went on and I grew older, I knew that I missed the golden era of American prosperity. I began to live vicariously through those who had experienced the American Dream firsthand and were eager to talk about it. I relished hearing stories about what America once was – a land of endless opportunity, should you have the will – a real beacon of light for the world.

Even so, it was hard to be patriotic about a country that established itself as the military-industrial complex of the world. Nonetheless, I continued to persevere out of faith in the American experiment, the same American experiment I learned so much about during my adolescence. For that, I am forever grateful. But it was not until June 16, 2015, when Donald J. Trump came down that escalator, that for the first time in my life I felt a true sense of hope for the country I struggled so much to understand. More so, it was obvious from my vantage point that Donald J. Trump was the symptom, not the virus.

Things were becoming clear: the establishment had sold the American People out in favor of a globalist agenda. To make matters worse, it was not just one ideological group or another: it was the uni-party. It was the elite, the crème de la crème, the upper crust of society. It was the bureaucratic State that convinced the masses that the Creator of the World is fiction and that we must rely on them instead of Him. If only we gave these elites more power, enacted more regulation, and relinquished more of our G-d-given rights would our lives improve. It goes without saying that our lives never improved but only got worse; the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, and so the gap grew larger. But no longer do we stand idly.

Since its reinvigoration in 2019, the New York Young Republican Club has truly taken the mission statement of its founders from 1911 to heart. The spread of conservative values is integral to the liberation of our Constitutional Republic more than ever before. Despite being united in interests, we are not an echo chamber; our membership body is full of free thinkers who are ready, willing, and able to stand by their convictions and challenge the status quo.

Being conservatives in the belly of the beast and having the largest membership body of any Young Republican institution in the nation gives us carte blanche to say what my good friend and Executive Secretary, Vish Burra, said at the Club's 109th Annual Gala: "We will not live in the pods. We will not eat the bugs. We will not drink the soy."

Stop fearing man, start fearing G-d, and the Great Reset will reset no more.

I call on every single one of you reading this month's issue of *The Record* to join in the fight against tyranny, G-dless government, agents of immorality, and unbiblical thinking of a dystopian society that wants to indoctrinate you into a childless existence under the guise of "climate change" and "equity."

In order to prosper, society must be G-d fearing and follow the rules of its Creator. Meanwhile, *Atlas Shrugged* is their manual, and, if you don't fight like hell, 1984 will become your actuality. Never forget what they took from us.

Alexander B. Zhik
Rules Chairman

New York Young Republican Club

### Programming

### Last Month's Events



### This Month's Events

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	, ,
	1	2	3	4	5	6	June 2022 will go down in history as the turning of the
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28	2.9	30	31				of Life secured by God our Creator.
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### **Opinions**

### Letter from the Black Caucus

By: Jude Somefun, Chairman of the Black Caucus



Dear Reader,

My name is Jude Somefun, and it is a privilege and an honor to be your chairman of the Black Caucus of the New York Young Republican Club. Since our launch, we have had several events with esteemed speakers such as Rob Smith, Barbara from Harlem, and Todd White. I view this caucus as a bridge and a forum for young black conservatives and/or republicans to meet, link, and collaborate. Be on the lookout for more great events from all the caucuses, especially ours.

Prior to joining the Club, I thought that sitting on the sidelines and simply voting would be all that I needed to do to help bring our country (and city) back to its glory days. But then the 2020 presidential election happened. In the midst of the coronavirus lockdowns, I had thought, surely, that President Donald J. Trump would be re-elected in a landslide. During his administration there was record prosperity; unemployment was down, GDP was up, and our foreign adversaries and allies respected the United States once again. Now of course, one man is not responsible for the direction of our nation since we are a constitutional republic and we elect officials. Really, the citizens are in charge, and who they choose as the chief executive has a very significant impact on our daily lives and success as a nation. But when the results of November 2020 were announced, I was shocked. That shock inspired me to look for an outlet and ways to be significantly more engaged in the process. To create and drive whatever impact I could, big or small, on that process, and that led me on a journey. That led me to the New York Young Republican Club.

I joined in March 2021 and attended my first event a couple of months later in May. I was extremely nervous when I went because I did not know what to expect. However, once I arrived and got to meet some of the other attendees, I realized that I had made the second-best decision of the year. (The first was signing up for a password manager service!) I am very fortunate and grateful to be able to associate with many like-minded individuals here in New York City. It is like residing in a satisfying oasis within a hot desert.

One thing that you should know about me is that I am a Christian American conservative who happens to be from New York City. Additionally, the other thing that you should know about me is that I'm black, which is unmistakable. A follow-up question that I get quite often is: "Why as a black person in America would you vote for or support a Republican candidate, or much less any candidate who doesn't have a 'D' next to his or her name?"

My response is: "Do you know what the policies of Democrats are?" Have they benefited black people overwhelmingly vote for Democrat politicians and policies for years on end, but have nothing to show for it except for poverty and government dependency.

For starters, let's look at the example of abortion. Abortion has been and still is a big part of the Democrats' platform. Ever since the Supreme Court's ruling on *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, which was thankfully overturned this past June, millions of unborn lives have been lost due to this mistaken "right" to the procedure. Black people are just over 13% of the American population, yet 37% of all abortions are performed on black mothers.

If one truly believed that black lives matter, then everything would be done to stop this horrendous practice that snuffs out the lives of the innocent unborn, especially those of black children.

It is not enough to be anti-Democrat or antiopposition, but I believe the Republican party platform supports an agenda that is more congruent with the principles that our founding fathers supported, which was crystallized in the Declaration of Independence. Truth is objective and observable, and there is a God who invested these rights in all human beings that cannot be taken away by any institution or person. These rights are to be enjoyed by people of all colors, especially black people.

Given the current culture, it seems like fighting to restore these principles to its prominence is an uphill battle. However, one can put a thousand to flight and two can put ten thousand to flight. In our Caucus and in the Club, there are plenty of like-minded patriots who hold similar views. We are the counterculture. No, the longer march through the institutions won't be easy: things worth fighting for never are. We are on the journey to some of the greatest times that America has ever experienced.

Finally, thank you Reader for taking the time to read this piece in the *Record*, and I encourage you to join the Club if you're not already a member. With your efforts we will move forward and will make this country great again starting with our city, the greatest one in the world!

### What Americans Can Learn From Viktor Orbán's Courage

By: Gavin Wax

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán triggered the Left, and even some of the more squeamish on the Right, when he delivered a speech last month wrongly construed as a paean to white supremacy.

"The internationalist Left employs a feint, an ideological ruse: the claim—their claim—that Europe by its very nature is populated by peoples of mixed race. This is a historical and semantic sleight of hand, because it conflates two different things," Orbán said.

In making that statement, Orbán touched a third rail considered wholly off-limits in Western politics: he talked about race in a manner not approved by our globalist commissars.

"There is a world in which European peoples are mixed together with those arriving from outside Europe. Now that is a mixed-race world. And there is our world, where people from within Europe mix with one another, move around, work, and relocate. So, for example, in the Carpathian Basin, we are not mixed-race: we are simply a mixture of peoples living in our own European homeland," he stated.

"And, given a favorable alignment of stars and a following wind, these peoples merge together in a kind of Hungaro-Pannonian sauce, creating their own new European culture. This is why we have always fought: we are willing to mix with one another, but we do not want to become peoples of mixed-race. This is why we fought at Nándorfehérvár (Belgrade), this is why we stopped the Turks at Vienna, and—if I am not mistaken—this is why, in still older times—the

French stopped the Arabs at Poitiers," Orbán added.

European liberals predictably recoiled at Orbán's controversial sentiments on the race of his people. To them, the only permissible talk of race spouts from the mouths of gelded liberal whites when they bend the knee to violent supremacist movements like Black Lives Matter and issue obscene and inappropriate apologies for alleged sins of the past.

This is even more apparent for Americans, who are regularly browbeaten over the historical atrocities of slavery, an institution used to justify every racial disparity under the sun. Americans have been trained through decades of concerted propaganda to run from any talk of race, even if it doesn't mention skin color specifically. Merely bringing up the concept, other than to grovel obsequiously, is construed by the Left as a major offense, one that invites castigation from polite society.



Promulgating the fact that America was founded as a nation by a core of European peoples who shared similar beliefs, customs, ideas on government, and a unified culture is considered taboo. Even a passing defense of our Anglo-Saxon heritage is enough to get you blacklisted among supposed hard-right conservatives in the U.S. Congress these days.

Both Left and Right are guilty of stifling legitimate conversation on race. The Left, of course, gleefully babbles about the seemingly imminent destruction of Western Civilization, a wet dream for Marxists incubated in university thought prisons since the 1960s. The Right acquiesces to this agenda because its corporate backers benefit from the influx of Third-World labor and gain a temporary boost in profits from America's cultural erasure.

#### Flouting the Orthodoxy

Despite this double blow from the American uniparty elite, some American leaders pose an existential threat to the system and flout its restrictive orthodoxies. The most notable one in America is former President Donald Trump.

Trump has endorsed nationalism explicitly and regularly embraces rhetoric that causes country club Republicans to recoil. Trump, however, is coarse and bellicose with his rhetoric and his efforts are often counterproductive, as he often has the same interests responsible for this mess trying to get in his ear.

Another leader willing to broach these topics is Fox News host Tucker Carlson, who has emerged as the American Right's most prominent thought leader. Carlson is hamstrung by his Fox News contract, however, as the organization scurries to the middle under new management—making him at least somewhat beholden to the system he rages against nightly in prime time.

This is why Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán is such an important figure. Through a free, fair, and wholly legitimate electoral process, he has obtained authority and done so without compromising his ideological integrity. He targeted the subversive Soros-backed NGO network-the sort of organizations that backed the "2000 Mules" in the 2020 U.S. presidential election-essentially forcing them out of his country. Now he is free to act in the interest of the Hungarian people with a truly democratic mandate behind him. Orbán's government is a people-powered response to the excesses of globalism, multiculturalism, forced and

diversity, and he represents a movement that the globalists deem an existential threat to their hegemony.

#### For an American Orbánism

When I spoke in favor of an American Orbánism at CPAC Hungary earlier this year, I was predictably derided as a fascist and a racist. Even more ridiculously, the Left slurred me as somehow unpatriotic. Giving praise to Orbán and saying we in America should emulate his movement made me anti-American. How dare I say that another country is promoting better policies than those promoted by the American government?

The Left expects me to live up to their crude caricature of the American conservative: a brainless, sycophantic peasant who waves the flag no matter what his country is doing—whether it is conducting senseless wars killing scores of innocents, giving children harmful drugs to prepare them for transgender mutilation, shutting down businesses and closing schools because of senseless virus hysteria, or other brain dead policies.

I reject this mentality. It is the height of American patriotism in our present era to be ashamed of our national government and to demand its immediate reform.

When looking at Hungary, Americans find a nation that has not lost its will to fight, its will to preserve itself, and its will to persist for future generations. This is a nation that repeatedly has elected a leader who represents the best of their national values from a young age-one who put his life on the line to fight communism and liberate his nation as a young student activist. Orbán has lived the struggle and forged his ideology throughout decades of experience, learning firsthand that laissez-faire neoliberalism may be best for the corporate elite, but it is not best for the people. The free market is a producer of wealth, but it can be a destroyer of virtue when not properly harnessed and guided. It cannot be the sole basis for maintaining a country. If it is, that country will dissolve into a glorified economic free zone rife inequality and exploitation homogenized with the remainder of the globalist domain.

Orbánism provides for economic freedom paired with a social and national obligation lacking in America. In our country, social liberalism has been fully embraced, and widespread pornography and LGBT acceptance have taken hold. Drug use has become trendy, whether it is prescription pills pushed by Big Pharma or the glorification of alcohol and marijuana pushed by the entertainment industry, with vulnerable youth unable to escape the grip of these massive corporate machines.

The results have been dire, with anxiety, addiction, and suicidal inclinations now endemic among our youth. Our children are taught in their schools that murdering babies in the womb is the only right worth fighting for, with the notion of liberty understood by founding-era Americans of building a society centered around opportunity for families falling by the wayside.

#### **Getting America Right**

This is exactly why it is necessary to discuss matters of race, culture, and nationalism actively and openly. The heresy that "America is an idea," which has been eloquently dispelled by Carlson in recent weeks, is nearly as dangerous a notion as the Marxist ideology it unwittingly empowers. The ideas that underpinned America were developed by a people with a distinct culture and which they maintained generations of strife and perpetuated through ceaseless noble efforts. The English people fought and bled for the steep and unprecedented advancements in human freedom that were codified and expanded upon in the U.S. Constitution, from the Magna Carta in 1215 to the Petition of Right of 1628 to the Grand Remonstrance of 1641, and finally, to the English Bill of Rights of 1689.

With so few native-born Americans understanding the history of our national origin, what hope is there for a newly-arrived migrant to gain this knowledge and fully realize its significance?

It is a comforting delusion that we, as Americans, can teach Somali Muslims quaint notions of liberty, but it is more likely they will

find common cause with the vendetta-driven socialism of U.S. Representative Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.) than with the unfamiliar and alien nodes of thought undergirding their host nation. The rising violence rates in newly sub-Saharan Minneapolis reflect that. Hondurans arriving to American shores via a well-funded caravan are likely to continue the pattern of taking largesse provided to them under the guise of humanitarian relief, particularly considering that society provides every incentive for that behavior. Democrats understand implications of America's demographic shift and brag about their success in changing our DNA when they are not calling Republicans racists for noticing. Too many conservatives have slurped up the Koch-funded Kool-aid and refuse to see the reality staring them in the face.

There are no easy solutions to these problems. The civilizational decline is difficult to reverse, and our downward spiral is hastening severely under the Biden regime. The only lasting and sustainable solution is American Orbánism. It is a national policy that incentivizes natalism. It is populist America First conservatives rejecting the free market orthodoxy pushed by the astroturfed network of oligarch-funded think tanks and the economists and politicians on their payroll. It is taking a hard-line position against subversive organizations funded by the radical Left, from the Open Society Foundations to Southern Poverty Law Center to the ACLU and everything in between, and revoking their taxexempt status and illicit authority. It is forming institutions that provide infrastructure to unwind the failed leftist power structure.

Our mission begins on the individual level by talking candidly about uncomfortable issues such as race, culture, nationalism, and the reality of the demographic winter upon us. We have much to learn from our Hungarian brethren. Let us start by appropriating their courage to speak freely

"The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office."

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

### Endorsement: Joseph Maffia For New York State Assembly (AD-75)



The New York Young Republican Club proudly endorses Joseph Maffia for New York State Assembly in District 75. Maffia embodies the American dream. Through hard work and determination, Maffia pulled himself and his family out of poverty. After graduating from Iona College and becoming a public accountant, Maffia joined one of the largest accounting firms and eventually started his own. Maffia worked on high-profile tax evasion cases and grew his reputation for management and organization. With years of experience, Maffia merged his own firm with a top 25 accountancy firm, Janover LLC.

Maffia's expertise in problem-solving and

economic strategy leads him to take on the challenge of fixing New York State's financial crisis once Assemblyman. Maffia states, "As a CPA and business owner, NY Economy is an important issue to me. I don't just talk about numbers, I KNOW the numbers and I hope you'll trust me to put my knowledge and experience to work". Maffia promises to fight for the reversal of such policies and instead implement economic policies to stimulate growth in all boroughs. Maffia knows that fighting crime and revitalizing neighborhoods is essential to New York's recovery post-pandemic.

Maffia recognizes that the quality of life in his district has been falling, and is ready to bring creative solutions to the New York State

Assembly. Maffia seeks to address the severe rise in crime and homelessness plaguing each of the boroughs. Maffia credits the disastrous no cash bail reform policies of the New York democrats and lack of mental health and addiction treatment and prevention programs for the steep decline in quality of life. Maffia promises to push to "reinstate cash bail for repeat offenders of nonviolent felonies and more serious crimes. There needs to be a better balance of bail for first-time offenses versus repeat offenders."

Additionally, Maffia recognizes the power of art to heal communities and inspire the youth. Maffia successfully implemented the arts and culture line on the 2022 New York ballot because he firmly believes 'art saves lives'. The New York Young Republican Club strongly urges all New York voters to support Joseph Maffia for New York Assembly in District 75.

## **Endorsement: Benine Hamdan For Congress** (NY-10)

The New York Young Republican Club is proud to endorse Benine Hamdan for Congress in New York's tenth district. Born and raised in Brooklyn, Hamdan attended FDR High School in Mapleton and graduated from St. John's University in Queens. Hamdan developed a passion and talent for public service during her education. She began her career as a risk analyst of public infrastructure projects to improve the economies of communities abroad. Hamdan is now a partner at an investment firm, and she often manages economic improvement projects.

Hamdan has guided long-term public infrastructure projects abroad, and promises to apply these skills at home once in Congress.

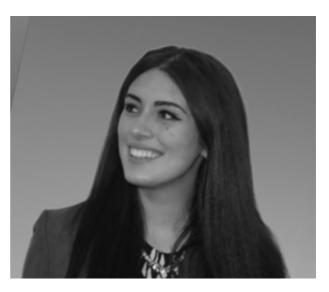
Her expertise in managing project budgets will allow her to utilize public expenditure to stimulate growth in New York's tenth district. Through her unique perspective, Hamdan will improve the quality of life in her district through strategically investing in her communities' children, parents, and neighborhoods.

Hamdan, like many New Yorkers, is horrified by the rise in random acts of violence throughout New York City. Hamdan reflects, "We certainly cannot rely on Jerry mander... I mean Jerry Nadler. While his constituents are terrified to walk down the street, Nadler has been working with our weak DA Alvin Bragg to go soft on sentences for violent crime and enact bail reform that lets criminals out of jail and back onto our streets, like the murderer who took Michelle Go's life. These disgusting and cowardly policies resulted in a 40% increase in murder, robbery, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, car theft and grand larceny compared to last year." Knowing that career politicians like Jerry Nadler put their personal career self-interests ahead of those of their constituents, Hamdan promises to fight "soft on crime" policies that continue to plague her district and the rest of the country.

As a member of Congress, Hamdan will responsibly invest in local infrastructure and support policies that incentivize finishing projects on time. Hamdan will work to end the overly political and wasteful spending on simple

projects that take decades to complete. Hamdan vows to get projects done without exorbitant costs to the American people.

The New York Young Republican Club strongly urges all NY-10 district voters to support Benine Hamdan for Congress.





### Statements

### **NYYRC** Donates To Pro-Life Organization

The New York Young Republican Club is proud to make a \$750 donation to Good Counsel Homes, a nationally recognized nonprofit leader in creating supportive residential care and community-based services for expectant and new mothers and their children.

The work of Good Counsel Homes speaks for itself. Since its founding in 1985, Good Counsel Homes has provided over 8,000 mothers and children with shelter and supportive services and facilitated nearly 1,300 births.

"We will continue to be a beacon of hope and voice for those incapable of speaking for themselves. Our work is only just beginning, and we encourage all to support the dynamic services of this amazing organization" said Gavin Wax, President of the New York Young Republican Club.

The New York Young Republican Club calls on all of our members, supporters, and advocates to support the work of Good Counsel Homes.

### Congratulations Congressman Lee Zeldin

The New York Young Republican Club congratulates Congressman Lee Zeldin on his gubernatorial primary victory last night. Now it is time to come together as one united Republican Party and take back Albany so we can begin the process of turning our city and state around and Saving New York.

Sixty percent of Republicans are allowed to be briefly disappointed if their preferred candidate did not win, but, by today, that disappointment must be translated into newfound energy to unite behind Congressman Zeldin. Zeldin's success upstate and in Long Island, as well as revitalized energy in New York City, will help us bring Republican leadership back to Albany.

Eight years of rule and low turnout and civics in New York City have taken their toll, as have over a decade of Cuomo-Hochul rule over the state. Political monopolies are bad no matter where they exist and the outcomes have been consistently trending in the wrong direction. As a post-9/11 Army Veteran, Congressman Zeldin knows what it means to sacrifice and serve the State and Country that he loves. As a family man, he knows that it is not just political, but personal when it comes to building a state that works and protects all of our children. And as a leader, at the state and federal levels he has seen firsthand the downward slide that we're on.

Republicans, young and young at heart, must congratulate Congressman Lee Zeldin on his victory, say thank you to Andrew Giuliani, Rob Astorino, and Harry Wilson for running hard-fought and spirited campaigns that contribute to the growth of the party—and now we must unite and move onward to victory. Saving New York depends on it.

Congressman Zeldin, congratulations from the New York Young Republican Club to you and your family—we're ready to help and assist in any way that we can.

"If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter." — George Washington

# Statement On Hochul's Attack On The Second Amendment

The Second Amendment protects the God-given right of every American to bear arms. 246 years ago this weekend, our Founding Fathers declared certain truths to be self-evident, including the truth that we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights. Friday, Governor Hochul signed into law an act that continues in the disgraceful tradition of the Stamp Acts and Townshend Acts, not established by our forefathers but by the very oppressive powers against which they rebelled.

It has become increasingly apparent that the Hochul and her Far-Left tyrannical sycophants within New York and across the country do not derive their power from the consent of the governed, but rather from their own self-serving ends.

and that these ends are destructive to the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness of law-abiding New Yorkers.

It is our position that Friday's legislation is unconstitutional and antithetical to the very notions of freedom that we celebrate this weekend. The New York Young Republican Club intends to continue to fight, and to fight harder than ever before, to secure these basic rights and liberties which our Governor so wantonly and carelessly dismisses.

We intend to keep arms, and we intend to bear arms. And we trust that the law will let us do so in Times Square, in Central Park, on the subway, and everywhere else in New York City.

### NYYRC Stands With Jose Alba And New Yorkers' Right To Self-Defense

The New York Young Republican Club stands fully behind Jose Alba and his right to self-defense. We applaud the statement of support and advocacy issued by the Common Sense Caucus on the New York City Council.

We are all Jose Alba. Every last New Yorker can be attacked at any moment in this city, which Bill de Blasio, Eric Adams and other Democrats have rendered a dystopia. First, the Democrats said to defund the police. Then, when they saw the polling and the election was in the rearview mirror, they shifted tactics and continued to demoralize the police and move to defund indirectly.

With every shooting and mass murder come meaningless calls for more so-called "gun control" in one of the strictest jurisdictions for firearm ownership in the country.

Progressive DA's like Alvin Bragg refuse to follow the law and operate turnstile Justice for violent criminals.

Now, faced with a clear case of self defense against a crazed maniac,

Bragg and his sordid team have moved with haste to levy obscene charges intended to instill in New Yorkers a fear of defending oneself against violent criminals. A young mother taken from her child in the middle of the day. Bodega owners—a staple New York small business, as the progressives pathetically whined last week—disrespected and ignored while criminals are elevated.

The New York Young Republican Club calls for Bragg to respect New Yorkers' right to self-defense, for a stepped up police presence throughout the City, and for everyone reading this statement to flood the NYPD with applications for conceal carry and other firearm permits. It begins there. And it moves toward getting our streets organized and making the criminals fear us again.

New Yorkers: it's your vote and it's your lives. Vote like your lives depend on it because they do. Defend yourself within the law and as the law says, and support people Jose Alba and all those who stand in defense of life and property and against lawlessness and anarchy.

### **NYYRC** Tunnel To Towers Team

Come join the New York Young Republican Club as we run/walk in support of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation on September 25, in honor of the heroes who selflessly gave their lives 21 years ago on September 11.

The Tunnel to Towers 5K Run & Walk in New York City is held each year on the last Sunday of September. What began with 1,500 people in 2002 is now one of the top 5K runs in the United States.

The Tunnel to Towers 5K symbolizes Stephen Siller's final footsteps from the foot of the Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers. It pays homage to the 343 FDNY firefighters, law enforcement officers, and thousands of civilians

who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Author and family friend Jay Price wrote: "Every momentous event, even a tragedy, has its symbolic figures. September 11 was no different; it had a few more. Rudy Giuliani, Father Mychal Judge, the four guys on United Flight 93 ... a hundred more ... a thousand. None bigger than Stephen Siller, whose stature only grows with time as New Yorkers and people from around the world follow his footsteps."

Proceeds from the event support the Tunnel to Towers Foundation programming, which includes supporting first responders and catastrophically injured service members.

# One Year After The Fall Of Kabul – Statement From a Post-9/11 Veteran

One year ago today, Kabul fell and the Taliban completed its takeover of Afghanistan.

13 US service members died in the tumult of the fall of Afghanistan, bringing an ignominious end to the two-decade-long war's final hours. Hundreds of American citizens were left behind in Afghanistan, and, today, many remain unaccounted for.

Each of these facts alone is enough to make August 15, 2021 one of the most tragically shameful moments in US foreign policy history.

But it was the callous indifference from Joe Biden
—his statements that "that was four or five days

ago", his refusal to take any responsibility, and the naked exposure of his campaign lies on governing with accountability—that made this one of the most shameful moments in the history of American foreign policy.

Since then, credible deterrence has been lost, Communist China and the Russian Federation are emboldened and adopting aggressive posture, and no one fears Joe Biden or takes him seriously.

But hey, at least we don't have mean tweets, right?



### 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, untrammeled 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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