

# The Delray Democrat

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## President Biden on the Attempted Overthrow of Our Democracy

*Rob Resnick*

President Biden gave an incredible speech that will likely be recognized throughout history for its critical importance.

One year after crazed criminals, terrorists, and other Trump supporters led an unprecedented insurrection, Biden spoke plainly, truthfully, and necessarily to the American people. Trump lost the election and lacks the class, character, and dignity to accept it. He was so desperate to assuage his bruised ego that he incited supporters to violence and was willing to seize power in what amounted to a coup.

Trump officials were so proud of their efforts that several have offered accounts with significant admissions that amount to serious criminality and violations of our Constitution, elections, and democracy.

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### Upcoming DCDB Meeting (7:00 PM)

**January 13, 2022**

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## “It’s the Media, Stupid”

*Michael K. Cantwell*

*What you gonna do about it, what you gonna do?  
Gonna fight it, gonna fight it?  
[Ventilator Blues](#), Rolling Stones*

“It’s the Economy, Stupid,” the meme coined in 1992 by James Carville, has had a solid run. It’s the reason Donald Trump lost in 2020, and today it is a drag on Democrats’ chances in the midterms.

*But wait!* Isn’t the economy going gangbusters, with over 6.5 million jobs created this year and the GDP estimated to hit 5.6% for the year? Isn’t child poverty projected to fall by half in 2021? Didn’t unemployment drop from 6.2% to 3.9% this year? *I know that, and you know that*, but vast numbers of the American people don’t know that.

*Why? Because behind “it’s the economy, stupid” lies “it’s the media, stupid.”*

For most of the public, opinions about the economy are based on personal experience and the information and disinformation they encounter in the media. For Republicans, the principal factor is the person who occupies the Oval Office. For example, in 2016, as Obama presided over the longest post–World War II expansion, 70% of Republicans [thought](#) the economy was doing poorly, but when the economy crashed at the height of the coronavirus recession, less than half of Republicans had a negative view of the economy.

Biden’s start was the fastest of any president since records have been kept, and it remains so. Initially, the media compared him to FDR, and his [approval](#) rating was steady through June 2021 (with a high of 57% and a low of 54%), remarkably high figures, given that fact-challenged Republicans disapproved by an 89-11 margin.

The media coverage changed dramatically in late summer. Here’s why.

### There’s Money to be Made in Negative News

A recent [study](#) confirmed people pay more attention to negative than positive news, which is why there’s so much of it.

Fox and its spawn never need reasons to be unfair, unbalanced and unhinged, but the so-called liberal media needs cover in order to publish “mindless hit pieces” on Biden, as a [reader](#) characterized a recent *New York Times* article in an online post, adding, “Who needs foreign enemies when our free press drags us to a dictatorship?”

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The complicated withdrawal from Afghanistan led to a slew of hysterical headlines above stories short on context. The slowdown in the economy caused by the Delta variant displaced all coverage of what remained a remarkable recovery, and the fourth quarter rebound in the economy (with jobs and GDP spiking and unemployment continuing to fall) was relegated to isolated articles.

The media have maintained an incessant, breathless, and increasingly louder drumbeat of "inflation, inflation" for the last 6 months, with shrieking headlines and snarky references to Jimmy Carter. Consideration of inflation's causes, responsibility, and prognosis was confined to paragraphs deep in the story, where few Americans venture.

Inflation remains a problem, but wage growth outpaced inflation in September and October and is only slightly behind inflation for the year (5.1% versus 6.2%). Moreover, as a recent [article](#) in *The Wall Street Journal* explained in its opening sentence, our surging economy was a principal factor in that inflation: "A booming U.S. economy is rippling around the world, leaving global supply chains struggling to keep up and pushing up prices."

It's ironic that a Rupert Murdoch media outlet is accurately touting Biden's accomplishments in its lede while the bastion of the so-called liberal media, *The New York Times*, publishes a silly article with the incendiary headline "Biden Throws In With Left, Leaving His Agenda in Doubt" about the stalled infrastructure bills.

***And we must push back against the media. Joe Biden's economic record would be historic even if he had not taken office during the worst crash since the Great Depression.***

Worse still, *The Times* also published a story titled "Biden 'Over-Promised and Under-Delivered' on Climate. Now, Trouble Looms in 2022," the "mindless hit piece" referred to previously. I don't watch broadcast news and I can't bear to imagine what Wolf ("the emails, the emails") Blitzer is blithering about these days.

And this is why the December Consumer Confidence Index [poll](#) found 63.1% of respondents satisfied with their personal finances but only 39.3% a positive view of the economy. People are doing okay but believe the economy is failing because that's what they read and hear. "It's the media, stupid."

## "Gonna Fight It?" Gotta Fight It!

There's nothing we can do to reach the 70% of Republicans who believe the Big Lies or the 56% who follow QAnon. They are impervious to facts, but we can and must reach Independents.

We must fight the media's false narratives and false equivalencies. Biden's economic record would be historic even if he had not taken office during the worst crash since the Great Depression.

First, it's important to recognize that the media **never** was "liberal." As June Neal explains in a companion article on page 3, they "are businesses and exist to make a profit." That means they respond to criticism.

For the last half century, Republican apparatchiks have been "working the refs" like the basketball players who repeatedly complain about "bad calls" in an effort to make the next one go their way. It's been a spectacular success. To avoid being tarred with the scarlet "L," and mindful of their bottom lines, the SCLM has steadily shifted to the Right.

We can move them back by demanding that they practice journalism. They are a business, but they are also the Fourth Estate, and we can insist that they begin behaving that way.

Every newspaper has a letters section, and most include links to post comments on-line. *The Times* even allows readers to contact most reporters directly via web mail. After *The Times* published the article claiming "Biden Throws In With Left," I wrote to

the two reporters and submitted a letter to the editor pointing out the various inaccuracies and distortions contained in the story. Neither reporter responded but *The Times* published the [letter](#). And the [comments](#) section of the "hit piece" on the climate noted above was loaded with trenchant complaints.

A craven, clueless, and hardly "liberal" corporate media unwittingly helped elect Donald Trump, and now they seem on the verge of recklessly aiding and abetting Republicans in destroying our democracy. They, and we, barely survived their defalcation of duty in 2016. We need to let them know that a recovery is unlikely to be possible the next time.

# Did the Dems Get the Media Game Wrong?

*June Sandra Neal*

*“It may not be good for America, but it's damn good for CBS. The money's rolling in and this is fun ... this is going to be a very good year for us. Sorry. It's a terrible thing to say. But, bring it on, Donald..Keep going.”  
Les Moonves, former president of CBS, February 2016*

Forget the press as the defender of Truth, Justice and the American way. For Moonves, and other media leaders, Trump is good for business and damn the consequences.

As a former journalist, I cherished the media's constitutive role in a liberal democracy. Yet today, that role is sadly stunted by social media, the wild west of “news” dissemination, and Fox News, our own Tokyo Rose, resulting in citizens choosing from a cafeteria of distorted information.

our enemy. It's simply a vessel to make billions of dollars in profits.”

Obeidallah charged that the Democrats haven't fought back against coverage such as Jeff Greenfield's Politico story claiming the Democrats were in disarray prior to signing of the bipartisan infrastructure bill, “when in reality, it was a small percentage of Democrats” in opposition.

“Biden and the Democrats have turned the economy around and enacted policies that are helping millions

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When President Biden, the opposite of Trump, was elected, we expected the mainstream media to right the ship. But critics say it's not happening. For example, Washington Post columnist Dana Milbank accused Politico of being “unrelenting negative” and pointed to diction such as “Biden dithers...” and “The Case for why Biden is screwed.” Milbank commissioned a survey to compare Trump's and Biden's coverage during their first 11 months in office and said the findings were proof that “My colleagues in the media are serving as accessories to the murder of democracy.”

Regardless of whether one agrees with Millbank, there are some basic realities that Democrats must face to win the media war.

**One.** There's a big difference between a negative subject and negative treatment of a subject. If a newspaper homes in on a high unemployment rate, that's a story about a negative subject. If that same paper elevates the story to front-page, over-the-fold news more times than that topic usually gets, that's bias, especially when it's run independently of any economic framework.

**Two.** The media are businesses and exist to make a profit. Dean Obeidallah, a liberal anchor on MSNBC, argued “Too often, Democrats make the dangerous mistake of viewing the media as an ally... the corporate media is not our friend. It's also not

of Americans...Democrats need to craft messages that will get traction in the major media landscape. Drama sells, democracy does not.” The Republicans surely bring the drama. Donald Trump, and his merry band of idiots, have been the Hurricane Sandy, the school shootings, and the O.J. Simpson trial of daily news.

**Three,** and perhaps the most significant. Some of the media treat Biden's honest and transparent struggles to govern as morally equivalent to Trump's degenerate, deliberate undermining of our democracy. There is no comparison of the people left behind after our military withdrawal from Afghanistan to Trump's caging migrant children and separating them from their families. In a December 6 interview on CNN, Milbank said the media “gave the same or even more negative coverage to Biden in the last four months than when Trump was trying to overthrow democracy.”

Before we can save Democracy, we must save Truth. As New York University journalism professor Jay Rosen said via Twitter: “Journalists...have to become more actively pro-democracy.”

And from the White House down to the state and local leaders, Democrats must become more actively pro-Democratic, with a muscular, aggressive battle to win control of our own narrative, whatever it takes.

## 2022 Membership

*Char Lane*

Welcome 2022 and Happy New Year. It's time to renew your Club membership, and if you're not yet a member of the Democratic Club of Delray Beach, please consider joining. Membership is on a calendar year basis and your dues help provide funding for operational projects, such as *The Delray Democrat*, our meetings, other working supplies and signage for our sign waving events. Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month, currently via zoom but we're looking forward to resuming live meetings as soon as it's safe to do so.

We're optimistic that we'll be able to help turn Florida BLUE by electing a Democratic governor (*to replace DeSantis*) and a Democratic U.S. Senator (*to*

*replace Rubio*) in 2022. Our goal is to educate people as to why they should vote Democratic and use Vote-by-Mail as a critical tool in support of this goal. We'll need your help with our sign-waving, phone calling, postcard writing, canvassing and participating in other projects. We'll have to work hard to help keep our Democracy intact and protect it from the manifesting lunacy.

Visit our website at [www.demclubofdelray.org](http://www.demclubofdelray.org), read current and previous issues of our newsletter *The Delray Democrat* at [www.thedelraydemocrat.com](http://www.thedelraydemocrat.com) and join our Facebook Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/992741928168620>

## Big Lies and Greater Truths

*Michael K. Cantwell*

Donald Trump and the Republican Party do not depend upon a single Big Lie but rather a series of self-reinforcing, interlocking **Big Lies**.

The original and most pernicious Big Lie is the claim of "rampant" voter fraud. It is the base that supports the most preposterous Big Lie, the "Stolen Election" chimera, which Republicans weaponize to enact antidemocratic, abhorrent, and indefensible voter suppression laws. It is also the most repeatedly debunked of Big Lies.

**The Greater Truth** is that Republicans have tried and failed for decades to prove that voter fraud is affecting or threatening our elections. What they've proven is the converse—there simply is no empirical evidence of *any* significant voter fraud.

In 2002, George W. Bush's Attorney General, John Ashcroft, ordered federal prosecutors to begin a concerted effort to find and prosecute voter fraud. After 5 years, the Justice Department [charged](#) only 120 people with voter fraud (obtaining convictions in 86 cases). That translates to *less than one instance per state every other year*, virtually all of which involved mistakes by individuals and not organized efforts to steal elections.

Not only was the quest a failure, it caused a scandal. Ashcroft's successor, Alberto Gonzales, fired seven U.S. attorneys, all of them Bush appointees, because they refused orders to prosecute nonexistent voter fraud. The outcry led to Gonzales's resignation and an Justice Department investigation that concluded the firings "raised doubts about the integrity of Department prosecution decisions."

To support the Big Lie that the reason he lost the popular vote in 2016 by nearly 3 million votes was because millions of illegal immigrants had voted, Trump established the "Voter Fraud Commission." **The Greater Truth** is that the Commission lasted for less than 8 months and disbanded without finding *any* evidence of voter fraud.

The Mother of all the **Big Lies** is Trump's claim that the 2020 election was stolen. **The Greater Truths** are that virtually all 61 lawsuits challenging the results were dismissed (by Republican as well as Democratic judges) and the vote was certified by state election officials in every state (Republicans as well as Democrats). This is irrelevant to the 70% of Republicans who believe Trump's Big Lie because, as Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels [taught](#), "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it."

Ironically, what is promoted as empirical proof of voter fraud is the most damning evidence that the claim is, and has always been, a **Big Lie**. On its "[Election Fraud Database](#)" the Heritage Foundation trumpets "1,340 proven instances of voter fraud," but **The Greater Truth** is that the database covers 20 years, *so the real incidence of voter fraud is slightly over one case per state per year*. As Gertrude Stein might have said, there simply is "no there there."

The real fraud is the dissemination of the Big Lies, and the real threats to our democracy are the dozens of voter suppression bills passed by Republicans because they know they cannot compete on a level playing field. Republicans need to **Stop the Lies**.

# We Can't Win; We Must Win; We Will Win

Michael K. Cantwell

Our democracy and our planet were on the ballot in November 2020 . . . and they survived, barely. Biden won, Warnock and Ossoff won, and we weathered the worst attack on our democracy since the nation's founding.

Our democracy and our planet are back on the ballot this November, and this time the party of the Big Lies will be aided by 34 voter suppression laws enacted in 19 states, including Florida. These laws, succinctly [summarized](#) by *The New York Times*, "make it harder for people to vote and easier to subvert their will if they do." They "advance the goals of the Jan. 6 rioters — not by breaking laws but by making them."

The corporate media has already announced the midterm results—a Republican rout. They have been predicting this for months, and why not? After all, the common wisdom is that first-term presidents lose seats in Congress in their first midterms, even when their supporters are not prevented from voting.

It is far too soon to panic and never too soon to prepare. "All things are ready if our minds be so," as Henry V assured his fearful troops before they routed the French, who outnumbered them 5 to 1 at the battle of Agincourt.

Or, for a more contemporary pep talk, there's Matthew Rosza writing in Salon:

*Sometimes the "laws" of politics (or economics) are characterized as immutable, akin to the laws of physics. They're not, of course. Not a single ballot has been cast in the midterms. If Democrats can find a way to turn out their voters at unexpectedly high levels, while Republicans don't, they could turn 2022 into another blue wave. Political trends do not govern us; they are the results of human behavior, which is never entirely predictable.*

The most striking exception to the not entirely immutable "rule" that the president's party always loses seats in the first midterm was 1934, when Democrats flipped 9 seats in the House and another 9 in the Senate. Like Republicans today, the plutocrats, banksters, and business magnates were monolithically and malevolently opposed to the president, denouncing him and his New Deal as "socialist" (to which FDR memorably responded, "I welcome their hatred").

At this point two years ago, the common wisdom was that Donald Trump would sail into a second term, despite the impeachment, and despite his manifest unfitness for any office, much less our highest, because "it's the economy, stupid."

Were it not for a craven, clueless corporate media acting like it's 2016 again, Democrats might be favored to break the midterm curse. However, much can change before November, including a reduction in inflation as supply chains loosen and a reduction in disruptions of the economy if omicron becomes the dominant variant and we achieve herd immunity.

There's also the possibility that a federal voting rights bill or the Build Back Better Act will pass. Publication of the January 6 Committee's findings could be a game changer, as could the outcome of Attorney General Merrick Garland's investigation.

We cannot rely on any of the above, however. We only have control over what we do, personally and collectively. If Biden's legislative agenda remains frozen, the smart and proper target is the Republican Party, not Manchin and Sinema. To paraphrase FDR, "they may be bastards but they're our bastards." Because of the capital D after their names, Biden was able to appoint 40 federal judges last year, tying Ronald Reagan's first year record

Let's focus on what's been accomplished to date, achievements that are all the more remarkable given the 50-50 split in the Senate and the monolithic and malevolent opposition of Republicans:

- 6,215,000 jobs created in 11 months since his inauguration (the fastest first year on record and an average of 565,000 per month)
- 2021 GDP estimated to hit 5.6% (versus a minus 3.7% GDP in 2020)
- child poverty projected to fall by half in 2021
- 72.8% of adult Americans and 87.6% of seniors fully vaccinated

We must be visible! We need to get on the streets, into the communities, to register and turn out voters, to wave signs, to write letters, and to never stop reminding people that Democrats have always worked for them while Republicans have always worked against them, not only against their economic interests but often against their very lives.

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One year later the nation stands on the perilous precipice of losing our democracy. Although we should always be suspect of polls, multiple polls have consistently shown that an astonishing percentage of Americans continue to believe that Trump actually won the election. Trump knew he would likely lose and began sowing doubts and

why others must come forward and cooperate with the investigations. It is their duty!

The insurrection was not a spontaneous act. It was planned by the Trump team for months. The terrorists were armed, organized, had communication devices, had information about the building to direct them how to penetrate the defenses and navigate the hallways to get to their objectives,

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spreading lies months prior to the election, whipping crowds of supporters into mindless frenzies, manipulating them into violence. All of this led to the January 6 insurrection, which came dangerously close to succeeding.

It is imperative to understand why, what, and how this occurred or the country cannot move forward. Every contested state engaged in multiple recounts that overwhelmingly validated Biden's victory. Many court cases filed in these states and the federal courts, all the way up to the Supreme Court, thoroughly rejected challenges to the election results. In each case, the court asked Trump's legal team for ANY evidence whatsoever to support their claims and Trump's lawyers could never offer a single piece of actual evidence. They were embarrassed out of court and in many cases sanctioned for the abject frivolity of their filings.

Local election officials, state election officials, Secretaries of State, Governors, et al, in each state, most of them Republicans, all certified the elections and refuted Trump's bogus claims. I repeat this history to ask how, despite there not being an iota of evidence or any basis whatsoever to challenge the election, so many people still believe Trump's "Big Lie" one year later? I hate to speak this way, but either these people are dangerously stupid and gullible, or they are intentionally dishonest and willing to subvert democracy to steal power. Not just in 2020, but in future elections. This is the existential threat we face. This is why there must be accountability for every person involved, to include Trump and the senior most officials in Congress and the administration that bear responsibility. It is also

and they followed tactical planning. Trump's minions planned to use the chaos of the attack to carry out the coup inside the chambers. Trump watched the attack for hours and refused to do anything. He chose not to call off his supporters or commit the National guard to protect the Capitol. He did not care about threats to kill his own vice president or the Speaker of the House and others. When he finally realized he had to speak up, it took multiple takes and hours of effort to get him to make the minimalist statement he eventually made. Remember, in that statement to the insurrectionists, he said, "We love you, you are special." This was an attack against our country, plain and simple, and Trump supported it.

Let's be clear, the patriots one year ago were the Capitol Police and DC Metropolitan Police, who were steadfast in protecting the Capitol and all of its occupants from violent insurrectionists hellbent on harming and even murdering elected officials. Members of the mob urinated and defecated in hallways and offices, destroying historical artifacts, etc. This was not the act of concerned citizens. The officers bear the physical and mental scars from that day with permanent, severe consequences. They watch every day as the former, defeated president Trump and his Republican allies in Congress continue to blatantly and reprehensibly lie about the election and the insurrection. They watch as these people come to work in the Capitol, seemingly with impunity for their gross criminality in support of the insurrection. They protect them all while these Republicans deny them recognition for what they endured.

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President Biden offered some salient points this morning. You cannot be patriotic only when you win, you cannot follow the law only when it is convenient, and a great nation acknowledges its flaws as well as its successes. Our history has demonstrated the greatness of this democratic experiment and the resilience of our people. Time and again we rose to every challenge, doing so collectively and definitively, thwarting all enemies and ending all threats. Speckled in our history are chapters of regret, to include slavery, segregation, and bias in our institutions. A great nation does not ignore these realities, but uses them to fulfill our mission of becoming a more perfect union. The obstacle to doing so, and any argument about American exceptionalism, is the ugly reality that the modern day Republican base and its Congressional foundation is comprised of those supporting white supremacy and extremism. These run counter to our values as a people and mission as the world's great democracy. There is no place for this in our politics, our communities, or anywhere in our country.

democracy. This is clear to anyone paying attention and watching their efforts step by step.

Donald Trump was twice impeached, both times for good cause. If Senate Republicans had done their job, and some courageously did, they should have convicted him, thus ending his reign of terror on the Republican party. Instead, he has grown stronger. His forces have replaced honorable state and local party and elections officials with sworn, extremist apparatchiks, committed to overturning valid elections and suppressing votes. These officials have made it far too difficult if not impossible for traditional conservative Republicans to win primaries. There are over 42 Republicans identical to Marjorie Taylor Greene running for Congress, some of whom are already serving and mainstream, decent Republican can't stop them. The only way to stop this onslaught of extremism and conspiracy theorists wholly unsuited to serve in government is to vote for the Democratic candidates, at least for a few elections, to force out these crooks who will destroy our government from within.

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One year after the insurrection, we ask how do we move forward. We can only do so after eradicating the true enemies of our people, and people everywhere - extremism. So long as one of our two major political parties is beholden to a leader or a base that preaches violence, destruction of any dissenting opinion, and the dismantling of democracy there is no moving forward. There is nothing to stop Republicans from another insurrection after future elections, elections they truly deserve to lose until and unless they jettison the extremists and supremacists. A nation that committed to a war against terrorists cannot openly embrace terrorists from within, but that is the Republican party of today.

It is wholly ridiculous and unacceptable for people to believe and spread these lies about the election, foolishly asserting that Trump won the election with absolutely no basis whatsoever. It is dangerous and a violation of our Constitution for elected officials to use this abject dishonesty to pass voter suppression measures in another blatant attempt to steal power. These things go together, ongoing Republican efforts to steal power through insurrection and coup and Republican efforts to prevent people from voting so as to steal elections in the first place, are all part of the same adherence to a strategy of extremism, authoritarianism, and dismantling our

This all boils down to radicalization. For decades we have expressed valid concern for American citizens and others around the world who become radicalized and join terrorist groups or commit lone wolf terrorist acts. They read outrageous, fictitious, wholly unbelievable extremist and conspiracy theory material on the internet. They withdraw from family and friends, all consumed by their new hate filled determination. It is exactly the same with Americans radicalizing over domestic matters and American terrorist groups. The violence and continuing harm are all too real and actually more dangerous. We must address this scourge.

This is the most significant turning point in our history. Will the American people rise up in support of democracy and against efforts to steal elections through violence and voter suppression? Will we tolerate another year of the blatant lie about 2020? This is not free speech, but an ongoing solicitation, even criminal conspiracy to violate the Constitution, suppress voting rights, and commit acts of violence against innocent people based solely on political disagreement. Any true patriot, anyone who loves this country, must come together now. We must make 2022 the year we saved our democracy. We must reject the extremism, the violence, the vitriolic politics, and the dismantling of democracy before our eyes.

## What We're Reading

[Every Day Is Jan. 6 Now](#), The New York Times Editorial Board: “Over the past year, Republican lawmakers in 41 states have been trying to advance the goals of the Jan. 6 rioters — not by breaking laws but by making them.”

[Since Jan. 6, the pro-Trump Internet has descended into infighting over money and followers](#), Drew Harwell, *The Washington Post*: “QAnon is ‘the easiest money that you could possibly make if you don’t have a conscience, but there’s only a certain number of people you can fleece. It’s not a renewable resource.’”

[Booming U.S. Economy Ripples World-Wide](#), Tom Fairless, *Wall Street Journal*: A booming U.S. economy is rippling around the world, leaving global supply chains struggling to keep up and pushing up prices. The force of the American expansion is also inducing overseas companies to invest in the U.S., betting that the growth is still accelerating and will outpace other major economies.”

[American Zealots: Inside Right-Wing Domestic Terrorism](#), Arie Perliger. *Columbia Studies in Terrorism and Irregular Warfare*: “He describes the entire ideological spectrum of the American far right, including today’s white supremacists, antigovernment groups, and antiabortion fundamentalists, as well as the histories of the KKK, skinheads, and neo-Nazis. Based on these findings, Perliger suggests counterterrorism policies that can respond effectively to the far-right threat.”

[Brazil Turns, Lula Returns](#), Vincent Bevins, *New York Review of Books*: “Ever since the Supreme Court annulled the conviction . . . the veteran campaigner, now seventy-six, has been indefatigable. Railing against the embattled far-right president, Lula is offering many Brazilians the hope of a return to normalcy, if not also to the good years that many remember from his two terms in office, from 2003 to 2010.”

[Labors of Love](#), Robert Pogue Harrison, *New York Review of Books*: If there was ever a good time to bring out inspired new translations of Purgatorio it is now, when the inveterate vices of human civilization are disfiguring our planetary body and body politic. The world stands in need of this canticle’s message of rehabilitation, reconciliation, and regeneration.

### Democratic Club of Delray Beach 2022 Membership Application and Renewal

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