

The Delray Democrat

Letters¹

Writing to local papers is a way to influence NPAs and independents while giving aid, comfort and information to Democrats. Here are some letters published by our members and friends in the last month.

If it were not already apparent just how close Trump came to stealing the 2020 election, or how close Mike Pence, Nancy Pelosi, and other elected officials came to being executed by a bloodthirsty mob, the January 6 congressional hearings are dispelling all doubts.

Perhaps the most frightening takeaway from the hearings is that Trump and his army of crypto-fascists, neo-Nazis, racist thugs, and credulous fools have lost only a battle and not the war to overthrow our democracy. This time they were thwarted by Republicans who put country over party, the Constitution over ambition, Truth over Big Lies. Next time, things will be different.

When votes in the swing states are being counted in 2024, the offices with power over the tallying and certification of votes will be held by proponents of the Big Lie. Given the opportunity, they will not hesitate to use false claims of “voter fraud” to steal an election.

Convicting and jailing Trump and his minions may not be sufficient to prevent that, but failing to do so ensures that, given the opportunity, those traitors will steal the next presidential election.

Michael K. Cantwell, June 19, 2022, *Miami Herald*

Re "Vaccine stand infringes on parental right": I agree that having the dubious distinction of being the only state to miss the federal deadline to preorder vaccines for young children is hypocritical and unfair to parents who want to inoculate their children. This is just one instance of big government meddling in our personal lives, a conservative 180 that you noted in your editorial. Another example concerns a proposal that would deny parents gender-affirming care for their minor children. One would think that a child's mother and/or father would know best, particularly in this case. Clearly, the Governor is using the term "parental rights" selectively to advance an agenda that has no core values.

Nancy Chanin, June 26, 2022, *Palm Beach Post*

I remember watching some of the Benghazi and other hearings over the years, where representatives were using their time to make political statements and verbally attacking the witnesses.

¹ *The Delray Democrat*, July 2022, page 5.

Fast forward to the Jan. 6 Committee Hearings that offer a primer in good and focused behavior. There aren't self-promotional statements, but rather questions and explanations in level tones of voice showing respect and politeness to the witnesses and geared at getting to the truth. Reps. Bennie Thompson and Liz Cheney have done stellar jobs guiding the proceedings.

Thank goodness there has been no pit-bullish behavior distracting from the purpose of detailing exactly what occurred leading up to and on that fateful day.

No matter our political affiliations, it's important to flush out the facts and put safeguards in place to save the country from a repeat performance.

Char Lane, July 2, 2022, *Palm Beach Post*