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## Letter from the Design Chairwoman: Design Your Cultural Weapons of War!



The propagation of the Left's cultural hegemony is often attributed - not incorrectly - to mainstream media outlets spewing leftist talking points as fact, painting obvious bias with the glittery brushstrokes of "equality" or "inclusion" to make their ideas easy for the casual media consumer to get behind. As conservatives, we all know and reject this. But what we may find difficult is fighting the social media culture wars that dominate our national psyche.

One sees it all over Instagram: half-hearted slacktivists posting infographics on their Stories, promoting the latest leftist propaganda without a thought or care because it's been handed to them on a silver platter. It's been neatly packaged for them into their personal aesthetic of choice and, best of all, it makes them look like they're contributing something substantial to the conversation while expending the most minimal effort possible. It seems stupid, but it

works: the messages continue spreading, posts are shared thousands upon thousands of times, and the messages spread just as the elites want it to be. So, how do we fight it?

Conservatives have had trouble fully grasping the art of aesthetics that the Left mastered years ago. We've been slow in grasping the youth vote because of this lag. Although young people may be rabid consumers of all things media-related, they're also media snobs - don't expect them to willingly swallow what they deem to be hackneyed, out-of-touch, or just downright cringeworthy. To make our message translate, we must seek to present it in a way that feels like art. It must feel like something worthwhile - not overly academic, but rather soul-stirring and relatable. Monopolizing on emotion always yields better results than appealing to rationality. The Left knows this and they use it accordingly.

It is my strong belief that this shouldn't be a hard feat for us by any means. Conservatives are naturally more in touch with the merits of classical beauty, whether in architecture or in landscape, so it should be no surprise or challenge to tailor our message into something beautiful. As Design Chairwoman of the NYYRC, it's been my goal to divorce the conservative image from the boomer-ish imagery of yesteryear. That certainly has its place, but tapping into the nihilistic quest for meaning and beauty that dominates the psyche of the youth will yield us victory for years to come.

So my rallying cry to you is this: Share your ideas, and share them BEAUTIFULLY!

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## Opinions

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# History Proves That Trump's Third Run Could Be His Strongest Yet

*By: Troy M. Olson and Gavin M. Wax*



In between all the poll reading, interpreting, and the millions of words spent on commentary and forecasting, analysis of the 2024 presidential election could be best foreseen the same way 2016 could have been, through the lens of history. History is often our best guide and would have seen us past the hysteria of the moment in 2016 and reminded us that “successor” elections (i.e., elections where the incumbent party in power must get re-elected but with a new candidate, a successor) are the hardest ones to win in presidential politics. Just ask Hillary Clinton, John McCain, Al Gore, Hubert Humphrey, Richard Nixon in 1960. Since the time of Franklin Roosevelt, only Harry Truman (then already a president for three plus years and more accurately an incumbent) and George H.W. Bush were elected in “successor” elections for their party. History also tells us that incumbent presidents usually win re-election. That bodes well for Joe Biden, doesn't it? Not so fast. In what is shaping up to be a re-match of 2020, unless something dramatically shifts in the next six months, we have a few different historical lessons that better inform 2024.

### The Re-Run

Three times in post-Civil War American history and five times overall, the primary two candidates

have done a rematch or a re-run election. In 1900, incumbent President William McKinley dispatched his Democratic challenger William Jennings Byran in a similar fashion as 1896, and in 1956, President Dwight Eisenhower and Democratic challenger Adlai Stevenson re-ran nearly the same election as 1952. In 1828 Andrew Jackson easily defeated incumbent president John Quincy Adams after the controversial 1824 result, and in 1892, Grover Cleveland defeated incumbent president Benjamin Harrison after a very close 1888 result, part of a series of close elections in the last quarter of the 19th century. Ask yourself whether Biden resembles McKinley, who found a way to add to the Republican coalition that had barely been winning elections in the years prior. Is he a national hero like Eisenhower? Or does he resemble the shaky coalitional foundations of one-term presidents Quincy Adams and Harrison?

### The Comeback

If Donald Trump succeeds at winning back the presidency in 2024, he will join a list of one – Grover Cleveland, who was both the 22nd and 24th president. In returning to the presidency, Cleveland was aided along with a significant third-party vote from the Populist Party candidate James Weaver. This significant third-party vote,

This significant third-party vote, regardless of where its ideological orientations lie, tends to complicate re-election matters for the party that is in the White House. This is one reason why the third party challenge, along with the primary challenge, is one of Professor Allan Lichtman's thirteen keys to the White House that, if turned, plays against the incumbent party in the White House. Like in 2016, and unlike in 2020, a significant primary and third-party challenge is looking likely, and this will play against the incumbent while Trump's third coalition holds strong. In fact, Trump's third run looks to be following Grover Cleveland and Richard Nixon's third run, which were the most robust manifestations of their coalitions through the electoral college and in the popular vote in Nixon's case.

### **The Third Run is the Strongest Coalition**

Even in a close loss by just over 40,000 voters across three states, Trump managed to increase his raw vote total by 11 million voters to 74 million, the largest ever received by an incumbent president. He grew his percentage total to 46.80% from 45.93%. Biden's win margin was more or less

decided by the third-party voters from 2016 breaking his way. As discussed, if that third party vote, whether for Green Party candidate Cornel West or a potential No Labels candidate (who have claimed if it were a Biden-Trump rematch, they'd run a candidate), breaks above 5 percent, Biden is going to have to make some new history if he's going to get re-elected. Before even getting into voter sentiments on the economy, inflation, immigration, crime, foreign policy, and the overall direction of the country, or the fact that Donald Trump has never polled this well against either Joe Biden or Hillary Clinton – Trump is up 0.6 in the RealClearPolitics polling average as of July 3, 2023 – a look at history and the key test of Trump being the only politician in America who can draw big crowds and assemble a coalition that has shown up for him by a larger margin every time in two, and possibly soon, three elections, and you have potential for Trump's third run being his strongest one yet. President Trump would take a page from Democrats Andrew Jackson and Grover Cleveland, and Republican Richard Nixon, in capturing the White House in a historic third run that proves to be the most potent version of the Trump populist-conservative coalition that is remaking American politics.

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## Dispatch from the Swamp: The House is Not Enough

*By: Viswanag B. Burra*

As August Recess approaches a close in the House of Representatives, it's back to business to finish out the last third of the legislative calendar year for the 118th Congress. In retrospect, it feels like D.C. itself is back to business as usual even though Republicans wrangled control of the People's House in 2022. Spending is still out of control, the national crises keep stacking, and there's no shortage of fist-waving and shouting for the cameras from most of Congress, the Senate, the White House, and the numerous agencies, businesses, and bureaucracies that make up the faceless fiefdoms that constitute the power structures holding up the Swamp we call D.C.

The so-called leader of our nation, the illegitimate usurper Joe Biden, and his family of criminal miscreants have thoroughly abdicated their duties

to this nation a long time ago, and that has only resulted in them being rewarded with the highest office in the land, whether they legitimately won it or not (they didn't). Now, we watch as they destroy norms and precedents while media liars repeat that "the adults are back" and the "return to normalcy" is going just smoothly. Meanwhile, the Oval Office has been captured by faceless handlers and globalist interests, and the Regime at large is completely aware of the dire danger it faces from patriots across the nation with their eyes wide open to the destruction the Left and its agents in the Regime have wrought upon our beloved nation. With all of this clear as day to our enemies, Joe Biden, still the face of the decrepit establishment Regime occupying our capital, has launched an unprecedented assault on the one man who can not just defeat him, but perhaps

continue the legacy of purging the bad actors in our system by “Draining the Swamp” and flooding the zone with patriots who are aligned with the America First vision millions of us shocked the world with in 2016: President Donald J. Trump.

We may have celebrated the sugar high of winning the House in 2022, but, clearly, this has only escalated the Regime’s attacks on our nation and its greatest patriots. The lesson here is simple: The House is not enough. 2024 presents us with a great opportunity to build on this momentum by keeping the House, perhaps grab the Senate, but most importantly, to get President Donald J. Trump back into the White House to deliver the retribution that is long overdue to the those who have not just ignored the concerns of Americans everywhere, but also have weaponized the very tools that are meant to keep Americans safe to persecute other citizens to levels we have never seen—I don’t believe we have even the seen the final depths of that depravity.

With now the fourth indictment of President Trump, the message should be clear as day to us as well. If we don’t win big in November 2024 and absolutely crush the tyranny being leveled against us once we do win, we will have no country left worth saving. America hangs on by a thread now

and we have officially become a third-world country with the banana republic-style politics the Democrats and the Left have deployed when given power. We must give everything we have to deliver on this result. As Young Republicans, it is we who stand to lose the most if we squander our inheritance because of apathy or complacency. The moment demands more from us now than ever before. Where perhaps the significance of these demands are comparable to the Founding Fathers’ mission.

Let us not forget what was required of them then. Let us not ignore what is required of us now.



## A Second Trump Term Can Walk Us Back From The Brink of War

*By: Troy M. Olson and Gavin M. Wax*

Voters should remember that a President’s role is primarily foreign affairs, which includes trade and border security. In 2016, and today, President Trump is the only candidate that has consistently focused on what the actual job of the president is, rather than what those with outsized influence want it to be.

President Trump is the first president to start no new wars since Jimmy Carter. Like Carter, he also affected a Middle East peace deal with Israel — not just one of them, but four. Arguably the first realist president since Richard Nixon, Trump’s combination of unpredictability enforced by blunt and brutal talk, credible military deterrence reinforced through a more robust military that was less used and overstretched, and a genuine

and authentic desire to be a peace-maker created a moment in time for cooperation and peace through strength. Unfortunately, under Biden, the promise of peace has become a Shakespearean tragedy when considering our present dilemma in Europe and East Asia.

When President Biden ordered about the “woke-ification” of the military, and nearly as much annual funding going to the war in Ukraine as the VA receives to care for our veterans, it’s not surprising that more and more military families are telling the next generation to opt-out. 3,000 troops pulled from the Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve systems the other week, a collective “here we go” and “I told you so” went up throughout the post-9/11 veteran community.

After two years of missed recruitment goals, a stream of stories about the “woke-ification” of the military, and nearly as much annual funding going to the war in Ukraine as the VA receives to care for our veterans, it’s not surprising that more and more military families are telling the next generation to opt-out.

From the failure of credible deterrence in Ukraine to the disastrous and shameful events of the last days of America’s longest war in Afghanistan, the Biden regime has executed one foreign policy disaster after another, apologizing for our values and projecting weakness onto the world stage. The same failed foreign policy establishment that brought you the Iraq War, the Iran Deal, and the integration of climate hawkishness added onto the chicken-hawk policies of the last few decades no doubt will trot out poll after poll showing how much our allies do not want President Trump back in office. It is worth remembering that President Trump humiliated those same allies on the world stage when he told them exactly what would happen, given their energy dependence on Russian gas in combination with their John Kerry-esque climate policies.

President Trump also criticized our European NATO allies for failing to contribute their fair share to the organization, which only eight have. So while the media floats ridiculous statements about the “adults” being back in charge, the reality on the ground tells another story, and the record of President Trump, if attached to a Democrat, would be Nobel Prize-worthy. Unfortunately, we don’t live in a society where Republicans can win the Nobel Peace Prize anymore, no matter what the record shows. And the record on foreign affairs from 2017 to 2021 was imposing.

After thousands of American casualties under Republican President George W. Bush and Democratic President Barack Obama across an array of countries under the overly broad Authorization for Use of Military Force of 2001, President Trump’s four years in office were a welcome respite for America’s military, which is one of the last institutions our society that consistently has over 50 percent approval from the American people. Under President Trump, there were just 131 troops killed, and it could have been even less if Deep State bureaucrats hadn’t tried to thwart his every move.

The threat of impending war that liberal media pundits warned about during Trump’s 2016 election has, in fact, taken place under Biden. Such sentiments always spoke to the fundamental, between those who set the foreign policy agenda and those with the increasingly impossible task of implementing it. The troops had been at war for years already, and reading the coastal elites’ reactions to the most significant political upset and shakeup of our lives — one military and veterans voted for in large majorities — was confirmation of this divide, disconnect and disregard between the public and America’s military.

Under Biden, America, and the world have become a more dangerous place, and if this situation continues, even two decades’ worth of courageous post-9/11 veterans recalled back into service won’t be enough to deal with the disastrous consequences of the worst Commander-in-Chief since Lyndon Johnson. President Biden, long a windbag and gaffe machine, has twice incompetently given away the farm in the Ukraine conflict: first around the initial incursion-welcoming statement from Biden during the press conference that preceded the outbreak of hostilities, and again this past week, with the admission that America is running low on ammunition. For all the proclamations of “decency” being back in the White House from America’s full-court press, this is now an administration that one year ago reiterated the *jus in bello* standard that over one hundred countries hold regarding the usage of cluster munitions but now is sending cluster munitions to the most significant land war in Europe since the Second World War. Unless you live under a rock and want to remain there, you must acknowledge that we’re in a very tough situation.

Trump promises to extradite America from this blank-check war spending situation and potential escalation within 24 hours. It won’t happen that fast, but if it occurred in 25, that would be the corporate media headline. Still, Trump’s remarkable resilience and strength in the wake of impossible odds, and his much-ignored philosophy of realism and restraint in foreign affairs are badly needed in the White House.

The choice is clear, and the path to peace over war is still open if we, the people, want it.

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## Ask the EC: Treasurer Claire E. Walsh

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**Q: What is your daily routine as a Dog Mom to your sweet puppy Pegasus?**

Pegasus likes to sleep in. When she finally wakes up, we go through a pretty typical NYC dog routine. She stretches, I say “biiiig stretch” and then I put the leash on her for our morning stroll. She then sprints back to the apartment for breakfast. She spends the day, likely laying on some dirty laundry, dreaming of peanut butter and back scratches. We go for a post-work stroll around 6 and she is re-energized for her hearty chicken and rice kibble dinner. When her tail starts moving like a helicopter, we know dad is almost home and she is ready to greet him with both front paws in the air. Pegasus is such a good girl!

**What is NYYRC’s budget?**

Our budget revolves around the annual goals we set for our business units. We bring in revenue through three main channels: membership dues, event profit and donations. Our costs include things like event expenses, clubhouse rent and technology fees. We want to reach as many new members as we can, put on as many quality events as possible and drive opportunities for generous donors to contribute to our cause. Our overarching goal isn’t to make money, but rather to have the proper resources available to continuously enhance the member experience.

**Q: What are some upcoming events you’re most looking forward to?**

I’m looking forward to more of our industry networking events this year. I’m fascinated by all industries and love to learn from our members about the latest trends in their industry.

**Q: What has been your favorite event while you have been on the board?**

My favorite event while on the board was the Great Gatsby Social in the summer of 2021. We all dressed up like the roaring 1920s and it reminded me of theme parties back in my sorority days at the University of Arkansas. Our Board of Governors is sort of like a co-ed political fraternity. We use our complementary skill sets to help further our mission, all while forming relationships that are sure to last a lifetime.

**Q: What Lana del Rey song is the best?**

It’s you, it’s you, it’s all for you... Video Games.

**Q: What’s really going on in Antarctica?**

Probably a massive laboratory for testing vaccines on animals.

**Q: How can individual members support the NYYRC’s fundraising goals for 2023?”**

We’re all about building out our network here, and we mostly do that through word of mouth and social media. It’s important our members are well-versed in what we stand for and what we offer, so everyone feels empowered to spread the word about us. I encourage everyone to visit our website to learn more. If you know of anyone that would be interested in contributing, please pass along their information to myself or another Executive Committee member. If you would like to have a more direct impact as a member of the Fundraising committee, please reach out to [fundraising@nyyrc.com](mailto:fundraising@nyyrc.com)!

## Statements

# Save the Boer



On July 29, 90,000 supporters of the Marxist-Leninist Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) party in South Africa sang “Kill the Boer” in their tribal tongue at the 10th anniversary rally of the third-largest party in both houses of the South African Parliament. Some lyrics of this chant include “shoot shoot, shoot the Boer, shoot shoot, the cowards are scared, shoot shoot”, accompanied with war shrieks like those from the 1964 film *Zulu*—clear homicidal ideation for the rising tide of machete-wielding butchers intent on raiding Afrikaner farms and murdering the innocent white South African population. Leading this rally was Julius Malema, known for his calls to “cut the throat of whiteness” and to expropriate white land throughout his faltering nation. Shaka Zulu would sneer at the ignoble state of his free-loading descendants.

Look upon the White Cross Monument of Plaasmoede, which commemorates over 2,500 murdered white farmers. AfriForum, a civil rights NGO established to represent and protect the Afrikaner population, recently published a report tallying 333 farm attacks and 50 farmers killed last year. These represent just a subset of the homicides taking place in South Africa, where an average 75 people of any color are killed daily. In 2022, homicide numbers peaked with 7,000 people murdered in 3 months. Arrests remain low as an apathetic and incompetent government led by the African National Congress rules like Nero over what was once a thriving first world colony nation, now transformed into a failed state.

It is no secret that the end of the Afrikaner farmers in South Africa will mean an end to infrastructure in the country, where power plants continue to struggle and the 90%+ black population continues to rely on the remaining white population for its food production. On its current trajectory, South Africa is destined to go the way of Rhodesia and become a second Zimbabwean nightmare, with hungry children stacking bricks of hyper-inflated money somehow higher than they were ever stacked in Weimar Germany. Elon Musk, a native of South Africa, has called attention to the plight of his Afrikaner brethren on social media, and we note that his wealth may be put to good use in equipping the Afrikaners to defend themselves in the inevitable Bush War that appears to be on the horizon in South Africa.

The mainstream response to Musk’s X post underscores the pathetic state of discourse on the South African state’s complicity with violence against its white minority. The *New York Times* claimed that “historians and the left-wing politician who embraces [“Kill the Boer”] say it should not be taken literally.” It goes without saying that what “historians” and an untrustworthy “left-wing politician” say has little value. Even barring the obvious intent behind the mass singing of “Kill the Boer,” its effect has been plain. In recent weeks, there has been a material and horrifying spike in attacks.

The New York Young Republican Club, a longtime friend of AfriForum, stands united with the Afrikaners and denounces the rabid, genocidal EFF and all of its fellow travelers in the Republic of South Africa. May God be with the hardworking and imperiled South African farmers!

We look forward to welcoming former-AfriForum Deputy CEO Dr. Ernst Roets, who is now Head of Policy for the Solidarity trade union in South Africa, back to New York soon for updates on this tragic and perilous situation.



# Third Try Is NOT The Charm, Joe

“For if Men are to be precluded from offering their Sentiments on a matter, which may involve the most serious and alarming consequences, [...] the freedom of Speech may be taken away, and, dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep, to the Slaughter.”

This month, the Biden Regime showed us how seriously they will combat their lawful opposition. They will not stop, they will not be silent, and they will not recognize the rational precedents that justify their opponents' actions.

The distorted legal calisthenics applied by the Department of Justice to contrive yet another roadblock for President Donald J. Trump's return to the White House will sicken anyone who trusts in the rule of law or a system of unbiased justice. Beyond that, it leaves no doubt in the minds of fair-thinking Americans that the regime controlling our country is intent on destroying our way of life to usher in a horrific era of authoritarianism under which everyone not marching to the drums of the WOKE will be hunted down, imprisoned, and summarily executed.

Suppose Democrats are so confident that Biden “won” the 2020 election (as has been broadly recognized domestically and internationally. Why are they so intent on imprisoning the leader of his opposition? Why are they singularly focused on presenting a dishonest portrayal of an event that federal agents themselves instigated?

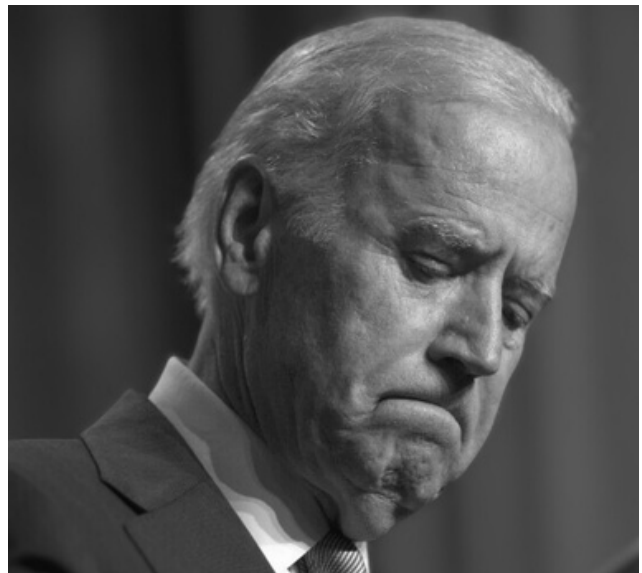
This is only the beginning. The latest indictment of President Donald J. Trump is simply the precursor to the leftist authoritarians' next step: making certain that the next presidential election and future elections for Congress are not free and fair. A Deep State junta is maneuvering to ensure the American electoral process returns only convenient results, one that is “safe for democracy” on their terms. They fully expect to return to office through a staged and farcical voting process.

The hypocrisy of the Democrats' position is not lost on the American public. The corrupt Biden

justice warriors indicted Trump under novel legal reasoning that he undermined the integrity of the nation's election process, yet the indictments are intended to serve the very same purpose: to keep Trump out of the White House. It is the Department of Justice, in particular the FBI, who have spent the last several years undermining our democracy, beginning with trying to overturn Trump's 2016 election victory with the greatest hoax in our political history—the Russian collusion hoax.

Of course, the timing of Jack Smith's latest indictment is no coincidence. A Trump indictment drops every time the Biden Crime Family gets exposed. But it's also campaign season, which is why the Washington tyrants waited two years after the election integrity protests on January 6 to indict him on these latest charges. Now, they've “randomly” assigned the case to a non-American-born, Obama-appointed judge with a track record of unfairly punishing January 6 protesters.

The power-hungry Democrats flooded our three-letter agencies with political hitmen to destroy the lives of anyone who opposes their cultural revolution. The Left is the party of corruption. Right now, they're playing political lawfare, but soon, our three-letter agencies will roll out the armed stasi to keep their subjects in line.

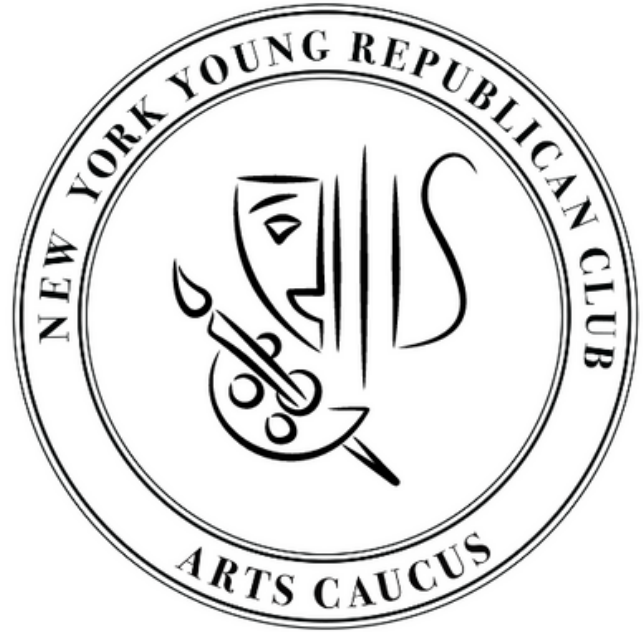


# Announcing our New Arts Caucus!

Calling all arts professionals, hobbyists, and enthusiasts! Join us in celebrating the newly-established NYYRC Arts Caucus at our launch social on September 6th. Learn more about the caucus, meet fellow club members in the arts, and enjoy an evening of food, drink, and mingling - with some special performances.

The Arts Caucus was established to represent Club members involved in the arts, including music, dance, film, theater, visual, and literary arts. We seek to advance conservative values and representation in the arts through arts-focused events and initiatives. Arts professionals, hobbyists, and enthusiasts are all welcome.

The establishment of the Arts Caucus will be the 9th caucus of the many subgroups we have to offer, allowing our members of all different backgrounds to find their specific niche within the NYYRC.



## NYYRC Condemns the Destruction of Arlington National Cemetery Memorial

The New York Young Republican Club condemns the planned removal of the Confederate Memorial from Arlington National Cemetery. The Department of Defense and Arlington National Cemetery are fast approaching disgrace and sacrilege, as the Department has slated January 1, 2024 as the removal deadline for this historic memorial, which stands 32 feet tall among the graves of Confederate troops fallen in the Civil War.

The beautiful Confederate Memorial was erected in 1914 by the Jewish sculptor Moses Jacob Ezekiel, who considered it the “crowning achievement” of his career, and it has stood as a depictive memorial to American history and a reverential tribute to the more than 250,000 Confederate soldiers killed during the War of the States. Ezekiel also sculpted the 1893 World’s Columbian Exhibition Christopher Columbus statue, which

stands to this day in Arrigo Park, Chicago, and the famous Religious Liberty statue, which now stands at the National Museum of American Jewish History. Ezekiel was the Michelangelo of his day, taking up a longtime studio in Rome and producing dozens of beautiful and now irreplaceable works of art.

The Confederate Memorial was erected when many veterans were still alive, and it served as an important healing tribute in post-war reconciliation. One must remember both sides of any conflict; any tampering with this tombstone, whose dead can no longer speak for themselves, is both sacrilegious and cowardly. It is also fundamentally un-American, demonstrating no tolerance or allowance for free speech.

That the American government now seeks to destroy this great sculptor’s finest work speaks to

the craven and sordid mindset that infects its leadership and bureaucracy.

The Department of Defense has claimed this statue “offers a nostalgic, mythologized vision of the Confederacy,” clearly (and likely intentionally) missing the memorial’s spiritual, historical, and artistic significance. The Department wishes to tear open old wounds and trod on the graves of fallen Americans. The New York Young Republican Club condemns this callous and ugly behavior, which amounts to the un-personing of generations of American citizens.

This is the same Department of Defense that sports infamous weirdos like “Public Health” admiral “Rachel” Levine and Shawn Skelly, the “Assistant Secretary of Defense for Readiness,” among others. Over their tenure, the United States has become less healthy and ready, with these so-called leaders violating intrinsically the common military motto of a sound mind in a sound body. Such unsound minds in unsound bodies now seek to tarnish the great cultural artifacts, upend our heritage, and defile the graves of those great men who came before them.

This intended action mirrors grave desecrations in foreign nations, from Spain’s obscene expulsion of Francisco Franco from his long-term place of rest to the ongoing vandalism in Zimbabwe of Cecil Rhodes’s mountaintop tomb. All deserve round condemnation.

The New York Young Republican Club encourages continued resistance to the destruction of this important piece of art, history, and heritage. We call for the pursuit of its permanent preservation through legislative action.



*"The man who reads nothing at all is better educated than the man who reads nothing but newspapers." – Thomas Jefferson*

# 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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