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Debunking the Big Lies

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“These Lies Are Like Their Father that Begets Them, Gross as a Mountain, Open, Palpable,” *Henry V, Part 1*

Biden Destroyed “My Beautiful Economy”

This constitutes a double lie. It wasn’t Trump’s economy to begin with—he *inherited* the longest post-War expansion from President Obama and then drove it into a ditch.

Second, even before Covid, “his” economy wasn’t the “strongest ever.” Obama’s last 3 years were better than Trump’s first three. More jobs were created, the GDP was greater, and there was a larger drop in unemployment. And Trump increased the deficit by nearly three times as much as Obama (\$6.7 trillion versus \$2.4 trillion).

Biden’s numbers beat both of his predecessors, with the sole exception of inflation, caused principally by COVID, and now itself beaten (“[Deconstructing the Inflation Bogyman](#),” page 5).

If Trump won’t give Biden a pass for COVID, he can’t use COVID as an excuse for the fact that he is the first president since Herbert Hoover to leave office with fewer Americans working than when he entered office. Under his presidency, unemployment rose 1.6%, annualized GDP was an anemic 1.4%, and 2.7 million jobs were lost. Biden created over 15 million jobs, had a GDP of 3.5%, and lowered unemployment by 1.5%.

DeSantis’s Abortion Rights Petition Intimidation Reminiscent of “Police State”

June Sandra Neal

“The experience has left me shaken” said Isaac Menasche, one of thousands of registered voters who are being investigated by authorities after signing the Amendment Four petition to put abortion rights on Florida’s November ballot. He was describing a visit from what he believed was a “plain clothes officer” who came to his home to check the validity of his signature.

As reported by the [Miami Herald](#), “In a move that supporters of the amendment fear could be

Worst President Ever?

The most pernicious of Trump’s Big Lies is his claim that Biden was the worst president in history. It’s as widely believed as it is readily refutable.

In [five different polls](#) of presidential scholars and political scientists, Trump twice tied for dead last and has never placed higher than 41st. Biden came in 14th and 19th in the two polls in which he was included. Look in the mirror, Donald. Reality bites, doesn’t it?.

Voter Fraud Is Rampant

This Big Lie did not originate with Donald Trump. When Trump was still bankrupting his casinos and getting bailed out by his daddy and Russian money, Republicans were promoting the Big Lie of Voter Fraud to justify rampant Voter Suppression. That is the real fraud and was the greatest threat to

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Menasche spoke to [The Delray Democrat](#) about the experience. “He had a badge. And a folder of my personal information. He showed me a copy of the petition. I recognized my signature. He asked me if

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democracy until a psychologically damaged and intellectually challenged carnival barker descended a golden escalator. For just as long, Republicans have failed to find evidence to prove its existence. In fact, they've unintentionally made a very strong case of proving the **non-existence** of voter fraud.

A [five-year effort](#) to find and prosecute voter fraud begun under former President George W. Bush identified 120 instances nationwide. That translates to a less than one instance per state every other year. A commission Trump established to "prove" he "won" the popular vote in 2016, led by former Vice President Mike Pence and Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach, [disbanded](#) without finding any evidence of voter fraud.

The icing on the cake belongs to The Heritage Foundation, once a respected if conservative think tank that has gone rogue. Under the leadership of a new president, Kevin Roberts, the Heritage Foundation launched Project 2025, a "battle plan" for what Roberts bumptiously describes as a second "American Revolution" that he [threatens](#) "will remain bloodless if the left allows it to be."

For years, the Heritage Foundation has published an online "Election Fraud Database" that collects and reports "proven instances of voter fraud." I first encountered the database several years ago, when it included over 1,200 such cases. The most recent version contains 1,546 instances. Sound like a lot? It probably does . . . if you are an innumerate, but if you can understand that 1,546 must be divided first by the 45 years and then by the 50 states covered by the database, we're talking about "*two proven instances of voter fraud per state every three years.*" Even richer is the fact that the database contains a grand total of 23 cases from 2020 involving voter fraud, only 1 of which occurred in a swing state won by Biden.

The "Stolen" Election

This Big Lie fueled the failed putsch on January 6. According to witnesses at the January 6 Commission hearings, Trump knew it to be a lie from the start.

He is once again saying that the only way he can lose the 2024 election is if it is stolen by fraud. That's the same playbook he used before, and 60%

of Republicans still believe that Big Lie, even though Trump recently admitted on a [podcast](#) that he "lost by a whisker." He used similar language at an Aug. 30 Moms for Liberty [event](#), which, of course royally pissed off some of those who believed the Big Lie.

White nationalist and Holocaust denier Nick Fuentes (whom Trump had infamously invited to dinner at the White House) whined on his [podcast](#) that Trump had betrayed his followers, people who were charged and jailed because they had believed Trump and answered his exhortation to "fight like hell" on January 6. Fuentes himself wasn't arrested but said his life was "ruined for years" by having his bank accounts frozen, being put on a no-fly list, and failing to make money for several years. If you can stomach the anti-Semitic filth that begins his commentary and is pervasive in the comments to the video, hearing him whine about how disillusioned he's become is pure schadenfreude.

His anger and the anger of those now serving long sentences because they believed in the Big Lie is why Trump republished it at the presidential debate he lost to Kamala Harris, claiming that he was speaking sarcastically when he said he'd lost.

Immigrants Are Poisoning the Blood of America

Donald Trump's father Fred was [arrested](#) at a riot that erupted when 1,000 white-robed members of the Ku Klux Klan marched through Queens, New York on Memorial Day in 1927. In the 1920s the Klan had made itself "respectable" as part of the anti-immigrant movement.

At the time, anti-immigrant hysteria was directed at Catholic and Jewish emigres from Southern and Eastern Europe, respectively. The Reed-Johnson Immigration Act cut the quota of immigrants from these countries from 41% to 11%, but that didn't stop them from coming.

Enforcement was lax and subsequent amnesties gave them a foothold in the country, from which to sire many of the racists who are being swept away in the current hysteria.

We've debunked Trump's lies about immigration [here](#) and [here](#). Suffice it to say that there are no "shithole countries," but there are "shithole people," and topping the list of such people is the man who would-be Führer.

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I was sure it was mine.” He was. Menasche said he believed the discrepancy occurred because he had used a “quick” signature on the petition, the way “you’d sign a check at a restaurant, not giving it the same care as you would a formal document.” That’s probably true of many people.

Menasche told the [The Delray Democrat](#) he was “troubled that they (the State) had used so many resources to investigate a signature. Obviously, someone had pulled my driver’s license and other information and drove to my house, a significant amount of man hours.” He was also concerned that “the petition had already been approved by local authorities. I support investigating fraud, but this felt heavy-handed—or a police state.”

His next comment was chilling. Menasche said the incident reminded him of when “felons (who believed they had the legal right) voted and then were prosecuted.” He was referring to the “arrests of 41 formerly incarcerated people, also known as returning citizens, who were arrested in 2022 and 2023 for voter fraud in Florida following the 2020 election,” as the [Miami Herald](#) reported. “Nearly half took plea deals, fearful of facing the unknown of a jury trial and guilty verdict.” They had voted following the passage of another Amendment, also numbered Four, approved by 62% of voters, giving

these citizens, none convicted of violent crimes, the right to vote after serving their sentences.

But DeSantis found a way to essentially nullify the people’s vote by arbitrarily demanding payment of various fines and fees, outside of their sentences, that these people couldn’t afford.

Florida’s abortion rights proponents have followed the law. Floridians Protecting Freedom, Inc., the sponsoring organization, succeeded in the formidable task of getting more than one million registered voters to sign the petition. Local election officials approved the signatures. And despite Florida’s Attorney General Ashley Moody’s request to The [Florida Supreme Court](#) to block the petition, the Court approved the amendment for placement on the ballot. But DeSantis just won’t accept it.

Clearly, getting Amendment Four passed isn’t the only concern. It’s to prepare for what legal maneuverings DeSantis will invent to inhibit or even prohibit the actual exercise of reproductive rights in this state, as he did with the exercise of the earlier Amendment Four. If the people’s votes, whether for an amendment or an election, can be eviscerated by the whims of a single person, (rubber-stamped by a majority or, in Florida’s case, a supermajority), of the legislature, the defining right of living in a democracy has been stolen.

Worth Quoting

“Donald Trump was fired by 81 million people. So, let’s be clear about that. And clearly, he is having a very difficult time processing that. But we cannot afford to have a president of the United States who attempts as he did in the past to upend the will of the voters in a free and fair election. And I’m going to tell you that I have traveled the world as vice president of the United States. And world leaders are laughing at Donald Trump. I have talked with military leaders, some of whom worked with you. And they say you’re a disgrace. And when you then talk in this way in a presidential debate and deny what over and over again are court cases you have lost, because you did in fact lose that election, it leads one to believe that perhaps we do not have in the candidate to my right the temperament or the ability to not be confused about fact. That’s deeply troubling. And the American people deserve better.” Kamala Harris

“He said, ‘After this election, you will not have to vote anymore,’ as if voting is a kind of burden. And so this is fascist talk, where the fascist leader says, ‘I will free you from all decision-making. Just trust in me and you will not have to worry about any problems anymore.’” [Ruth Ben-Ghiat](#) commenting on Trump’s July 26, 2024, statement to Christians to vote in large numbers

“Trump’s escalating threats to pervert the criminal justice system need to be taken seriously. . . “We have never had a presidential candidate state as one of his central goals mobilizing the levers of justice to punish enemies and reward friends. No one has ever been brazen enough to campaign on an agenda of retribution and retaliation.” . Former Justice department inspector general [Michael Bromwich](#)

“I don’t believe what anyone says. I just wait to see what happens.” Steven Shapiro (addressing weather forecasts, but perhaps generally applicable).

DeSantis Wants to Turn Florida State Parks into Golf Courses¹

Thomas Witkop, Candidate for Congressional District 21

Apparently, Florida does not have enough golf courses and hotels. Thankfully, Ron DeSantis has found room for more on nine of Florida's state parks!

Indeed, last week it was leaked that the Florida Department of Environmental "Protection" is planning to allow golf courses and hotels to be built on Florida state parks. These beautiful parks are home to several endangered species and contain some of the most unique wild areas in the world. For the state that has by far the most golf courses of any in the country, this defies belief. The good news? People are not having it. Online and in-person, Floridians from all political backgrounds came together in the tens of thousands to protest. The Republican lawmakers-fearing the consequences this would have in November- pleaded ignorance. It seemed everyone who would be involved with this plan had no idea about it and desperately wanted to find out who was behind it!

Things got especially heated for me. I live right next to Jonathan Dickinson State Park, and I'm also running for Congress against Brian Mast. I knew my district would not stand for this, so I got to work mobilizing my supporters. I used my platform to call out Brian Mast for pretending to have no idea about this plan and taking a neutral stance on it when he received over a million dollars from developers, including the Nicklaus family, who were purportedly behind this plan. Mast finally responded by writing a letter denouncing the project. DeSantis has also backed off, and it looks like the plan will no longer go through. However, I was not fooled. This project has been in the works since 2011, and Republican lawmakers will reintroduce it every few years until it passes. Meanwhile, politicians like Mast will take huge amounts of money from the developers behind these plans, then play dumb when the plans resurface. I decided it was time for some public accountability.

My team organized a huge protest/press conference right outside Mast's office. Hundreds of people attended, and my friend Debbie Mucarsel-Powell even drove up from Miami to speak to the crowd and support our cause (If you're not aware, Debbie is going to take Rick Scott's senate seat this

November!). Politicians like Rick Scott and Brian Mast need to know that they're being watched. We see who's funding them, we see how their votes in Congress contradict their deceptive rhetoric, and we will make sure that the public knows the truth. But right before my event, Brian Mast scheduled his own press conference at the same location, one hour before mine.

This was a plot to avoid accountability and steal attention from my event. I decided I had to show up, but none of my supporters were there yet. It was me and a few of my staff amid Mast and a throng of his supporters. They tried to bully and intimidate me, but I didn't let them. Again and again I asked Mast about the dirty money he takes and his anti-environment voting record, and every time he would obfuscate and accuse me of 'politicizing'. I didn't get a straight answer from him, but he now knows that I won't stand down. The best part? An hour later, Mast suddenly disappeared when all my supporters showed up. Our event attracted far more people than Mast's did, and we showed our community the truth behind this evil project.

My message is to all Democrats: MAGA Republicans will use bully tactics to scare you, and you must not let them. We must stand up face-to-face and make them answer for their votes and their donors. If they don't answer, let their silence speak for them. If we do this, they will often slink away like Mast did when my supporters arrived. At 25 years old, I'm the youngest Congressional nominee in the country, so if I can do this, you can too!

Unlike Mast, I'll never have to answer for dirty money because I rely on individual donations from folks like you. If you believe in my cause, any support would be greatly appreciated. You can click [here](#) or scan the QR code to donate.



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Deconstructing the Inflation Bogeyman

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President Biden has added over 15 million jobs, nearly as many as Ronald Reagan added in two terms. When Biden took office, unemployment stood at 6.4% and economists predicted it would remain above 4% for the rest of the decade, but it fell below 4% within a year and then fell to levels not seen in 50 years. Black unemployment was lower than ever recorded.

Despite all that, the man rated the worst president in American history has managed to convince voters that Biden wrecked what he [falsely claims](#) as “his” beautiful economy.

In a way, it’s understandable. Americans have short attention spans and have been experiencing the “highest inflation in 40 years”—as the media reminded them ad nauseam. They either forgot or blamed COVID for the fact that Trump was the first president since Herbert Hoover to leave office with fewer people working than when inaugurated.

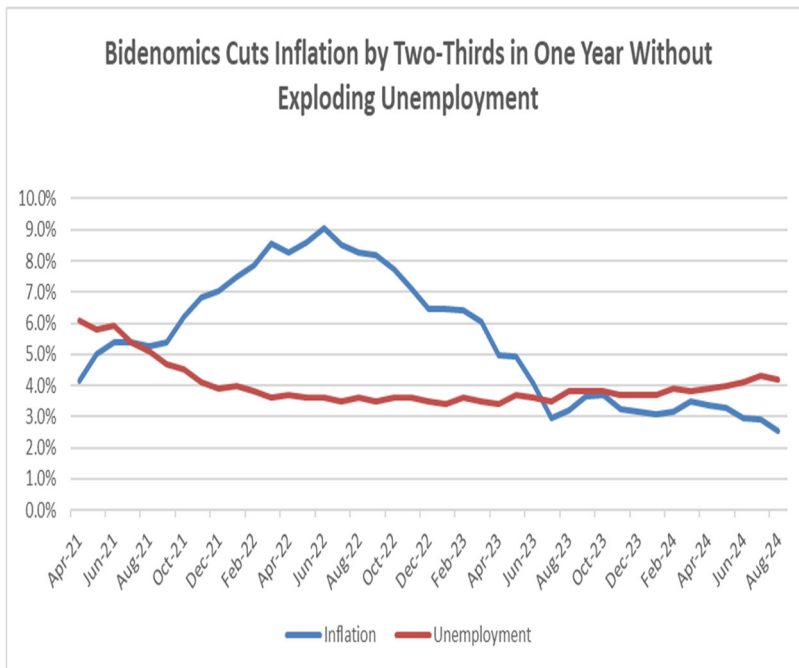
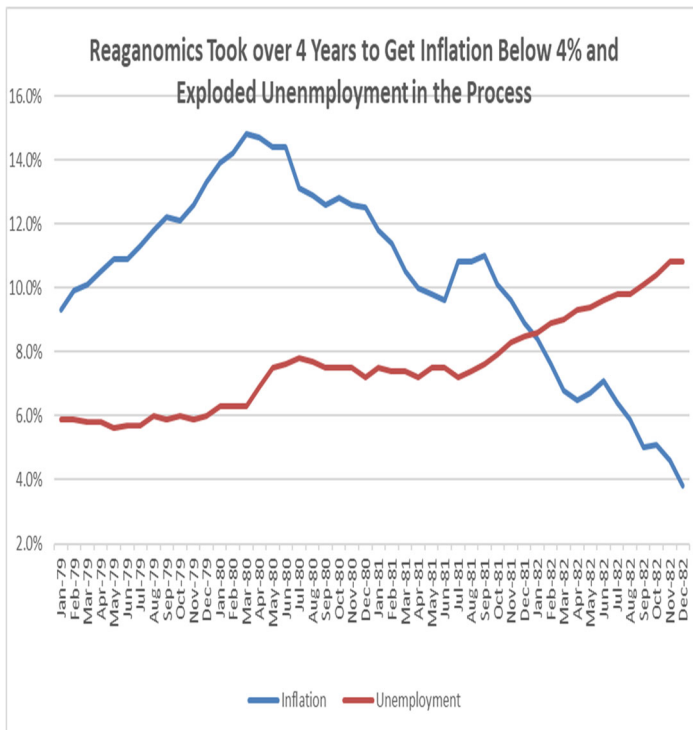
Had they looked beyond the headlines they would have learned that the “Biden” inflation resulted from a [perfect storm](#) for which Biden bore limited responsibility. Moreover, his steady hand on the tiller is why the United States has had far lower inflation rates than any other industrialized country. But they didn’t—and don’t—look behind headlines, and so denied Biden the pass they gave to Trump.

Inflation has dropped to 2.5% and the Fed has just cut the interest rate by 0.5%, with promises of two more cuts this year. Consumer sentiment is on the rise, up [“about 40% above its June 2022 low.”](#)

Even though we’ve achieved the soft landing that most economists doubted was possible (it’s spelled “Bidenomics” by the way), it’s unlikely that most Americans will change their view of the economy. After all, the disaster that was 2020 is still more distant than inflation, but that doesn’t mean we give up on deconstructing inflation for them.

For example, notwithstanding the breathlessness of the media coverage, the inflation that spanned the Carter-Reagan administrations was higher and lasted far longer than the more recent inflation:

- Between March 1979 and April 1981 inflation never fell below 10% and peaked at 14.8%.
- Only in December 1981 was inflation *lower* (8.9%) than the *highest* rate under Biden.
- It took Reagan another year to bring inflation below 4% and not until March 1986 did inflation fall below 3.0%.
- Inflation under Biden peaked at 9.1% in June 2022 and dropped to 3.0% within a year.



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Unlike Reagan, Biden beat inflation without spiking unemployment or causing a recession.

- From July 1981 through November 1982, America was mired in the worst recession since The Great Depression. Between January 1979 and December 1982 unemployment increased from 5.9% in to 10.8%.
- But despite the 11 increases between March 2022 and July 2023 that jacked up the Fed rate in just over a year, there was only a minor uptick in the unemployment rate (from 3.6% to 4.2%). To put this in perspective, Larry Summers [predicted](#) a recession in 2023 and JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon and Amazon founder Jeff Bezos worried that a recession was imminent.

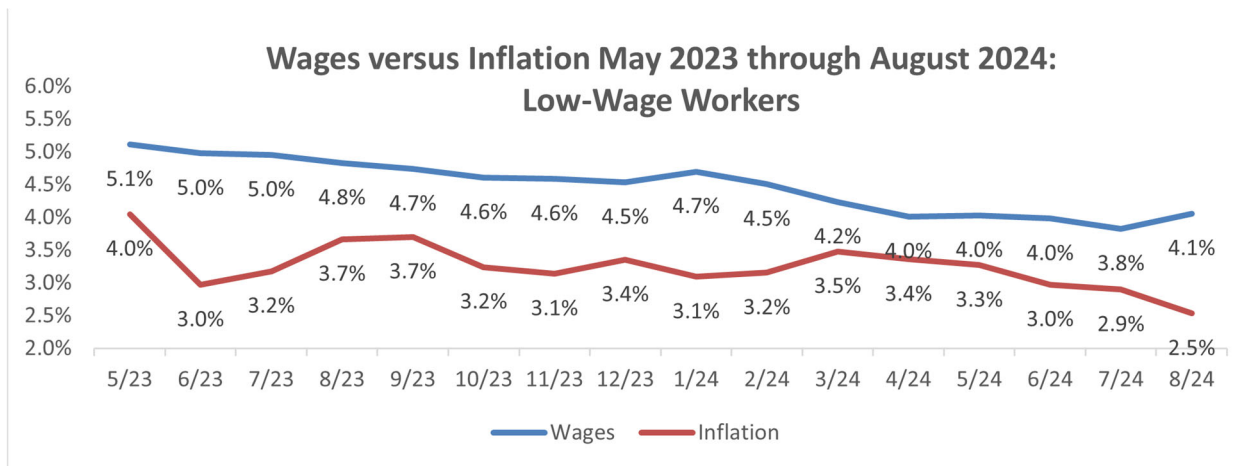
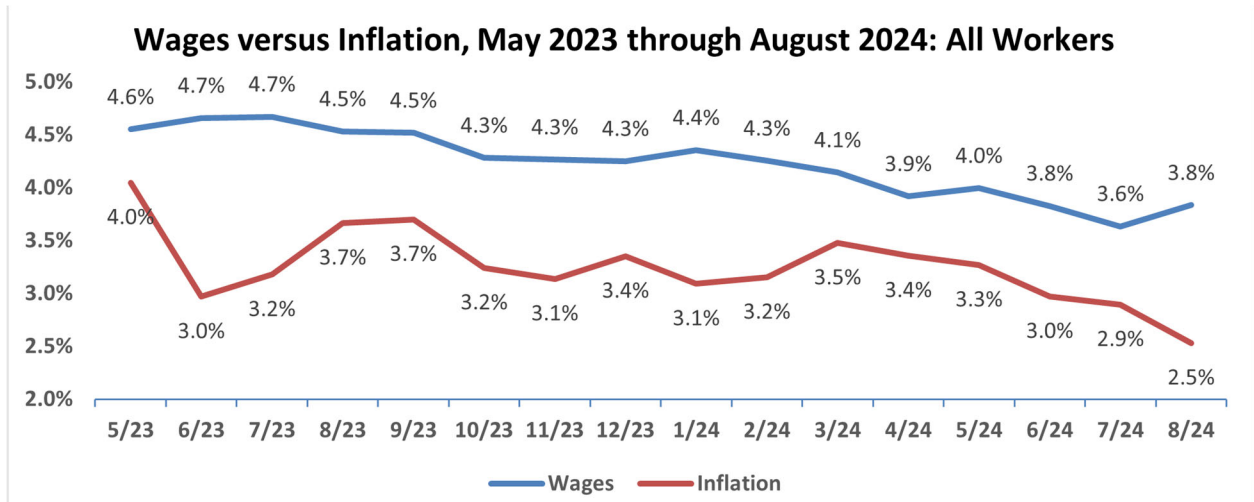
What About “Cumulative Inflation”?

Cumulative gains for low wage workers now exceed the cumulative increase in inflation, and all workers are only slightly behind). See chart below.

For more than a year now, wage growth has significantly outpaced inflation for both low-wage and all workers. See graphs below. By the time Kamala Harris and Tim Walz are inaugurated, inflation-adjusted wage gains under Biden may surpass those under Trump.

Data are from [FRED](#) (Average Hourly Earnings of Production and Nonsupervisory Employees); [FRED](#) (Average Hourly Earnings of All Employees); and [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) (Consumer Price Index).

Cumulative	February 2021 to August 2024		May 2022 to August 2024	
Wages	Low-Wage Workers	All Workers	Low-Wage Workers	All Workers
	19.9%	17.1%	10.5%	9.8%
Inflation	19.7%		6.2%	



Rick Scott: The un-American Candidate

June Sandra Neal

*“A man dies when he refuses to stand up for justice.
A man dies when he refuses to take a stand for that which is true.”*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Senator Rick Scott stands for nothing. For more than thirteen years, he’s enjoyed the privilege of serving as Florida’s governor and junior senator, banking a lot of political power, power that was supposed to benefit Florida and the nation. Instead, he abused it. With a backstory of scandal, a litany of self-serving legislation and a spineless refusal to stand up to Donald Trump, who threatens the very foundation of democracy, Scott is running for a second term as senator. He’s an un-American candidate.

Rick Scott is not your average Donald Trump suck-up. They are easy to spot, rubbing their shins, bruised from falling over themselves to prove allegiance to a depraved man. Like them, Scott wants Trump’s approval. Unlike them, he doesn’t want the mud. So, he straddles the dilemma by criticizing the *results* of Trump’s crimes, but never the perpetrator.

It’s un-American Not to Condemn Donald Trump’s Attempted Insurrection.

Scott supported The Big Lie.

The January 6th insurrection at the U. S. Capitol Building was the abhorrent culmination of Trump’s Big Lie, the political virus he spread throughout the country by claiming that President Joe Biden had not won the election. Of course, every objective measure proved Biden did win it, fair and square, something acknowledged in “Lost, Not Stolen,” a [report](#) issued by a group that included former federal judges, Republican senators and Republican-appointed officials. After reviewing all 64 court cases brought by Trump and his allies to challenge the election outcome, they wrote: Our conclusion is unequivocal: Joe Biden was the choice of a majority of the Electors, who themselves were the choice of the majority of voters in their states.

But the MAGA cult brooks no facts and cannot be severed from Trump’s propaganda: If they couldn’t overturn the election, they’d burn down the house.

The day of the insurrection, “Scott was one of [seven senators](#) to vote against certifying Biden’s 2020 victory in the state of Pennsylvania. In the hours preceding that vote, Scott released

a [statement](#) falsely asserting that Pennsylvania violated state law by counting certain mail-in ballots.” Yet, the U.S. Supreme Court had already [ruled](#) that simply was not true. At 12:00 p.m. that awful day, Trump inflamed the mob and directed them to the Capitol Building. “If you don’t fight like hell, you’re not going to have a country [anymore](#).” Soon, rioters broke through security. They smashed windows, beat the Capitol police, erected gallows to hang Vice President Michael Pence and ominously searched the building for Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi. Trump was responsible for one of the most tragic events in modern American history.

That evening, when order was restored, the still shell-shocked members of Congress convened in a joint session, as proscribed by the Twelfth Amendment, to certify the electoral votes, surrounded by the broken glass and the spilled blood.

True, Scott later criticized the rioters, calling the event “disgraceful and un-American” but *never Trump*, who had instigated the riot And on January 13, 2021, when the House voted to impeach Trump, Scott dismissed the effort as “[political theater](#).”

Scott Opposed Investigations by both Congress and the FBI.

Five months later, when legislators proposed a committee to investigate the riot, Scott said, “I completely oppose it. The FBI is doing their job. They have already arrested people for breaking into the Capitol. What people did that day — I was here — is despicable. They need to be held accountable, the FBI is doing their job. We don’t need a commission where people will act in a partisan [manner](#).”

Yet when special counsel Jack Smith filed criminal charges against Trump, Scott flipped. “Joe Biden’s DOJ will do anything they can to silence Biden’s political opponents,” Scott said on [X](#), “this is what communist dictators do.”

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None of it that was true The Jan. 6 commission was established to ascertain how the riot began and determine how law enforcement was caught short. It could subpoena people and make recommendations to the DOJ, but that was the extent of its power. And it was the Republicans who refused representation on the committee. After Nancy Pelosi rejected two of the five members nominated by Kevin McCarthy, he said Republicans would refuse to participate unless Pelosi accepted every single person he had nominated, thus squandering the opportunity to appoint any Republicans. Pelosi then appointed Republicans Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger.

The Jan 6 Committee subsequently sent its finding to the DOJ, and Merrick Garland – anxious to avoid any appearance of politicizing the process – appointed Special Prosecutor Jack Smith, who subsequently indicted Trump. This is precisely how criminal enforcement operates in a democracy. To claim that this is something “only communist dictators do” is either a deliberate lie or a reflection of Scott’s inability to think rationally.

It's un-American to refuse to condemn Trump for siding with the enemy.

Scott, like the rest of America, witnessed so many of Trump’s offenses, ranging from his attempt to overturn the Georgia election vote to his threat to withhold Congressionally approved arms to Ukrainian President Zelensky unless Zelensky agreed to investigate Hunter and Joe Biden, who was at the time Trump’s likely opponent in the 2020 election. to. *These sound more like “things that only communist dictators would do.*

Long before that, there was Helsinki. On July 16, 2018, Trump sided with Russian President Vladimir Putin against America’s intelligence agencies after they discovered that Russia had interfered with the 2016 election.

Just three days prior, the [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#) had announced that a federal grand jury “returned an indictment against 12 Russian military intelligence officers for their alleged roles in interfering with the 2016 United States (U.S.) elections.”

Asked by a reporter about the FBI’s findings, Trump said, “President Putin says it's not Russia. I don't see any reason why it [would be.](#)”

Anderson Cooper of CNN was stunned. “You have been watching perhaps one of the most disgraceful performances by an American president at a summit in front of a Russian leader that I’ve ever [seen.](#)”

Asked about Trump’s remarks, Scott criticized — Putin. Nothing about Trump.

“Florida Gov. Rick Scott, a Trump ally who’s running for U.S. Senate, was sharply critical of Russian President Vladimir Putin while avoiding any mention of Trump in remarks to reporters late Monday,” reported the [Palm Beach Post](#). “Asked specifically about Trump’s remarks, Scott repeated his criticism of Putin.”

It’s un-American to support a president aligning with dictators.

Trump’s obsession with dictators led him to visit North Korea’s tyrant, Kim Jong Un, whose people have suffered starvation, repression, and political assassinations under his rule. Trump didn’t care; it was a chance to look big. “[We fell in love,](#)” said Trump. The visit was outrageous. Kim had been mocking Trump personally and taunting the United States with repeated ballistic missile tests. Although Rick Scott called for “action” in dealing with Kim, he [tweeted](#), “I also applaud @realDonaldTrump’s efforts to get a deal with North Korea.” The only result from the meeting was disgust for Trump’s

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pandering and his risible desire to be seen in the company of despots.

It's un-American to defend our war heroes when they are attacked.

When Trump drew flak from Florida Republicans for criticizing the Gold Star family of a Muslim soldier, the [Miami Herald](#) pointed out, “Gov. Rick Scott, however, was not one of them.” In an interview mentioning the late Senator John McCain, who’d been held in a miserable North Vietnamese prison camp for more than five and a half years, Trump said, “He's not a war hero. He's a war hero because he was captured. I like people that weren't captured” ([C-SPAN](#)).

Scott is a former Navy man. And a fellow Senator. And Scott did—nothing.

It's un-American to suppress the sacred right to vote.

No early voting for “souls to the polls.”

As governor of Florida, Scott enforced a litany of voter suppression laws. [The Tampa Bay Times](#) reported that, in 2016, U. S. District Judge Mark Walker “struck down a state law that rejected mail ballots if a voter's signature on the ballot envelope did not match a signature on file. In a state with millions of older voters, the judge said the rule ‘categorically disenfranchised thousands of voters.’ They can now update their signatures.”

Scott was inflexible even for natural disasters. The same paper noted, “Scott refused to extend the voter registration deadline in 2016 after ordering evacuations due to Hurricane Matthew. The Democratic Party filed suit and won a six-day extension.” Under Scott, “Florida had the longest lines at early voting sites of any state, creating indelible images of obstacles to voting in 2012, the year President Barack Obama won re-election. That was a year after Scott signed the Legislature's

Upcoming DCDB Meetings

Thomas Witkop, Candidate for Congressional District 21, October 17, 2024 (7:00 PM) .

Carey Haughwout, PBC Public Defender; and Daniel Eisinger, Public Defender Elect, November 14,2024 (7:00 PM)

notorious House Bill 1355 that created new barriers to registering voters and curtailed early voting times.” It also ended early voting on the Sunday before Election Day, a practice known as ‘souls to the polls’ that helped churches mobilize African-Americans, who support [Democrats.](#)”

It's un-American to support criminal candidates.

Scott is nothing if not obsequious. Last May, when Trump was on trial in New York for falsifying business records to hide payments to a porn star, his Republican groupies, donning the MAGA club’s uniform of dark suit and red tie, left the people’s business in Washington D.C. to show their support for Trump at the courtroom. And guess who was the first to visit? “Scott became the first member of Congress to attend. Speaking to reporters outside the courtroom...Scott said that the treatment Trump was getting was “[despicable.](#)” Trump had already been found liable for sexual assault and was later convicted of all 34 felony charges.

Then there was the theatre of the absurd. Back in 2021, Scott was head of National Republican Senatorial Committee. And he failed miserably. [The New York Times](#) reported, “By the end of July, the committee had collected a record \$181.5 million — but had already spent more than 95 percent of what it had brought in. The Republican group entered August with just \$23.2 million on hand, less than half of what the Senate Democratic committee had ahead of the final intense phase of the midterm elections. Mr. Scott’s detractors accuse him of transforming the N.R.S.C. into the “National Rick Scott Committee” — and a vehicle for his

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presidential ambitions.”

That political ambition was positively servile when Scott decided to give Trump the NRSC’s first “[Champion for Freedom Award](#)” in 2021 at a ceremony at Mar-a-Lago, because, “people appreciate getting something in recognition for business success or entrepreneurial success or, you know, educational [success.](#)” Huh? Of course, the

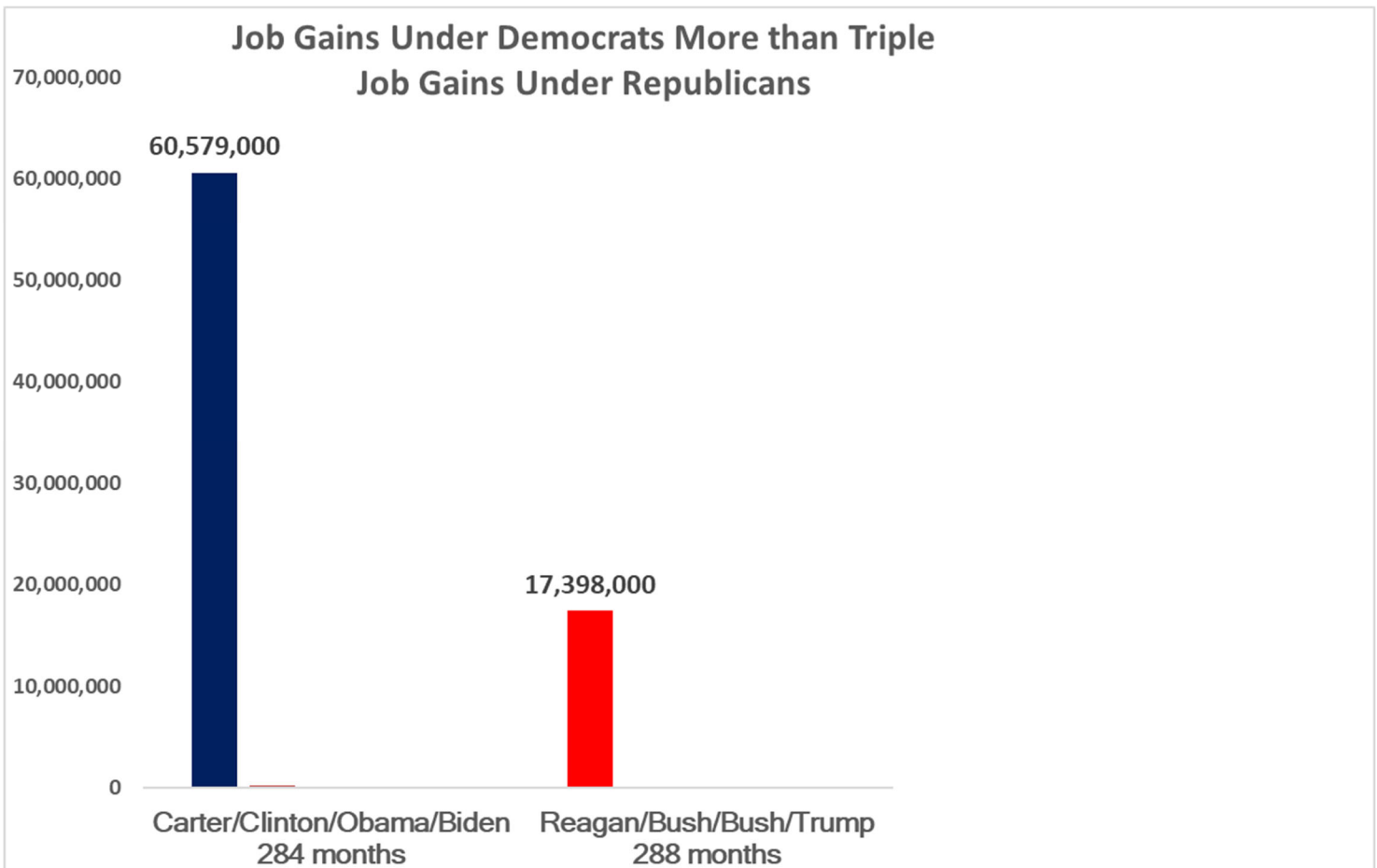
award, a small bowl, was a sop to Trump’s unsatiable need for accolades, but Scott thought it a smart investment in political security. Because of Scott’s abysmal mismanagement of his fiduciary responsibility, Senatorial candidates were strapped for money. But Trump got a bowl.

Rick Scott has no place in the United States Senate. Fortunately, we have an alternative, a superb candidate and a true American—Debbie Mucarsel-Powell. Let’s be sure to give her our vote to restore

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Source: [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) (All employees, thousands, total nonfarm, seasonally adjusted)

Thank Joe Biden

The American Rescue Plan Act begins the recovery from the Trump Depression:

- Local governments given \$360 billion to keep front line public workers on the job and paid.
- Expanded and extended unemployment checks to help workers until the economy reopens.
- Over 200 million Americans are vaccinated against COVID in first 100 days, thanks to \$160 billion funding for supplies and vaccines.
- Investments in Affordable Care Act allowed more than 18 million Americans to obtain health insurance, savings tens of thousands from premature, preventable deaths.
- Increased and expanded Child Tax Credit cut child poverty by 35% in 2021.
- Helped create more jobs (6.7 million) during the first year of any presidency.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act passes with 17 Republican senators voting in favor. Florida's senators vote against the bill, although they and our governor are happy to take credit for the money and services it provides.

- The largest investment in infrastructure in over a decade.
- The largest investment in clean drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in U.S. history.
- The largest investment in clean energy transmission and EV infrastructure in U.S. history.
- The largest investment in public transit in nearly six decades.
- The largest investment in bridges since the construction of the interstate highway system.
- More than 40,000 projects already off the ground.

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act is the first gun safety legislation in nearly three decades.

The PACT Act is the biggest expansion of veterans' benefits in over three decades. The Act has already sparked \$200 billion in private investments in the United States.

The Inflation Reduction Act is the greatest investment in green energy in U.S. history. It reduces the deficit by authorizing Medicare to negotiate with drug companies, closing tax loopholes, and providing \$80 billion to the IRS for additional tax enforcement.

The CHIPS Act invests in microchip production to make America more competitive with China and reduce our reliance on foreign sources for a vital component used by the defense industry. The Act has already sparked \$200 billion in private investments in the United States.

The July 17, 2024, **Executive Order** will allow an estimated 500,000 undocumented spouses of American citizens and their children to remain in the United States while obtaining legal status.

Thank a Democrat

1964 Civil Rights Act
1965 Voting Rights Act
Affordable Care Act
AmeriCorps
CDC
Family and Medical Leave Act

Food Stamp Act
Freedom of Information Act
GI Bill of Rights
Medicare and Medicaid
Minimum Wage Act
National Labor Relations Act

National Science Foundation Act
National Voter Registration Act
(a.k.a. Motor Voter Act)
Social Security Act
Unemployment Compensation Act
Workers Compensation Act

2024 Membership

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It's late September 2024 and the November 5, 2024, General Election is almost here. We have to elect Harris-Walz, Debbie Mucarsel-Powell, Alexcia Cox, Joe Casello, and all Democrats up and down the ballot to save democracy.

If you haven't already done so, please renew your DCDB membership for 2024. Membership is on a calendar year basis and your dues help provide funding for operational projects, such as The Delray Democrat, our meetings, other operational supplies, and signage for our sign waving events. Meetings are at 7 PM on the third Thursday of each month and normally held at the PBC Democratic Office on Congress. Because the Harris-Walz campaign is using the office through the election our October meeting will only be via Zoom. Meeting notices are sent out in the weeks prior to meetings and include Zoom links to register for and/or join the meetings and links to our various websites.

Our goal is to educate people as to the importance of voting, why they should vote Democratic and why they should use Vote-by-Mail as a critical tool in support of this goal. With all that's been going on we'll have to work exceptionally hard to help keep our democracy intact and protect it from being decimated by Trump and his cohorts.

Getting out the vote is our most important mission. You can help by making phone calls, texting, writing postcards, canvassing, or becoming a precinct leader. You can register people to vote and help people sign up or reenroll to vote by mail. You can volunteer for projects to benefit the community. There's so much work to do between now and November 2024 and we'll need your help.

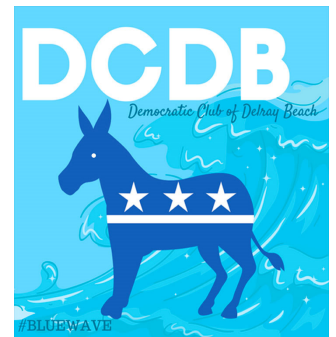
If you're a member of the Democratic Club of Delray Beach and haven't already done so, please renew your membership for 2024. If you're not a member of the Club, please consider joining.

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Become a member of the DCDB: complete and mail the Membership application or click on the QR code below. You can also give me your membership application/renewal at our meetings.



Democratic Club of Delray Beach 2024 Membership Application and Renewal



Date _____ New _____ Renewal _____

Name/names of household members _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone number _____

(E-mail addresses are shared with the Palm Beach County Democratic Party so our members will be kept abreast of the latest County Democratic Activity. If you do not wish to receive this information, please initial here _____ and we will not share your E-mail address.)

Preferred method of contact: E-mail _____ Mail _____ Phone _____ Text _____

Send newsletter by: E-mail _____ Hand delivery _____ U.S. Mail _____

I/we are in South Florida from _____ to _____ each year or are a permanent resident _____.

Payment: Individual \$25 _____ Household \$35 _____ Donation _____

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