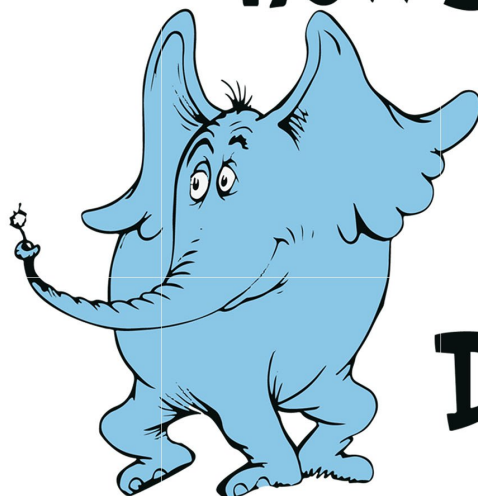


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person, no matter
how small**



Dr. Seuss

Dear Friends and Fellow Republicans

Democrats Want Us To Suffer

Last week, a horrible tragedy unfolded in the Texas city of Uvalde. For reasons we'll never understand, a young man went into a local school and murdered 19

and we must therefore start banning certain types of guns.

For the record, back when I was in school (McLean HS class of 1982), we had students all the time who drove pickup trucks and had gun racks in the backs of their Ford or Chevy pickups, and had shotguns in their vehicles while in school, and there was never a school shooting. Everyone knew they were safe inside the schools - and we never gave a 2nd thought to having long hair teens with 12 gauges in their pickup trucks.

Something has clearly changed between now and then. Or in this case, some things have changed. Here are my thoughts - take them for what you wish.

1) We were a society that grew up understanding the difference of right vs. wrong. Growing up in my day, kids (even those who were on the wrong side of the tracks) knew that certain things were to be expected of them. We didn't dare talk back to our principals, and being punished actually meant something. Parents were parents - not trying to be their kids best friends. This is important, as some parents now are more interested in being their kids buddies and pals rather than giving their children the guidance they may need later in life.

For the record, I was horribly bullied as a child - from kindergarten through HS graduation. Never once did I ever consider shooting up McLean HS. I still have a troubled relationship with many students from MHS, but never once have I considered taking out any of my classmates. But then I never thought of myself as a victim of being bullied. I used it as a reason to succeed in life. Maybe we need to also stop promoting a victimhood mentality.

2) Many if not most of the teens who go off - are on mood altering drugs. Teenagers brains are still developing, and we do not really know what the effects of drugs like Ritalin do to the teenage mind. What we do know is that these drugs have very strong effects, and that the effects of these drugs on the brain of a 17 year old. The FDA needs to do a real study on the effects of mood altering drugs on youth. And schools need to stop treating every child who isn't the best behaved as a guinea pig to experiment with these mood altering drugs.

3) We need to accept the fact that too many of these wayward children come from broken homes, where there is only 1 parent. Both fathers and mothers

get back to appreciating the "nuclear family" which is so often laughed at now.

4) Maybe - just maybe - we need to stop worshiping government and resume worshiping God. Craven politicians who only want to get elected and have power over our lives tell us that all we need to do is give up our guns and all will be fine. The government screws up most things they touch, so why should we trust them with our guns? We've taught our kids that it's ok to murder unborn babies in the womb. We're ok with giving children hormone injections to stunt growth of their vital organs, and they learn. Maybe, just maybe we need to bring God back into our Schools - instead of kicking God out of the Schools?

Gun bans will do not good, and there is much empirical evidence which shows that banning guns will only create more crime. Going back to the top, what school shooter in their right mind would have tried to shoot up McLean HS in 1981? They'd be terrified of being shot by the kids who had gun racks in their pickups.

Unless I'm very wrong, most mass shootings occur in places where guns are banned.

And we don't stop evil by teaching victimization and revenge. You stop evil by teaching forgiveness and that all life has value. Something that the left is clearly trying to stop in today's society.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Chair.

I remain

your servant

JM

S John Massoud

6th District Republican Party Chairman



Upcoming Events:

June 1 - Winchester/Frederick/Clarke GOP Women's Club Luncheon. 11 30 am, Winchester Country Club - special guest will be Kate Obenshain.

June 2 - Botetourt County GOP Meeting. 7 PM Buchanan Theater. 19778 Main Street Buchanan.

June 7 - Botetourt County Republican Women's Club Meeting - 7 PM Troutville Church of the Brethren

June 9 - Alleghany/Covington GOP will be having a Q and A session with Delegate Terry Austin. Cucci's Pizzeria start time is 6 PM.

June 15 - Chris Runion Fundraiser 5 PM - Bluestone Vineyard. Bridgewater Va

June 16 Tony Wilt Fundraiser 5 30 PM Cave Hill Farms Brewery.

June 21 - Primary Day - voting occurs at your regular voting precinct.

June 22 - Page County Golf Tournament - supporting Sheriff Chad Cabbage - Luray Caverns Country Club - 9 am.

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