

Will the Republicans Really Win Back the Congress?

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American Greatness

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The late spring scenario of a massive GOP win—in historic proportions analogous to 1938, 1994, or 2010—is said now to be “*iffy*.”

The Left boasts that it now has a chance at keeping the House, with even better odds for maintaining control over the Senate.

Polls are all over the place. Now they show generic Republican leads, now Democratic.

The general experience in polling is that they are more often conducted by left-leaning institutions and massaged to show Democratic “*momentum*.”

Since the polling meltdown of 2016—when most polls showed a Hillary Clinton Electoral College landslide—they have regained little credibility.

Current progressive heartthrob and spoiler Representative Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) was polled at only 20 percent behind in her recent primary—only to be crushed in the end, losing by over 37 percent.

The corporate leftist media does its part by glorifying a now dynamic “*Aviator Joe*.”

Biden in cool sunglasses is now constructed into a swaggering “*Top Gun*” Tom Cruise-like figure, rather than a cognitively challenged 79-year-old.

Biden’s just passed reconciliation Inflation Reduction Act, according to most experts, will raise taxes even on the middle class and spur inflation. So, the media euphemistically renames it a “*climate change bill*.”

With a stroke of his pen before the midterms, Biden forgives \$300 billion in student debt—without a care for the dutiful who paid their loans off or those who did not go to college but will now pay for those that did.

If inflation is running at 8.5 percent over last July’s prices, the White House giddily announces inflation is “*zero*” because it did not climb at 9.1 percent over 2021 prices—as it did in June.

That’s like saying someone entombed in a sinkhole 10 feet below ground is no longer trapped at all since he floated up one foot since falling.

In California, when \$6.50 a gallon gas dipped last month to \$5.50 a gallon, Biden pronounced the end of high energy costs. He forgets that during his watch, gas prices doubled and remain \$2.50 a gallon higher than they were on Inauguration Day.

Despite the propaganda, the Republicans seem confident nonetheless because of the dismal 40 percent approval ratings of Joe Biden and his even less popular agenda.

Crime is out of control. The Left blew up the southern border. Biden has waged war on energy production and deliberately spiked gas costs.

Foreign policy is in shambles. Racial relations are scary. Historically, presidents are shellacked in their first midterms.

So, there should be a Republican tsunami.

But will there be?

So far, the Republicans have not nationalized congressional races with a uniform Contract with America, an agenda that they will seek to enact the moment they take Congress.

If all Republican candidates run on what the Left has done to America in less than two years and offer a systematic corrective, they will win. If they get bogged down in the 24-hour news cycle they will flounder.

Conservatives seem oblivious to the current left-wing strategy. That is odd since it is unchanged since the Russian collusion hoax and the psychodramatic Ukrainian phone call impeachment.

The left-wing playbook is based on two pillars: the FBI raid on Donald Trump's home, the January 6 "*insurrection*" investigation—and selective daily leaking about both.

About every week, in efforts at mass distraction from the dismal record of Joe Biden, we will hear of a new “*bombshell*” and “*walls-are-closing-in*” Justice Department or FBI leak to an obsequious media.

In 24-hour cycles, we will hear more about how Donald Trump supposedly stole “*nuclear secrets*”!

And “*informed but anonymous sources insist*” that Trump is trying to sell memorabilia. Or is Trump trying to hide January 6 evidence at his home? Or was it those Russian collusion files?

Sanctimonious Attorney General Merrick Garland will fight tooth and nail not to release an unredacted historic fishing-expedition affidavit for a warrant to meander through the closets of the Trump home. But he certainly will redact—and leak.

The January 6 committee will continue to subpoena and flip witnesses with threats of indictments, certain doom before biased Washington, D.C. juries, and crushing legal bills.

Between the raid and the star-chamber House inquiry, we are supposed to forget unaffordable gas and food, dangerous U.S. cities, over 3 million people swarming the border, and the Afghanistan debacle.

Big Tech in November as in 2020 will again flood registrars with billions of dollars in dark money—while denying it.

They will censor and expunge anything unflattering to the Left on social media—and claim they do not.

The Left will systematically try to ensure that, as in 2020, only 30 percent of the electorate vote in person on election day—as they plead they are underfunded and disorganized.

Yet if the Republicans advance a coherent national plan of action to restore a pre-Biden America, if Donald Trump will focus positively on national issues and not take the bait to obsess on the wrongs done to him, and if grass-roots conservatives this time around prepare to preempt massive left-wing vote harvesting, they will achieve their blowout.

But that is a lot of ifs. And meanwhile, time grows short.

**Tit for Tat?
What a policy!
Revenge is sweet, but a smoothly operating
government so much more rewarding.**

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When my younger brother and I were riding in the backseat of the family sedan, back in the 1940s, our parents had to physically separate us because we would get into fights. Each one would be banned to a corner. To this day I remain amazed at

the patience and tolerance of my parents who managed to maintain their love for us despite our efforts to disrupt family trips.

I see the same type of conduct today, both real and threatened, between the two political parties. Way back when my brother and I were fighting, the turmoil disrupted the family journey, distracted whoever was driving, sometimes required a complete cessation of the trip to deal with the fighting, certainly was distressful to my parents, and, of course, never really settled anything between us two kids. Time, years, in fact, took care of the problem and the two of us get along quite nicely at present.

For the past few years, the Democratic Party has been attacking the Republican Party, publicly and privately, with energy and dedication that is almost embarrassing. In 2016 Donald Trump, a Republican, was elected President, beating the Democratic candidate. From before the election, when there was the usual give-and-take of political fighting, to the present time (after the next Democratic candidate prevailed over Trump in the 2020 election) the Democrats have maintained a steady campaign of attack and accusations and blaming (for everything from white supremacy to causing climate change) Trump, all his iterations and all his followers; Donald Trump the individual, Trump the presumed standard bearer of the Republican Party, all those who voted for Trump in the past two national elections and all who profess to support Trump at present and anyone who dares claim adherence to the Republican Party.

Trump won the 2016 election through the Electoral College. The Dems want to abolish the electoral college and let a simple majority of voters elect the President (the number of voters in the major coastal cities of this country is sufficient to

make an electing majority). Trump, during his Presidency, appointed two Justices to the US Supreme Court. This made the majority of Justices, appointees of Republican Presidents. The Dems want to increase the number of Justices to at least 11, permitting the current sitting US President the opportunity to appoint two Justices...thus making the majority of Justices Democrat appointees. Federal law specifies a process for potential immigrants to become citizens but the Democrat Administration of President Biden has virtually opened the southern border and allowed roughly three million immigrants to enter the country, has bussed, flown, and otherwise transferred these undocumented (and illegal entrants) people to many cities where Republican voters predominate. The further plan is apparently to give “*amnesty*” (i.e., an excuse for otherwise illegal entry into our country) and voting privileges to these immigrants who, so the assumption goes, will be so grateful [for being admitted to and canonized as citizens of the USA] they will vote Democrat.

During Trump’s Presidency the Democrats devoted much time and energy to marginally voting to impeach him and after he was voted out of office have continued to spend much time and energy (and money) on the so-called Jan-6 investigation in the so-far vain hopes of finding that scintilla of evidence that will forever bury him from again holding office.

As we contemplate the current political climate (“*current*” meaning now as we are a little more than two months away from the mid-term elections and what looks like an ultimate Republican control of Congress) we are hearing promises, threats, statements of intention from Republicans that PAY-BACK IS COMING, that [presumably] when Republicans take over Congress they will begin a campaign of retribution, of revenge, of tit-for-tat.

We are hearing “*promises*” that miscreants in the current Democrat Administration will be investigated, will be impeached, will not merely be thwarted in their evil ways but will be somehow punished for their multiple transgressions against the traditional concepts of good governance and [sorry, couldn’t resist using this word] polite politics!

While such “*threats*” might all be well and good, they do not ring true when considering the concepts of good government. Unquestionably the Democrats wasted millions of dollars and months attacking (and continuing to attack) Trump. Now we are hearing the Republicans promising to do the same thing all over again...only this time against selected Democrat demons. How is this going to serve the country?

The Democrats or at least this Democrat Administration has passed laws, issued executive orders, and directed the FBI and other government agencies to ignore (and attack) Constitutional directives of free speech, freedom of assembly, independence of the Judiciary, the Second Amendment as well as many of the traditional and customary (and effective) policies concerning voting and political practices and parliamentary maneuverings.

So now a potential Republican-controlled Congress will have the opportunity to right those wrongs, correct the misdirection this country has taken over the past almost two years, resurrect those governing principles that brought America to its greatness, and move the country in the direction the vast majority of honest American voters would like to see.

Now, assuming the predictions are accurate and come to pass, the Republican-controlled Congress can re-direct the miserably-conceived laws that have brought America to its knees and bring back the energy and focus of good government that we sorely lack at present.

I would be sorely disappointed to hear news broadcast and read editorials about how national Republican office-holders spin their wheels investigating and castigating former government administrators...instead of reading and hearing stories about inspiring legislation, about growing public belief in the integrity of elected representatives, about a growing reputation of our system of government and the positive and productive actions to overhaul the military mismanagement and failing national education programs and other current ills.

The present conduct of this Administration has opened the door to multiple avenues of legitimate criticism (i.e. in fields of rising crime, loss of the effectiveness of law enforcement, energy dissipation, misdirection of education, and a host of other ailments) as well as the multiple opportunities for future realignment of purpose. Let us witness a concerted national effort to re-direct past misdirections and to bring back our national pride, the reverence for tradition, and the God-given values that have helped the Nation achieve its past glories.

Anything But the Vaccine

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(Emphasis added)

My last article was about Sudden Adult Death Syndrome, SADS, which is, unfortunately, afflicting more and more people across our country. However, there is an even more pervasive syndrome that is gripping the American people. This latest syndrome can be referred to as “*Anything But the Vaccine Syndrome.*” ABVS for short. ABVS is not a true medical syndrome but is one that describes people’s complete and utter denial to recognize and associate the Covid vaccines with the up-spike in deaths, injuries, and prolonged maladies that have occurred since the push began to “*vaccinate*” as many people as possible.

Since 2021, there has been a rising number of vaccine-related adverse reactions and injuries well above historical averages. The number of cardiovascular, neurological, psychological, and physiological problems have now been well-documented by numerous peer-reviewed studies to the point that it is inescapable for anyone not to conclude that the rising numbers have been caused by anything other than the vaccines.

To fairly evaluate the effects of the vaccines, we now have two very clear and distinct control groups. The first are those who have been fully or partially vaccinated. The second are the unvaccinated.

We know, and the CDC admits, that the vaccines do not prevent the spread nor stop the recipients from getting Covid. Herd immunity, the original goal, has been achieved, mostly because the vaccinated and the unvaccinated have contracted one Covid variant or another. By now, most Americans should have natural immunity.

Most of the unvaccinated contracted Covid and recovered. They now have natural immunity and are doing just fine. Call it one and done, as it should be.

More importantly, because they did not take the vaccines, by definition, have experienced zero side effects.

In contrast, the vaccinated contracted Covid but experienced longer recovery times. Many in this control group have tested positive for Covid for a second and even a third time. And the number of adverse reactions continues to climb with current numbers in the VAERS database passing 1.4 million adverse reactions, which includes 28+ thousand deaths. Of course, we know that these numbers are understated. Prominent and the bravest doctors believe the deaths and injuries to be significantly higher.

Outside of the VAERS data, there have been three specific data points that all of us should find alarming, and most Americans would be if they were more aware.

The first is that life insurance companies are reporting a 40% increase in the number of death claims for people between the ages of 18-49, the healthiest adults among us, compared to prior years. It is one thing to have slight variations from year to year, but it is a wholly different matter to have a 40% increase above the historical averages.

A myriad of causes have been attributed to this up-spike. Regardless, the clear and obvious thing that is not being tracked and intentionally not being studied is the fact that these unfortunate deaths and adverse reactions are only occurring within one control group. During the height of the pandemic, the medical community along with **big Pharma desperately sought to hide and shield the American public from the number of adverse reactions.** That behavior is continuing, assigning causation to Anything But the Vaccine. Miraculously, the actual causes

of adverse events exactly match the long list of side effects previously identified by Pfizer's recently come-to-light internal studies.

Naysayers naturally claim that correlation does not mean causation. This means that just because there is an increase in the number of people passing away and coming down with ailments that they would otherwise not normally have experienced, naysayers would claim that until properly studied, there is no way to know for certain that it was the vaccines that led to these outcomes. However, if we were to approach the situation in an intellectually honest and objective manner, anyone would realize that the sharp downturn in the health of millions of Americans has coincided with and is directly attributable to having taken the vaccines.

Second, and even more morbid datapoint, is that the **demand for the number of children's caskets has also been on the rise**. Funeral homes and morticians in the US and UK have been placing orders to casket manufacturers at rates not seen before. This is an ominous trend that so far is not slowing.

Third, every week we continue to learn about the **sudden deaths of athletes around the world**. In any given year roughly five professional athletes die on the field or on the court. But this past year has seen close to 300 athletes keel over with either serious injuries or die on the field.

It is becoming fairly common now to hold hushed conversations with friends, neighbors, family members, churchgoers, and co-workers where conversations start with something like this: Did you hear about Mary's teenage son who died? Did you hear about Bob who had a heart attack on the golf course? Did you hear

about the Smith's 10-year-old son who had a heart attack? What a shame your niece lost her baby. And so on. Maybe you have, or maybe you haven't. But these sad conversations are occurring with regular frequency.

What can we say at this point to those who insist and believe that their only avenue to protect themselves from Covid is to continue to get boosted? With **the overwhelming evidence that is and has been available proving that the Covid vaccines are dangerous, have limited efficacy, and continue to produce a potentially lethal clot-inducing spike protein for an unknown period**, it would seem inconceivable that anyone would even remotely place themselves or their loved ones at such risk.

But it does make sense if they have bought into the deceitful government and media narrative, and therefore refuse to accept that they may have made the biggest mistake of their lives.

Although thousands of people have actually died after receiving a Covid inoculation, the preponderance have not. Therefore, since many of them seem to be doing fine so far, they are not receptive to learning anything that may be bad news or paying attention to studies that may rock their world.

There are a few surveys floating around regarding whether or not the vaccinated feel any regret about their decision. These admittedly unscientific polls are still somewhat revealing in that roughly 10% of those questioned regret having taken the vaccine after learning more about its associated dangers; 25% are essentially neutral on the question, and the remaining 65% believe that undergoing the vaccine protocol was a good thing. What these numbers show is that the word is not getting out, and it will be an uphill battle to continue to raise awareness.

Our government now admits that both the unvaccinated and the vaccinated get Covid, can pass it along and that many of the measures we endured in the name of helping society to contend with the pandemic were for naught. So, our trust in what the CDC, NIH, and FDA say has been shattered. Now, we are told by these same agencies that the latest Covid variant or monkeypox is a grave threat and we should once again get jabbed -- with still who knows what; either leftovers from the Covid booster overstock sale or an altogether new vaccine. In an attempt to reassure and urge supporters to get vaccinated, Obama, Trudeau, Clinton, Pelosi, Newsom, et al, have in unison and coincidentally claimed to have tested positive for Covid, but are suffering only minor symptoms, thankfully so because they have been vaccinated. Puh-leeze.

Any vaccinated person needs to ask themselves if they believe that they are truly protected by the vaccines, why would they be concerned about having someone who is unvaccinated in their presence? **The emergency is over, the gravity of the pandemic was fabricated through the use of statistics, and fear intentionally induced millions of people to voluntarily allow themselves to be injected with the vaccines under a false impression that they were doing so for their own good.** Now, and this time around, we should all know better.

Newly concerning is the response to monkeypox, which is non-airborne and non-life threatening. This time, researchers are taking a closer look at the vaccine. Reports are surfacing that the monkeypox vaccine may indeed contain attenuated (live) smallpox virus. If so, then it becomes obvious that a relatively small monkeypox outbreak would be intentionally used to prompt another round of vaccinations that could be more dangerous and deadlier than Covid, thus producing

another “pandemic” just in time for the 2022 mid-term elections. We will have to see. But just like Covid, the wisest course would be to avoid the latest vaccine altogether.

For a long time, the unvaccinated were shamed, excluded, fired, or may have had their lives upended because they refused to take the jabs. They have resented the way they were unfairly treated. Some companies, especially in the travel and tourism industries, still maintain restrictions against the unvaccinated. Now nearly a year and a half later, although still facing some restrictions, it is clear **the unvaccinated are in a much better place and restrictions are completely unnecessary.**

Some things can be done who help those who still believe that the vaccines are in their best interest. It is incumbent upon all of us to continue to proceed with compassion. We understand that it is human nature to want to protect one’s self and loved ones. The unvaccinated must not give up and turn their backs on the vaccinated who blindly march toward the next round of vaccines and boosters, and heaven help them, vaccinate their young children.

We need to steer them toward the growing evidence to generate even the slightest doubt in their minds so they will stop self-inflicting themselves and their children, destroying their immune systems, affecting their future quality of life, and unknowingly shortening their life spans.

Anything But the Vaccine Syndrome may be difficult to overcome, but it would be far more desirable to beat ABVS than to deal with the alternative.

Hammer

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(Emphasis added)

It has been said that to a hammer, everything looks like a nail.

This comes to mind when considering the provision for 87,000 new Internal Revenue Service employees embedded in the Inflation Reduction Act with a new budget of \$80 billion with which to play. That is a big hammer. Until now, thinking about tax fraud conjures images of Al Capone or Leona Helmsley, or Enron. Why beef up the IRS when most Americans think tax fraud is unacceptable and make extreme efforts to comply with the law? Why now?

What will you look like to a new IRS investigator? You will look like a nail.

President Biden and his team have assured American citizens that the IRS is not coming after you, the ordinary joe, to audit your personal income or your small business. Secretary of The Treasury, Janet Yellen personally and specifically stated that the percentage of audits for people making less than \$400,000 or at “*the lower levels*” would not increase. To be clear that is the percentage of audits in the lower ranking, not the number of audits. This provides little comfort when the senior editor of the Federalist, David Harsanyi, recently noted that in 2021, people making less than \$25,000 were audited at a rate five times higher than everyone else. The Congressional Budget Office is also challenging the narrative that Americans making less the \$400,000 need not fear an audit. The CBO confirms that at least \$20 billion of the expected \$124 billion in revenue will be coming from more audits on low to middle-income Americans.

If the IRS does not want to audit the ordinary joe, why not simplify the tax code so joe could file it correctly?

Representative Pramila Jayapal (D. Washington, 7th district) noted in the Wall Street Journal, August 19, 2022, that “*with the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, the progressive movement..have delivered.. the largest-ever federal action on climate*”. Additionally, the IRA “*extends health care coverage for millionsthe act will finally make the wealthy pay their fair share in taxes*”. In the editorial, no mention was made of **the progressive movement’s expansion of IRS personnel and power, the largest-ever federal action on American taxpayers.**

The agents necessary to ensure compliance with the IRS will be a very big hammer indeed. The force of this blow will be felt by everyone.

Commentary by Stu Cvrk (August 15, in Epoch Times) suggests the growth of the IRS and other nationalized institutions may be the realization of President Barak Obama’s wish for a civilian national security force “*just as strong and well-funded*” as our military to achieve national security objectives. Currently, 40 federal agencies are employing 120,000 full-time armed officers on their payroll and, 2,159 are in the IRS. Contrast the increase in armed Federal agents with the call to defund and de-legitimize local law enforcement officers and the fog begins to lift.

Additionally, the expansion of the IRS employees as well as other branches of the federal government advances the coverage and clout of the National Treasury Employees Union. In 2018, 88% of the political donations from the NTEU

supported the Democrat party. This fits the political profile of most unions with contributions heavily weighted to the left. Increasing the population of federal agency workers benefits the unions, securing employment and funding the left-wing agenda. A nice insurance policy.

Key elements of the Inflation Reduction Act according to Ms. Jayapal include extending healthcare coverage, creating “*millions*” of jobs, and capping the cost of insulin for the 7 million Type 1 diabetics in the United States. She promises that future legislation will include the expansion of “*child and home care investments*” and “*immigrant justice*”. Absent from Ms. Jayapal’s editorial is any mention of funding for border security, substance abuse, violent crime, and the other assaults on our freedom and security. Reducing inflation does not get a mention.

In its entirety, the Inflation Reduction Act may be exactly what the Democrat party had in mind when the Biden-Harris ticket won the election in 2020. But the impact of expanded government and historic climate investments will be paid for by increasing personal and corporate tax liabilities. Uncle Sam really does want you! He wants your children also. The unintended consequence of the well-intentioned wishes for affordable health care and renewable energy will be an unsustainable tax burden to every American wage earner.

The expansion of the Internal Revenue Service is another consequence of this “*historic*” legislation, created to fund the \$700 billion Inflation Reduction Act. The recent raid on President Trump’s home provides a glimpse of the tactics available to a federal agency with supersized power, enabled by legal authority. Imagine defending yourself against an accusation of false filings and tax evasion. It will be a costly endeavor at best, unaffordable to most people caught up in the system. The

strong arm of justice is holding the hammer. Don't like these methods? "*Yeah, well you're not from Chicago*". Elliot Ness, *The Untouchables*