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Message from the President...

Democrats Push Impeachment Scam but Trump Rolls Onward by Robert Kettering

The latest ploy in the democrats impeachment scam is that speaker Nancy Pelosi has decided not to send the actual impeachment documents on to the Senate as the constitution requires, but instead has decided to hold onto them. It is uncertain just how long Pelosi intends to hold on to these documents, but according to some legal experts, until the documents are officially passed on to the senate, the process hasn't been completed and in reality the president hasn't been impeached. While the democrats contemplate their next move, Mitch McConnell has stated that once the process is turned over to the Senate, it will be handled quickly and because the case is without substance, there is zero chance that the president will be removed from office.

Meanwhile the Trump economy rolls on; unemployment is at a 50 year low and for blacks and hispanics the unemployment rate is the lowest ever recorded. The stock market continues to set new records and since Trump took office, the medium household income has risen over \$5,000.00 per household! (the medium household income increased just \$475.00 after 8 years under President Obama) With the strong economy and the public's growing disapproval of the democrat's handling of the impeachment process, the chances of the president being re-elected are improving every day.

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Trip to D.C. with Steven McDowell Rescheduled for April 2nd

The ACTION bus trip to Washington D,C. has been changed to Thursday, April 2nd. We are delighted to have Steven McDowell, author of America's Providential History, with us for the day and he will be leading our tour. The planned schedule for the day is as follows; We will board (Elite Bus Tours) and leave from the Lancaster Shopping Center at 7:45am. After arriving at Union Station, we will be attending the Changing of the Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. We will then visit the Lincoln Memorial, the Viet Nam Memorial, and the Korean Memorial. If time permits, we also intend to visit the Jefferson Memorial. After dinner at the Capital, we have planned a private tour of the Capital and expect to be joined by Congressman Lloyd Smucker.

The cost of the bus trip is \$70.00 for adults and \$60.00 for children under 10 (meals are not included) Please e-mail or call the office to reserve your seat (717) 569-5807.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."
Edmund Burke

Our Election System vs. Pure Democracy *by Michael Kapic*

An alarming movement is crossing the country, one that threatens the foundation of our presidential election system.

State legislatures are being pressed to endorse the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) and ignore the democratic and constitutional Electoral College voting procedure in all future presidential elections. If enacted, the compact would leave the election of a president to high-population states and forever disenfranchise voters in less populous states.

In calling for such an unprecedented electoral upheaval, NPVIC supporters say the Electoral College is undemocratic, and so the country needs to instead follow a “one person, one vote” approach to choosing the nation’s highest elected official.

Here’s what we should understand about our Framers’ Constitution and elections:

America was formed as a federal republic composed of *united* states, with all powers not specifically vested in the federal government reserved for the states. “We the people” and the states are sovereigns, and maintain certain rights, including the power to create and shape a federal government under the constitution and through state delegations in Congress.

One of the key democratic elements in our republic is the Electoral College, which acts to preserve the powers of the voters in each state in electing the president. Under the system of checks and balances, the Electoral College provides an important restraint on pure democracy. Otherwise, the majority of voters in populous areas would serve to negate the role of smaller regions and the rights of their citizens in choosing a president.

The most difficult issue facing the Founders during the 1787 Constitutional Convention was direct elections. After much debate, they settled on the current system. Under the constitutional election system, the people would only vote directly for their house representatives. State legislatures would select two senators (who are now elected, after the 17th Amendment) The framers settled on a hybrid- the electoral college- for presidential elections. Small states threatened not to join the Union if national popular elections were implemented.

Under the current system, each state decides how their electors will vote for president. The typical format varies by state, but generally electors are chosen at state party conventions prior to the presidential election. In December, after the November popular election votes have been tallied, each state’s electors meet and cast their “winner take all” vote (except for Nebraska and Maine) for the state’s winning popular candidate. In early January, Congress counts the Electoral College votes and the winner is inaugurated.

The Framers designed this unique presidential election system to avoid the pitfalls of other failed democracies, not perfect, but a huge improvement. The bottom line is the people and states were given control of their national government.

Fear of the electoral college generally stems from a lack of Constitutional understanding and may be driven by the idea that elections (like the one in 2016) can be stolen undemocratically. But the electoral college proves that our democracy works.

The NPVIC is trying to bypass the Constitution to neutralize the Electoral College. Currently, the Constitution can only be changed through Article V, with three-quarters of states (38) approving. Instead, the NPVIC initiative works on the state level through an interstate compact that would go into effect as soon as “states cumulatively possessing a majority of the electoral votes” needed to win an election (270 votes) join the compact. Essentially, this would give the voters of as few as 11 states control over the outcome of presidential elections and give the most populous states a controlling majority of the Electoral College.

Following European countries, the NPVIC would expand the number of political parties, eliminating the stable elections the electoral college provides. America’s hybrid election system strengthens the two party system and guarantees democratic elections through consensus. Increasing the number of parties would potentially enable a candidate to win with only 20% of the vote.

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

Lancaster County ACTION Quarterly Breakfast Meeting

Saturday, January 11, 2020 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Enck's Catering Facility (former Kreider's Restaurant)

1455 Lancaster Rd (Rt. 72), Manheim - use south entrance



Guest Speaker: Steven McDowell *Seeing God's Hand in American History*

Please reserve your seat at the quarterly breakfast by calling the ACTION office (717-598-0476) by Tuesday, January 8, 2020. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.

A Message from the Financial Officer - Is Your Membership Current?

Please take a moment to make certain that your membership is current, by looking at the mailing label on this newsletter to see if your dues are up-to-date. Your renewal date should appear after your name on the label. If it does not or has expired, please fill out the form below and mail to:

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Thank you!

Isaiah 9:6-7 (New King James Version)

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end.



