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EXPERT ON MID-EASTERN COUNTRIES AND ISLAM TO ADDRESS CLUB

Robert W. Jordan, former ambassador to Saudi Arabia, author and TV commentator, will address the club during its dinner meeting scheduled for **Thursday, September 7** in the ballroom of the Social Center in Sun City. His address is expected to center on the governance of mid-eastern countries and the influence of Islam in American and world affairs. These are timely topics in view of questions about whether governments in those countries are friendly or hostile to America, and questions about whether the Western world should view Islam as a religion of peace. President Trump's recent announcement about a change in policy with respect to Afghanistan, a trouble spot in the mid-east, makes our speaker's address especially timely.

Our speaker has impressive credentials as is evidenced by the following biographical report:

Robert W. Jordan is Diplomat in Residence and adjunct professor of political science in the John G. Tower Center for Political Studies at Southern Methodist University. He served as the U. S. ambassador to Saudi Arabia from 2002 to 2003 and as partner in the international law firm Baker Botts L.L.P. for many years where he headed the Middle East practice in Dubai.

He is Vice Chair of the Tower Center Board of Directors. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and a past president of the Dallas Bar Association and the Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations. He is a member of the Panel of Distinguished Neutrals of the CPR International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution. He also serves on the Advisory Board of the Bilateral U. S. - Arab Chamber of Commerce and is a frequent commentator with international media including CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, CNBC, Bloomberg and the New York Times. His memoir, *Desert Diplomat: Inside Saudi Arabia Following 9/11*, was published by Patomac Books in 2015.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 7

BEGINNING TIMES: Doors Open – 5:45 pm; Social Period – 6:00 pm; Dinner – 6:30 pm; Program – 7:00 pm
MENU: Spinach salad, country beef stuffed bell pepper, broccoli and rice cheeses, chicken casserole, sauteed garden medley, jeweled rice pilaf, garlic rolls.

COST: Dinner fee is \$18 per person. Checks made out to "The Republican Club of Sun City" should be mailed to: **The Republican Club of Sun City, 1530 Sun City Blvd., Suite 120, Box 227, Georgetown, TX 78633**, or left in a special drop box located on the front porch of the home of club treasurer Gene Edwards at 202 Duck Creek Lane. For information, contact Gene at 520-990-1159 or geneedwards@earthlink.net The deadline for payment of reservations is Friday, September 1.

Attendees are reminded of the request made by the Executive Committee that advanced payments for the dinner be submitted by the payment deadline so the proper amount of food can be ordered, and that attendees who have made reservations in advance make payments prior to the meeting, when possible, so that a "boggling down" of the line at the ballroom entrance can be avoided.

VISITORS ARE WELCOME! (Non-members may attend a maximum of two meetings per year – as attendees for the dinner or as observers for the program – without having to pay membership dues.)

REPRESENTATIVE TERRY WILSON TO ADDRESS CLUB IN OCTOBER

Representative Terry Wilson, representing House District 10, will address the club during its dinner meeting scheduled for **Sunday, October 8 in the ballroom of the Social Center in Sun City.**

Details of this meeting will be provided in the October club newsletter.

OTHER CLUB NEWS

Election of Next Year's Officers. In accordance with club bylaw requirements, the Nominating Committee will submit its recommended list of nominees for next year's officer positions during the October club meeting. The election of officers will take place during the November club meeting.

Statistics. Vice president (for membership) Cathy Cody reports that current membership for the year 2017 stands at 400. Club treasurer Gene Edwards reports the number of attendees for the August 24 dinner meeting was 166 with an additional 20 individuals attending as observers.

To Join the Club. Access the club web site at rcsctx.com, click "application" and follow directions.

CHARGES OF “RACISM” AND “HATE” MADE WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION; EFFORTS TO END RACISM DELIBERATELY IGNORED

Foreword. Walter Williams, a black author/university professor, made some important observations in a June op-ed piece on his website in which he contends Democrats have escaped charges of racism, hatred and bigotry which exist today but are heaped directly on President Trump. He says, “Ask any black person which political party has been black people’s political ally. With near unanimity, blacks would answer the Democratic Party. Asked which political party has been hostile to blacks, they’d say the Republican Party with similar unanimity.” Following are some additional excerpts from that op-ed piece:

Since its founding in the late 1820s, the Democratic Party has defended slavery, started the Civil War and opposed Reconstruction. The Democratic Party imposed segregation. Its members engaged in the lynchings of blacks and opposed the civil rights acts of the 1950s and ‘60s. During Reconstruction, hundreds of black men were elected to southern state legislatures as Republicans, and 22 black Republicans served in the U. S. Congress by 1900. The Democratic Party did not elect a black man to Congress until 1935.

What was the party of Orval Faubus, the Arkansas governor who blocked the desegregation of Little Rock schools and defied the U. S. Supreme Court’s unanimous 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision? What was the party of Theophilus Eugene Connor, known as Bull Connor, who, as city commissioner, sent vicious dogs, fire hoses and billy clubs on black civil rights demonstrators in Birmingham, Alabama?

By the way, it was Republican President Dwight D. Eisenhower who sent troops to ensure that black students could attend Little Rock’s Central High School.

What was the political party of Alabama Gov. George Wallace, who, during the 1960s civil rights movement, declared that he stood for “segregation now, segregation tomorrow and segregation forever” and blocked black students from entering the University of Alabama?

With the foregoing as background, the next sections attempt to illustrate specific instances when “racism” has clearly been exhibited, but reporting or recognition of those instances has been largely omitted.

Following those illustrations are other illustrations revealing charges of “racism” and “hate” having been made, but without supporting justification.

Charges of Racism Deliberately Omitted: Woodrow Wilson. David Keene, an editor at *The Washington Times*, who notes little or no recognition of Wilson’s racism, observes:

Woodrow Wilson’s legacy, however, simply won’t go away. Schools and think tanks are named for the man and various polls continue to rate him as a great or near-great president. The “progressive” politics of today’s Democrats are part of his legacy.

Wilson, the first college president to occupy the White House, banned blacks from government restrooms, was the first president to openly attack the U. S. Constitution and eagerly support laws to prosecute and imprison those who disagreed with his policies.

Author Paul Rahe observes that prior to the segregation of the civil service in 1913, appointments had been made solely on merit as indicated by the candidate’s performance on the civil-service examination. Thereafter, under Wilson, racial discrimination became the norm.

Charges of Racism Deliberately Omitted: Senate Democrats. The racism exhibited by certain Democrats, although given little dissemination, is stunning to note. Consider the following examples:

- **Senator Robert Byrd of West Virginia** rose to the highest levels of power in the Democrat Party despite his well-known and often demonstrated hostility to civil rights. Byrd was elected Senate Whip in 1971 and Majority Leader in 1977 even though he was known to have once been a member of the Ku Klux Klan and had personally filibustered the Civil Rights Act of 1964. His name adorns at least 55 buildings and public works projects; West Virginia’s capitol features a statue of Byrd.
- **Senator Sam Ervin of North Carolina (1954-1974).** His long record of opposition to every civil rights measure that came up while he was in the Senate was overlooked. In 1956, Ervin even wrote an article for *Look Magazine*, one of the largest circulation magazine in America at that time, titled, “The Case for Segregation.” Said Ervin in that article, “I believe in racial segregation as it exists in the South today.”
- **Senator Herman Talmadge (1956-1980).** In 1955, Talmadge published an entire book devoted to attacking the civil rights movement and defending segregation. He was especially concerned about [what he saw] as the degrading effects of intermarriage. Nevertheless, he was elected to the Senate in 1956. In 1975, Talmadge was awarded an honorary degree by Morris Brown College, an historically black school, even though he never renounced his racist past.

Western Civilization Branded Racist; Reasons Not Given. President Trump recently made a speech in Warsaw in which he lauded Western Civilization; however, standing in stark contrast to the general consensus throughout the world that Western Civilization should be praised were the startling contentions of two writers from *The Atlantic* who contended his speech was racist. One article by Peter Beinart was titled “The Racial and Religious Paranoia of Trump's Warsaw Speech” in which he charged that Trump's reference to the West was some kind of racist code word, saying, “His white nationalist supporters will understand exactly what he means.” The other writer, James Fallows, contends, “what he called 'civilization'...boils down to ties of ethnicity and blood.” A *Washington Post* writer referred to the speech as a “white nationalist dog whistle.”

Practices at Universities: Racial in Nature? Following are reports of incidents at universities:

- Black students at Harvard will have their own individual graduation ceremony
- Walter Williams reports that students at Evergreen State College harassed a biology professor because he refused to leave campus, challenging the school's decision to ask white people to leave campus for a day of diversity programming.
- Faculty members at a university must write a “diversity statement” wherein they pledge allegiance to the college's diversity agenda.
- Students at the University of California at Santa Cruz successfully bullied the college's officials into giving in to their demands after a three-day-long-sit-in.
- A group of liberal students belonging to the college's African/Black Student Alliance entered an administrative building, locked all the doors and demanded four years of student housing for “all students from underrepresented communities.”
- A study of 350 freshman reading assignments found that campus leaders prefer to assign books that bemoan racism and white privilege rather than introduce students to great works. Most colleges ignore some of the celebrated authors and thinkers of the past, such as William Shakespeare, Abraham Lincoln, Charles Dickens and other notables.
- In 2014, upon taking office, the new Harvard College dean, Rakesh Khurana – an organizational sociologist and professor at Harvard Business School – declared solidarity with Black Lives Matter, announcing a college-wide transformation and paradigm shift to diversity. In the following year, BLM-inspired demands multiplied. They included expanded faculty employment on the basis of race; more black-centered courses and extracurricular support; increased black financial aid, and curbs on the expulsion of black students for academic failure.

“Hate” as Defined by the Southern Poverty Law Center. In today's contentious environment, with increasing frequency, a practice of one warring individual to label his or her opponent as being driven by “hate” can be noted; however, there may not be a common understanding of that term. Its definition in the political arena may be entirely according to the eyes of the beholder, as is evidenced by the following.

Originally concerned with civil rights issues and exposing the antics of the KKK and the neo-Nazi groups by listing them as “hate groups,” the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) departed from that purpose by also listing as “hate groups” organizations having a variety of missions with which the SPLC simply does not agree. Now included in the listing of “hate groups” are the following:

- Family Research Council, a ministry, whose mission is to advance faith, family and freedom.
- Alliance Defending Freedom, a public interest law firm which just this year won a Supreme Court case 7-2 defending religious liberty. It was reported as a “hate group” by ABC, NBC, and others who cited SPLC as the source for that term.
- ACT for America helps America understand the threat of radical Islam to the nations security. It was labeled “anti-Muslim hate group” by SPLC.

In addition to listing organizations, the SPLC also lists individuals branding them, for example, as “the core of the anti-Muslim right.” Individuals included on this list were Cathie Adams (Texas Eagle Forum), Ann were Coulter (author, TV guest), Laura Ingraham (radio talk show host) and Judge Jeanine Pirro (Fox News). As was reported in a newsletter of a few years ago, there was reason for these individuals to fear for their lives. Even Dr. Ben Carson was listed as a “hater” for a while.

There is an added problem with SPLC. When organizations such as CNN want to know if a certain group is a “hate group,” they will avoid doing their own research on that group and will, instead, contact SPLC – which now finds itself in a lawsuit because of that practice.

And there is yet another added problem: a negative listing can contribute to violence. This is because some individuals will respond with violence to such terms as “hate group.” For example, in 2012 an individual walked into the Family Research Council offices with a gun and an intent of killing as many people as possible there. The FRC had been listed by the SPLC as a “hate group.” Luckily, a security guard, via use of his own firearm, stopped him.

And more recently, SPLC was linked to the June attack on congressional Republicans at a baseball practice before a charity game. SPLC admitted the shooter, James Hodgkinson, “liked” SPLC which had previously contended Rep. Scalise, an injured party, “promoted white supremacy and supported a ‘hate group.’”

In summary: the SPLC has a proven record of being a hate group in its own right! (yet to be exposed)

Credit for Eliminating Racism Generally not Reported: The Civil Rights Act of 1964. The roles of Republicans and Democrats contrasted sharply in regard to the passage of the Civil rights Act of 1964.

Author Bruce Bartlett points out that Republican Senator Dirksen had done yeoman work in holding almost all Republicans together in support of the bill. “More than any other single individual,” even the leftist *New York Times* acknowledged, “he was responsible for getting the civil rights bill through the Senate.”

The support of other Republicans viz a viz the opposition of Democrats should be noted. During a critical vote to end the filibuster by Southern Democrats in the Senate, 80 percent of those voting “nay” were Democrats, including Robert Byrd (who was to become Majority Leader a few years later, in 1977) and the father of former vice president Al Gore who was then a Senator from Tennessee. The Act was the subject of the longest debate in the history of Congress.

In the House, the Democrats had an historically large majority with a ratio (Democrats to Republicans) of 259 to 176. The final vote on the bill was 290 “for” and 130 “against.” Of the “nay” votes, three-fourths were Democrats, thus providing verification that the Act could not have passed without strong Republican support.

THE CHANGED ROLES OF THE MEDIA AND THE DEMOCRAT PARTY

Talk show host Rush Limbaugh, in discussing the changed roles of the media and Democrats, first points out, “There is no Democrat Party agenda other than destroying Donald Trump, voila`, that also happens to be the media's mission. Supporting my theory that the media is no longer just an arm of the Democrat Party, the Democrat Party is, in fact, an arm of the media. The media provides the talking points, the ferocity, the political turbulence. And the Party is just fine with the media running the opposition *for* them.”

Columnist Victor Hanson Davis has views similar to Limbaugh's, saying, for example, “for all practical purposes there is no Democratic party as we have traditionally known it.” He elaborates that point:

It is no longer a liberal (a word now replaced by progressive) political alternative to conservatism as much as a cultural movement fueled by coastal elites, academics, celebrities – and the media. Its interests are not so much political as cultural. True to its new media identity, the Democratic party is against anything Trump rather than being for something. The result is that in traditional governing terms, the Democratic party has recalibrated itself into near political impotency.

In such a void, a traditionally progressive media, including the entertainment industry, stepped in and fused with what is left of the Democratic party to form the new opposition to the Republican party and in particular to Donald Trump.

The changes by Democrats have brought about a change in journalists: They are now to be advocates, not disinterested reporters of the news.

Epilogue. There has been much discussion about the violence which took place in Charleston, Virginia, the reaction to it by politicians, and the reporting of it by the media. A number of factors have surfaced, about which author Daniel Horowitz makes the following profound observations:

What is taking place in the media accounts and political commentaries on this event is an effort by the left to turn the mayhem in Charlottesville into a template for their war against a mythical enemy - “white supremacy” - which is really a war on white people generally. The ideology that drives the left and divides the country is “identity politics” - the idea that the world consists of two groups - “people of color” who are guiltless and oppressed, and white people who are guilty and oppressors. This is the real race war. Its noxious themes inform the mindless, hysterical hatred for Donald Trump, and the equally mindless support for racist mobs like Black Lives Matter and Antifa. It is a war from which no good can come. But it won't be stopped unless enough people have the courage to stand up and name it for what it is.

ARE CITIZENS BEGINNING TO “PUSH BACK?”

An op-ed piece in a recent issue of *The Wall Street Journal* describes a disruption which took place on the University of Missouri campus and the response of campus administrators to that disruption. What took place on that campus is typical of what took place on several other campuses and widely reported on TV news.

But what has not been shown on the news is the “push back” by the University of Missouri alumni, parents, and others to what went on at that campus. There has been “push back” and it may be typical of other instances of “push back” but not yet reported. The reader may find the following excerpts from that op-ed piece and also the

reports of the disruptions 60s and 70s (also reported) to be instructive:

A Description of the Disruption. *The commotion began in October 2015, when student activists claiming that “racism lives here” sent administrators a lengthy list of demands. Among them: The president of the University of Missouri system should resign after delivering a handwritten apology acknowledging his “white male privilege”; the curriculum should include “comprehensive racial awareness and inclusion” training; and 10% of the faculty and staff should be black.*

Two weeks later, a student announced he was going on a hunger strike, and the football team refused to practice or play until the university met the demands. As protesters occupied the quad, administrators bent over backward to accommodate them, even providing a power strip so they could charge phones and a generator so they could camp in comfort. A communications instructor, Melissa Click, appeared on viral video calling for “muscle” to remove a student reporter from the quad. By Nov. 9, both the president and the chancellor of Mizzou, as the flagship Columbia campus is known, had resigned.

There were many e-mails from alumni, parents, supports and others expressing disgust over the handling of the disruption. And there were other consequences:

As classes begin this week, freshmen enrollment is down 35% since the protests, according to the latest numbers the university has publicly released. Mizzou is beginning the year with the smallest incoming class since 1999. Overall enrollment is down by more than 2,000 students, to 33,200. The campus has taken seven dormitories out of service.

The plummeting support has also cost jobs. In May, Mizzou announced it would lay off as many as 100 people and eliminate 300 more positions through retirement and attrition. Last year the university reduced its library staff and cut 50 cleaning and maintenance jobs.

Universities have consistently underestimated the power of a furious public. At the same time, they've overestimated the power of student activists, who have only as much influence as administrators give them.

Will History Repeat Itself? Columnist Pat Buchanan makes some interesting observations about the aftermath of campus disruptions dating back to 1964 when students at the University of California engaged in protests, sit-ins, the holding of cops hostage in patrol cars to gain “free speech,” and their “filthy speech rights” everywhere on campus.

They were successful, but, contends Buchanan, “Berkeley proved a godsend to a dispirited right.” In 1966, continues Buchanan, “Ronald Reagan would beat Berkeley like a drum in his run for governor, calling the campus ‘a haven for communist sympathizers, protesters and sex deviants’ . . .the radicalism, intolerance, arrogance and fanaticism of the far left of the '60s and 70s helped to revive the Republican Party and bring victories in five of the next six presidential elections.”

SEPTEMBER 17, 1787: WHEN THE U. S. CONSTITUTION WAS SIGNED (It is an Event Which Should be Commemorated)

Foreword. The U. S. Constitution, having been signed by delegates to a Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787, will become 230 years old this coming September 17. While it is a highly respected document, its anniversary will, unfortunately, go virtually unnoticed, if past history is an indicator.

There is unfortunate symbolism in that non-recognition, that being said because the greatness of that document seems not to be sufficiently understood or appreciated by the general public, or explained in educational institutions. And members of Congress and members of the judicial branch, in a growing number of instances, seem to be making their oaths of office pledging to defend the Constitution but a perfunctory, pointless ritual.

Yet today, when a great many citizens, out of fear for the future of the country, cry for help, almost invariably, they will say the solution for the nation's woes is to “FOLLOW THE CONSTITUTION!” But before the Constitution can be followed it must first be understood, revered and be given some historical context.

A Tribute to That Magnificent Document. Rush Limbaugh provides a profound tribute to the Constitution. But his thoughts, which are presented below, should be considered in the context of a major event having its one-hundredth anniversary this year. That event: The Bolshevik Revolution which, after the murder of the Tsar of Russia and his family in October of 1917, resulted in what author Erich Reimer terms, “the world's first stable communist state.” The ensuing and enduring tenets of Marxism-Leninism – including class warfare, confiscation of property, abandonment of family values, violence – can be detected to one degree or another in today's America.

Worthy of special mention is the lessening of the value of human life as evidenced by the practices of Stalin, Mao, Castro, Cambodia's Khmer Rouge and other communist dictators.

Limbaugh's comments, which follow, should be read in the context of communism, socialism, centralized

government, Islam constituting an ideology now competing with the Constitution. Limbaugh's comments:

The story of humanity on planet Earth since the beginning of time has been one of bondage and base survival struggle. The vast majority of people who have lived did not know freedom or liberty. They did not have the right to own property, or the right to dissent, and they certainly didn't have economic opportunity. Most lived very hard lives under tyranny, authoritarianism, dictatorship.

There never was a nation before the United States which founded and organized itself on the belief that the citizen is sovereign, the center of political power – the free, liberated citizen is master of his own destiny.

Humanity has always been dominated by rulers who govern by intimidation, punishment, brutality. The United States is the exception. America was founded on the premise that we are all created by God, we are all created equal, and we are all created yearning for freedom, the natural desire of the human spirit. This had never happened before.

For the first time in human history, the Constitution of this country was written to limit the power of its leaders, to limit the power of its government. In terms of founding a nation, never had such a thing before been imagined. That's what's so remarkable and miraculous.

NOTES ON THE PASSING SCENE

(Some random observations on this crazy world in which we live)

Sen. McCain's Cancer. According to a report in the *Washington Times*, Sen John McCain has been diagnosed with a brain cancer known as a glioblastoma, one expanding and burying itself in the soft tissue of the brain making it difficult to move with surgery.

The report indicates that the prognosis is “dire” and that “patients with glioblastoma typically are given less than a year to live. With treatment, life expectancy grows to about 14 months to three years.” Sen. McCain is 80 years of age.

Sen. McCain's former Democratic colleague, Sen. Edward Kennedy, succumbed to that ailment in 2009, as did Beau Biden, a son of former vice president Joseph Biden, in 2015.

Precinct Chair Filing. According to a calendar published by the office of the Secretary of State, the first day to file for a place on the Primary ballot for precinct chair candidate is **Tuesday, September 12, 2017**. According to the local Elections Office this date is effective for the newly created Precinct 393 (resulting from the split of Pct. 381) even though the split does not become effective until this coming January. The Elections Office also reports that maps of precincts will be available soon. (The filing period for all other candidates is Nov. 11 thru Dec. 11)

Civil Rights Memorial. Club member Bob Parmelee announces that anyone interested in joining a nonpartisan effort to erect a statue celebrating the American Civil Rights Movement on the grounds of the Williamson County Courthouse should please contact him at 512-635-4276 or bobparm@zianet.com Bob has committed \$1000 in seed money toward this project.

Less Than 1% of Visa Overstays Are Arrested. According to a recent inspector general's report, less than 1 percent of those who overstay their visas ever get arrested. America's borders, in other words, are virtually an open door for anyone who pretends to abide by US immigration law initially before flouting it entirely.

Complicating matters further: There's no definitive way to verify that people who have overstayed have actually left the country, unless their names appear on an airline's international flight manifest.