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There Is Only One Independence Day

By Washington Examiner originally published in Washington Examiner (June 19 2025)

The Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of African American History and Culture, which recently produced a chart categorizing hard work, self-reliance, and the nuclear family as attributes of whiteness, describes Juneteenth as "our country's second Independence Day." Unfortunately, some news media outlets have followed suit.

The United States is one nation with one people, and we should honor only one Independence Day. It is true that American independence was imperfectly realized in 1776 as slavery continued for generations, but our Declaration of Independence from Britain is the true beginning of our country, and its significance should not be diluted by the confused timelines of subsequent events. The end of slavery is worth celebrating, but it is not the event that defines who we are as a nation, just as 1619, when the first African slaves arrived on these shores, is not the proper date of America's founding, much though revisionist historians wish to persuade us otherwise.

Juneteenth itself is confusing and misunderstood by almost everyone who celebrates it. June 19, 1865, marked the functional end of slavery



Painting portraying the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The Library of Congress.

for a portion of the population being held in southern Texas, but it had no national significance at the time or for many generations afterward.

President Abraham Lincoln announced his intention to emancipate the slaves in states that had rebelled against the Union on Sept. 22, 1862, but even then, he put off the order until the next year. A man of his word, though, Lincoln followed through, and on New Year's Day 1863, he issued the Emancipation Proclamation, announcing that "all persons held as slaves" within states still fighting against the Union "henceforward shall be free."

While this order held out the promise of freedom for millions of slaves, their release from bondage could not occur until the Union army physically liberated them. This did not change when Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant at the Appomattox Court House, in Virginia, on April 9, 1865. Most slave owners had no intention of giving up their slaves, no matter what Lincoln ordered, until the Union army came and physically forced them to do so.

That is what happened in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, more than two months after the Civil War ended. Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger came to southern Texas with Union soldiers and posted copies of General Order No. 3 around the town announcing that, "In accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."

While this was true for the slaves of Galveston, it was not so for hundreds of thousands of slaves in border states that had not joined the Confederacy and were therefore not included in the Emancipation Proclamation. It was not until Dec. 6, 1865, when the requisite three-fourths of states ratified the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, that slavery became unconstitutional.

THE KINGS OF HYPOCRISY

The U.S. is a country of imperfect humans, not angels. In addition to being born with the same burden of slavery that afflicted most of the world at the time, our country has not always treated everyone equally. It was not until the mid-1800s that men without property could vote in every state, women did not have the right to vote until the 19th Amendment was ratified in 1920, and Japanese Americans were interned during World War II. We do not need separate holidays marking the end of each of these injustices.

The beauty of Independence Day is that it can be celebrated by everyone. Like the flag and the national anthem, it is a unifying cultural entity that allows us to see ourselves as one unified people, not distinct demographics, each with our own separate identity and history. There are already far too many things that divide us, and a second Independence Day isn't going to help.

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PILOT

Spin and Reality (Part 2)

By Dufresne

Municipalities sometime use PILOTs to encourage the development of a project that might not otherwise be viable.

PILOTs are tax breaks for developers, so naturally developers ask for them.

They are NOT required, and indeed many municipalities (West Windsor is a good example) avoid using them. Why give a developer a tax break when the developer would agree to build anyway?

PILOTs are needed to encourage development in disadvantaged areas. That's not here in Hopewell Valley.

When a PILOT is used, the municipality gets 95% of the revenue.

Normally, the Schools get around 58%. When PILOTs are used, the schools get nothing!

Why does that matter?

Because just one of the PILOTs in Hopewell Township amounts to more than \$300 million in tax revenue over 30 years! Normally, the schools would receive approximately \$170 million. Deprived of that revenue, and facing more students in the schools, the School District faces a horrible choice. Allow the School facilities and programs to deteriorate, or else raise taxes through their budgetary process and through referenda.

But then our taxes go up?

YES! But the fault is the Township, which is promising to share only \$16.1M and not the \$170M that the schools would normally receive through direct taxation! In other words, the Township is offering just 10 cents on the dollar!

Why not have Hopewell Township give us back our share of the PILOT revenue?

That has been suggested, but it's not workable, immoral, and probably illegal. That PILOT revenue originates from new residents, whose taxes would be redistributed to existing residents. No township committee can legally commit a future township committee to spend money. A new state law passed last year makes it possible for the Township to use PILOT money for a bond in support of the schools, and hence their \$16.1M offer. That new law cannot be used to provide taxpayers with a sustained refund.

What's the solution(s)?

We should all come to Township meetings and insist that the members substantially increase their offer to the schools from \$16.1M.

Any future PILOTs need to give the Schools a seat at the negotiating table.

One final thought

How many of you are aware the Township Committee members just voted themselves a raise. The Mayor's maximum salary has just risen from \$6,000 a year to \$16,000 a year.

If any of this is concerning, please voice your concern(s) at the next Township Committee meeting(s) in-person or by zoom: July 14, 2025, 6:30 PM <https://www.hopewelltpw.org/calendar.aspx?CID=32>

Fact Check: A Primer On How Payment In Lieu Of Taxes Deals Work In New Jersey

By Krystal Knapp originally published in Planet Princeton (November 30 2025)

Municipalities sometimes use Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs) to encourage the development of a project that might not otherwise be financially viable.

Payment in lieu of taxes agreements are also sometimes used when nonprofit entities like universities make voluntary payments to municipalities, but that is a separate issue from residential and commercial PILOT agreements and will not be addressed here in detail.

If local officials determine that the redevelopment of a certain area would benefit the town, they can incentivize development in that area through the PILOT program, giving the developer a break on property taxes.

Municipalities are not required to give developers a PILOT under New Jersey law, even if a percentage of the development is affordable housing.

Under PILOT agreements, the developer still pays taxes on the land, but all property improvements including buildings (and the revenue they generate, which is normally calculated for commercial assessments) are exempt. But when housing is to be constructed, acquired or rehabilitated by an urban renewal entity, the land upon which that housing is situated [is also exempt from taxation](#).

“For certain redevelopment projects, school districts can endeavor to get a seat at the table’ to come to terms with the local leaders and to attempt to share in a portion of the payments,” [according to Robbi S. Acampora](#) of The New Jersey School Boards Association. “This is especially important if the new development generates children that will be enrolled in the school district.”

The School Boards Association recommends that school boards try to get a seat at the negotiating table during PILOT negotiations with developers and that the boards strive to negotiate their fair share of the PILOTs during the negotiation phase for the agreement.

State statute allows a maximum tax relief of 30 years from the completion of a development project, or 35 years from the execution of the financial agreement. The portion of a development that is affordable housing only has to be affordable housing for 30 years.

There are two types of PILOT structures in New Jersey, the Long-Term Tax Exemption Law (LTTE) and the Five-Year Tax Abatement Law.

Residential and commercial taxpayers in New Jersey are required to pay property taxes to the municipality in which they are located. In New Jersey, the property tax bill is generated by the municipality, but the taxes are collected on behalf of various taxing entities, including the municipality, school district, and county government. Library and open space taxes may also be collected by the municipality.

The municipality is the pass-through entity for the collection of the taxes owed to the school district and the county. Following the receipt of the tax revenue from taxpayers in the municipality, the municipality in turn pays the county, school district, and other taxing entities the tax revenues owed to them.

When a PILOT is used, the municipality receives 95 percent of the revenue, which goes into the municipal spending coffers, and the county government receives 5 percent. The structure of the PILOT payments is the result of a negotiation between the developer and the municipality. Only municipalities and counties are entitled to collect their respective portions of PILOT payments. School districts are not legally entitled to share in these payments, but that doesn’t mean that they are not permitted to participate.

If the developer uses the LTTE option, the agreement is structured in one of two ways: Not less than 10 percent of the project’s gross annual revenue would be paid; or, not less than 2 percent of the project costs would be paid annually. If the PILOT is based on the percentage of annual gross revenue, rental income as well as other fees paid by the tenant, such as insurance and parking amenities should also be considered when calculating the agreement. If the percentage of project cost method is used, all associated costs must be captured in the calculation. These include the cost of land acquisition and preparation, surveying, legal, engineering, and other professional fees as well as the fair-market value of direct labor, the cost of all construction materials, and entrepreneurial profit.

The Five-Year Tax Abatement option is used for an area in need of rehabilitation. The first year is tax-exempt. Years two through five are phased in at 20%, 40%, 60%, then 80% of conventional taxes.

The payments that the developer makes in lieu of taxes is called the Annual Service Charge (ASC). Both options are subject to annual minimum payments. Verification of the basis for the LTTE option payment (either 10 percent of gross annual revenue or 2 percent of project costs) is calculated periodically for accuracy.

After 15 years, there is a minimum step-up of traditional taxes paid. For example, if the PILOT is structured for 20 years, after 15 years, the payment would revert to 20%, 40%, 60%, then 80% percent of traditional taxes until the 100% level is reached.

A property assessment is based on two factors: land and improvements. If the town completes a revaluation during the term of the PILOT agreement and the land portion of the property increases, the payment of taxes based on the land would increase.

PILOT payments are made in accordance with the financial agreement and in quarterly installments according to the property tax payment schedule.

A developer can request additional financial assistance from a municipality. For example, if infrastructure improvements are needed, the municipality can issue bonds to finance those improvements. If there is a demonstrated need, Special Redevelopment Area Bonds can also be issued.

PILOT agreements are meant to spur the development of a property or area that is not otherwise generating its maximum contribution to a town's tax base.

"A State Comptroller report from several years ago noted that New Jersey's municipal tax abatement program is pulling critical funding away from school districts and leaving taxpayers to pick up the costs," said Singleton (D-Burlington) in a [statement about the bill](#). The bill cleared a Senate subcommittee in May but has not advanced in the Senate yet because of opposition from municipalities.

"Specifically, the report noted municipalities often receive more funds by granting tax abatements because they arrange for payments in lieu of taxes," Singleton wrote. "School districts, however, receive no share of those payments and therefore lose out on the municipality's new wealth. In some cases, the result is schools' increased reliance on state aid. This bill seeks to change that."

The NJEA says the bill is a step in the right direction toward ensuring that governmental entities whose actions can impact the operation, financing, and student enrollment of school districts are communicating with their school district and considering how their actions will impact the children, employees, and finances of the local school district.

"Because state laws do not require that the local school districts receive a direct portion of the PILOT, local officials should take the opportunity during the negotiating process (with the developer) to ensure that if the new property directly affects the school district, accommodations should be made to include the school district with compensation or appropriate credit," Acampora writes.

"For long-term tax abatements, there is a significant tax loss to the school district and county," writes Keith S. Balla, a partner at PKF O'Connor Davies Accountants and Advisors, writes in the post "[Benefits and pitfalls of PILOT agreements for NJ Municipalities](#)."

Payments in Lieu of Taxes arrangements are such a bad deal for school districts and the taxpayers that the New Jersey Education Association, the statewide union for educators, [has called for support for a bill](#) sponsored by Senator Troy Singleton that would require municipalities to share payments received in lieu of property taxes with school districts.

"For far too long, local governmental entities have been able to approve development projects without considering how these projects would impact the public school system," reads the NJEA post regarding the bill.

If a project generates more students and the school district is not receiving a portion of PILOT money or a fair share of PILOT money, it means school taxes for the other taxpayers in the municipality will go up to pay for educating the additional students. Yes, the school district will still get its money from the school tax levy, but the other taxpayers will be paying more to foot the bill and/or programs will be cut. There is no magical way that any deficit will be covered. Either the state will approve tax cap waivers because of the growing student population or the school district will have to make cuts to programs. And when the district runs out of space because of the increase in students, voters will have to approve referendums for expansions or new buildings. This is not disinformation, it is fact. To claim otherwise as elected officials or opinion bloggers is nothing short of an attempt to gaslight the public.

ELECTION 2025

Neiderer Qualifies For The November Ballot With Successful Write-In Campaign

By TruthBTold

Steven Niederer will be on the ballot as a Republican Candidate for Hopewell Township Committee. He will be campaigning to replace the Democrat incumbents this November.

Steven Niederer is a lifelong resident of Hopewell Township and part of a proud fourth-generation farming family whose roots run deep in the very soil that has sustained his family and community for generations. Raised with a strong work ethic, respect for tradition, and a love for the land, Steven embodies the values that define Hopewell's past, present, and future.

After graduating from Hopewell Valley Central High School in 2006, Steven earned his bachelor's degree in Social Sciences and Criminology from The College of New Jersey. Inspired by a calling to public service, he began his career in law enforcement in 2013, joining the Mercer County Sheriff's Office.



Photo courtesy of Steven Niederer.

Steven's tenure in law enforcement was marked by distinction and leadership. He served on loan to the United States Marshals Service as part of their Regional Fugitive Task Force, where he played a key role in identifying, locating, and apprehending individuals connected to serious and violent criminal offenses. He was also an originating member of the Mercer County Sheriff's Tactical Response Team, helping to establish and shape the unit's mission and operations from the beginning of operation.

Through unfortunate events, Steven's law enforcement career was cut short after he was shot in the line of duty. Though his injuries ended his time in uniform, they did nothing to diminish his dedication to public service or his vision for building a stronger, safer, and more connected community.

Today, Steven continues his commitment to service by supporting first responders and community members as a mental health advocate. Drawing from personal experience and a deep understanding of the challenges faced by those in high-stress roles, he works to break down stigma, promote access to resources, and foster a culture of resilience and support.

Now, as a candidate for the Hopewell Township Committee, Steven brings a rare blend of lifelong local knowledge, public safety expertise, and deep-rooted values. He is focused on preserving Hopewell's rural character, supporting local agriculture, ensuring responsible development, and fostering a community that works for all its residents.

Steven Niederer knows Hopewell — because he's lived it, served it, and continues to fight for it.

Inconsistent Turnout Marks 2025 New Jersey Gubernatorial Primary As Sherrill And Ciattarelli Clinch Nominations

By Mark Demo

New Jersey's June 10, 2025, gubernatorial primary featured the first statewide election held without the traditional party-line ballot design, producing a competitive race on the Democratic side and a blowout win on the Republican side. On the Democratic side, U.S. Representative Mikie Sherrill prevailed, claiming approximately 34–35% of the vote, well ahead of Newark Mayor Ras Baraka and other challengers. On the Republican side, former Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli secured a strong victory with about 67% of the GOP vote, ensuring a return to the general election stage after his 2021 campaign against Governor Phil Murphy.

According to unofficial turnout figures as of June 17, over **1.35 million votes** were cast across the state out of **4.075 million voters** representing a 33% overall turnout of primary eligible voters. This **excludes unaffiliated voters**, who are ineligible to participate in partisan primaries in New Jersey.

Among the overall turnout:

- **Vote-by-mail (VBM) ballots** accounted for an estimated 27% of total ballots cast. Camden county recorded a high of 56% VBM ballots while Hudson County recorded the low of **12%** VBM ballots.
- **In-person early voting** varied by County but ranged from roughly **9–15%** of total ballots, with higher usage in counties like Mercer and Middlesex (**15%**). Camden county was lowest at **3%** of total county ballots cast.

- **Election Day voting** dominated the process, constituting **61%** of total ballots cast. **Hudson County** recorded a high of **78%** Election Day ballots cast. **Middlesex County** recorded a low of **47%** Election Day ballots cast.

Partisan breakdowns illustrate the engagement levels:

- On the Democratic side of the ticket, statewide turnout averaged **33%** while Republican turnout averaged **29%** turnout.
- Interestingly, Democratic turnout was highest in **Gloucester and Hunterdon Counties (39%)** and lowest in Passaic County (**27%**).
- Republican turnout was highest in Hunterdon County (**35%**) and lowest in Essex County (**19%**).

Within **Mercer County** the breakdown by voting type was **15%** Early Voting, **49%** Election Day and **34%** Vote-by-Mail with the balance in Provisional. Within **Mercer County** by Party – the turnout was **34%** for Democrats and **26%** for Republicans.

With both parties now having selected their standard bearers, New Jersey voters will look ahead to a high-profile general election contest between Mikie Sherrill and Jack Ciattarelli this November.

New Jersey GOP Gubernatorial Nominee Eyes Judicial Openings And Targets Sanctuary Laws

By Kevin Mooney originally published in The Daily Signal (June 11 2025)

Commentary

HOLMDEL, New Jersey—Just a few minutes after telling an enthused crowd of supporters that he is committed to the goal of a “safer, more prosperous, and affordable New Jersey,” Jack Ciattarelli told The Daily Signal that he very mindful of the openings on the state supreme court.

“We have two new appointments,” the Republican gubernatorial nominee said while making his way through a crowd of voters who figured into a decisive primary victory. Ciattarelli, a 63-year-old businessman a former Republican assemblyman, nearly unseated Gov. Phil Murphy, the incumbent Democrat governor, in the 2021 gubernatorial race.

On Tuesday, he won all 21 New Jersey counties over a crowded field of primary opponents winning more than 67% of the vote. Ciattarelli also received the endorsement of President Donald Trump. In the November election, he will face off against Rep. Mikie Sherrill, a Democrat House member, now representing New Jersey’s 11th Congressional District. While the Democrat primary was more closely contested, Sherrill emerged as a clear winner with more than 34% of the vote.

Judicial appointments are among the several topics where the two candidates are expected to clash. The seven-member New Jersey Supreme Court is widely viewed by policy analysts as one of the most activist in the entire country. Two of its most controversial decisions include the Abbott v. Burke ruling, which involved school funding, and the Mount Laurel decision that dealt with affordable housing.

On his campaign website, Ciattarelli pledges to “break from the failed tradition of artificially providing partisan balance on the State Supreme Court.” Instead, his focus will be selecting “the best and most qualified nominees (regardless of party affiliation) who will apply the law as written by the legislature, not endeavor to make law that resulted in the failed Abbott and Mount Laurel decisions.”

Under New Jersey law, the governor nominates and the Senate confirms high court judges. Once confirmed, judges serve for an initial seven-year term. Once that term is up, a governor can then nominate a judge for a tenured position that also requires Senate confirmation. Tenured judges are automatically retired when they reach the age of 70.

Michel Hurtado, the Trenton Republican Party vice chairman, is keen on the idea of breaking with tradition when the opportunity comes to fill expected vacancies on the state supreme court. He spoke with The Daily Signal following Ciattarelli’s victory speech at the Bell Works facility in Monmouth County.

“For too long we’ve had this gentlemen’s agreement regarding appointments to the supreme court to maintain a partisan balance,” Hurtado said. “But it hasn’t served us well. We’ve just ended up with far-left appointments.”

Sherrill, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, Navy helicopter pilot, and former federal prosecutor, has not made any clear statements yet on what kind of judges she would select. Her campaign website does put some emphasis on criminal justice reforms while expressing concern over the “threat of gun violence.” Sherrill has told news outlets she intends to pick an “aggressive” attorney general for the purpose of opposing the Trump administration.

But Ciattarelli appears poised for battle in the general election. He warned the hundreds of attendees at his victory rally of the coming campaign attacks, saying they should expect to be “Trumped off their a– everyday” since Sherrill “has no plan for New Jersey and can’t run on her own record.”

Sanctuary Laws in the Crosshairs

Ciattarelli also called out Sherrill for voting in favor of “open borders” as a member of Congress. He was also particularly critical of the fact Sherrill voted against the Laken Riley Act, which requires the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to

detain illegal aliens admitting to, charged with, or convicted of theft-related crimes, assaults against police officers, and crimes that result in death or serious injury. Trump signed the bill into law earlier this year.

As governor, Ciattarelli has said he would repeal New Jersey's sanctuary law known as the "Immigrant Trust Directive" designed to shield illegal aliens from law enforcement. He has also pledged to ban municipalities from declaring themselves sanctuary cities.

Maria Bua, a former Mercer County Republican chairwoman, sees law and order questions working to Ciattarelli's advantage.

"There's real public fatigue with the lawlessness that comes from illegal immigration in Jersey and across the country," she said. "You see what's happening out in Los Angeles and with the foolish stunts Democrats have pulled in Jersey protesting against the detention facility in Newark where dangerous criminals who are also illegal aliens have been held."

Even so, Bua acknowledges that the Democrats have built in advantages in the Garden State where they hold a 896,350 voter registration advantage over Republicans. She also points to the historical tendency for the party in the White House to lose seats in off year elections. Yet, Trump came within six points of winning the state against former Vice President Kamala Harris in last year's presidential race.

"I expect a competitive race," Bua said. "It looks like Jack is going to get help from the national party that he didn't quite get last time. There's a feeling New Jersey is in play now and into the future."

Someone else in attendance with a long history in the state was former Republican state Sen. Richard LaRossa who represented parts of Mercer County. He expressed some optimism that Ciattarelli could win in November.

"This is a very strong statement with Jack winning all 21 counties," LaRossa said. "I think Jack is in the best position of any GOP candidate in the past 30 years."

Rocco Riccio, a public school teacher in Trenton, is particularly impressed with Ciattarelli's position on education. The Republican candidate has expressed support for the expansion of charter schools and other school choice initiatives modeled after Florida's voucher program. Ciattarelli has also called for a "Parents' Bill of Rights."

Riccio takes a critical view of diversity, equity, and inclusion policies that have been implemented in school districts.

"I've seen up close how damaging these DEI policies are for students," he said.

Riccio also cites an alarming figure that he hopes will find its way into the campaign. In a little more than 10 years these figures show, there's been a paltry growth of about 5% in the number of teachers statewide compared to a 95% growth in administration.

"We need to change direction," Riccio said. "Now is the time." The New Jersey gubernatorial election will be held on Nov. 4. Republicans have not won statewide in New Jersey since 2013 when former Republican Gov. Chris Christie was reelected. The last Republican presidential candidate to win the state was George H. W. Bush in 1988.

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Education

What's Happening In HVRSD Schools?

HVRSD Board Of Education Meeting June 16, 2025

By *The Wall of Ed*

Agenda: <https://go.boarddocs.com/nj/hvrtd/Board.nsf/Public#tab-meetings>

Meeting Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vH6jCYMcS1U>

Next Meeting July 21st at 6:30pm at the HVRSD Board office: 425 S. Main Street, Pennington

Three HVRSD Board of Education Seats will be on the November 2025 Ballot

Two seats in Hopewell Township and one seat in Hopewell Borough are up for re-election this year and the nominating petitions are due to the Mercer County Clerk's office by **July 28th**. School board petitions can be found by clicking here <https://www.mercercounty.org/government/county-clerk/elections/election-related-links>. The number of signatures needed has increased from 10 to 25.

The NJSBA has a candidate information kit for anyone who wants to learn more about becoming a school board member <https://www.njsba.org/membership/membership-school-board-members/school-board-candidacy/>.

Update on the Bond Referendum

The finance committee presented their recommendations to the board for the November 4th bond referendum, after voters rejected the \$89M referendum this past September. At the next board meeting, they will be voting on the final list of projects to include and whether to go with the committee's proposal of splitting the questions into two parts. The first question includes the most critical projects, totaling \$58M, and the second question includes expansions to Bear Tavern and Toll Gate that are needed for enrollment growth, with a price tag of \$26M. The first question must pass in order for the second question to pass.

| Proposed Question 1 – Preliminary Total Cost \$58.4 M | |
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| 1 | Building Integrity Partial Roofing Replacements (HS, Timberlane, Bear Tavern, Hopewell ES, Toll Gate, Stony Brook) Exterior Door Replacement (Timberlane, Bear Tavern, Hopewell ES, Stony Brook) Correct Drainage Issue (Stony Brook) Front Entrance Upgrades (Timberlane, Bear Tavern Staff Entrance) |
| 2 | Critical Building Systems and Infrastructure Various HVAC Upgrades (HS, Timberlane, Bear Tavern, Hopewell ES, Toll Gate, Stony Brook) Sewer Pumping Station Renovation (Bear Tavern) |
| 3 | Safety and Security Enhancements Interior Door Replacement (Bear Tavern, Hopewell ES) |
| 4 | Improve Space For Students Aux. Gym Floor Replacement (Timberlane) Interior Renovations (Bear Tavern) Toilet Room Renovations (Bear Tavern, Hopewell ES) |
| 5 | Site Improvements Repaving (HS Solar Lot) Driveway Improvements at Front Loop (Toll Gate) |

| Proposed Question 2 – Preliminary Total Cost \$25.8 M | |
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| 4 | Space For Students Addition at Bear Tavern (Approx. 19,000 sf, (10) Pre-K classrooms, Small Group Rooms, Student Services) Addition at Toll Gate (Approx. 9,500 sf, (6) Pre-K classrooms, Staff Rooms and Toilet Rooms – Includes Parking Expansion and Removal of Modular Buildings) |

State and Local Aid and Expected Property Tax Increases

They removed the turf fields and concession stands, but the list of projects they are considering still adds up to about \$84 Million. Most of the projects included in the first question are eligible for 40% of state aid to help offset the cost. The Hopewell Township Committee (HTC) also promised to pay \$16M to help pay for the Bear Tavern addition that is needed largely from an influx of students coming to the district from the new affordable housing units, however the money is tied up due to a pending lawsuit between the Township and Pennington Borough involving the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement.

Former Hopewell Township mayor Jon Edwards spoke about the PILOT during public comment and he explained why this program is so harmful for our school budget. HTC brokered the deal to incentivize the developer to build the required affordable housing units. The new residents who move in with school age children are not paying directly into our district's tax pool and are paying all of their taxes directly to the HTC, and as a result existing residents have to make up for the shortage that would have normally gone straight to the school budget. The township was not required to use the PILOT to attract the developer and in fact many municipalities don't use them because they put a strain on school funding. Dr Treece's response to Mr Edwards was that PILOTS are a legal avenue that municipalities can use and she has no control over what the HTC does.

| Question 1 | Hopewell Twp. | Hopewell Boro | Pennington Boro |
|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Total Amount to be Bonded: | | \$58,409,000 | |
| Average Assessed Value: | \$477,718 | \$408,445 | \$488,135 |
| Avg Annual Tax Impact/ Household: | \$278 | \$243 | \$288 |

| Question 1 & 2 Without PILOT Funds | Hopewell Twp. | Hopewell Boro | Pennington Boro |
|--|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Total Amount to be Bonded: | | \$84,235,000 | |
| Average Assessed Value: | \$477,718 | \$408,445 | \$488,135 |
| Avg Annual Tax Impact/ Household: | \$462 | \$403 | \$479 |

Preliminary Tax Impact - 20 Year Bond Term at 4% Assumed Interest Rate
Information is courtesy of Phoenix Advisors, LLC

| Question 1 & 2 With PILOT Funds | Hopewell Twp. | Hopewell Boro | Pennington Boro |
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| Total Amount to be Bonded: | | \$84,235,000 | |
| Average Assessed Value: | \$477,718 | \$408,445 | \$488,135 |
| Avg Annual Tax Impact/ Household before PILOT Funds Contribution: | \$462 | \$403 | \$479 |
| Avg Annual Tax Reduction/Savings Utilizing PILOT Funds: | -\$117 | -\$101 | -\$121 |
| Avg Annual Tax Impact/ Household: | \$345 | \$302 | \$358 |

Note: The District will still issue the full bond amount for Questions 1 and 2. PILOT funds for the Bear Tavern addition will be used to pay the Debt Service, resulting in the savings noted above.

Preliminary Tax Impact - 20 Year Bond Term at 4% Assumed Interest Rate
Information is courtesy of Phoenix Advisors, LLC

Click here for the full referendum presentation: [https://go.boarddocs.com/nj/hvrsd/Board.nsf/files/DHQ3AS05F7BB/\\$file/HVRS_D_5639_CommGrpPres_06.16.25_Final.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/nj/hvrsd/Board.nsf/files/DHQ3AS05F7BB/$file/HVRS_D_5639_CommGrpPres_06.16.25_Final.pdf)

Other Noteworthy Updates

The Boys Varsity Tennis Team, led by 2024 State of NJ Coach of the Year Dave Burchell, was recognized for winning States for the second year in a row. Athletic Director, Tripp Becker, said that the team showed the strong values we hope to build in our Athletic Programs by supporting each other, treating their opponents with respect, and showing pride both on and off the court.

The Youth Advisory Board gave an update on the work they have been doing to help combat the youth mental health crisis. They work with students at TMS and CHS and a survey revealed that over 66% of students are feeling excessive stress. They have been implementing several tools to help students with this issue and plan to continue their work next year. They hope to raise greater awareness of the Advisory Board's existence and mission.

The Hijacking Of American Classrooms And How We Can Reclaim Them

By Diana Blum originally published in *Fair For All* (June 12 2025)

It's time to return to education grounded in reason, resilience, and individual dignity.

Last year, I participated in the documentary *Killing America*, which highlighted the cultural unraveling of our country—a phenomenon not born out of natural decay, but deliberately sewn through ideology disguised as justice. Nowhere is this more apparent, and more dangerous, than in our K-12 education system, where a radical shift is reshaping how our children see themselves and each other.

Across the country, lessons grounded in the oppressor/oppressed framework are being embedded throughout public school curricula. These programs, while cloaked in the language of inclusion and empowerment, are planting seeds of division and fragility in our children's still-developing brains. They do not teach history for the sake of understanding or wisdom; they teach it to inflame, to polarize, and to permanently categorize students based on immutable characteristics like race, gender, or ancestry.

This isn't education. It's political activism.

In this distorted worldview, children are first taught to see themselves through the lens of victimhood or guilt—not as individuals capable of reason, resilience, and growth. Those labeled “oppressed” are socialized into a mindset of learned helplessness, internalizing a belief that the deck is forever stacked against them. Meanwhile, those deemed “oppressors” are burdened with shame for sins they did not commit and are powerless to atone for. The result is a generation of youth robbed of agency, conditioned to believe either that the system is too rigged to reward them or too evil to be worth preserving.

This mindset is not just philosophically corrosive; it is psychologically damaging. In these important formative years, the adolescent brain is still forming. Identity, motivation, and moral reasoning are being shaped every day in the classroom. Hard-wiring children with the idea that their destiny is dictated by inherited shame based on their race or other immutable characteristic is antithetical to the founding principles of our country. And while our schools are busy glorifying “resistance” over resilience, our children are falling behind in the very basics of learning.

According to the latest data, reading and math scores are plummeting to historic lows. In some states, nearly half of students can't read or perform math at grade level. An illiterate generation is not only more vulnerable to propaganda; it is also ripe for radicalization. Without critical thinking skills, how can a child discern truth from ideology, justice from revenge, or community from mob rule?

Instead of equipping students with the tools to think, reason, and succeed, we are immersing them in ideological narratives that divide and disempower. Our schools should be sanctuaries of learning, not battlegrounds for political dogma. Education should prepare children to be hopeful and productive, not primed for lifelong grievance.

We urgently need to return to the foundational ideals that built this nation—not a blind nostalgia, but a reaffirmation of the values that once united diverse people under a shared purpose: liberty, opportunity, individual dignity, and equality under the law. These ideals have empowered people from every race and background to strive, achieve, and belong. True belonging does not require conformity to collective ideology; it honors the unique worth of each person.

This is why the difference between equality of opportunity and equity must be clarified. Equality of opportunity ensures that every child has the same chance to rise, regardless of where they start. Equity, as it is currently weaponized, demands equal outcomes and punishes merit, excellence, or independence. It flattens ambition and undermines the very diversity of thought we claim to value.

We must ask ourselves: What kind of citizens are we raising? Do we want children who feel emboldened to shape their futures, or ones who are taught to see themselves as permanently wronged or perpetually guilty? Do we want students who can think for themselves, or who merely repeat the language of their ideological training?

The future of our country depends on the answer.

We must demand a return to education rooted in knowledge, character, and critical inquiry. We must reject the cynical narratives that divide children by race, pit them against each other, and glorify resistance over responsibility. Our children deserve better. Our country deserves better. And if we don't course-correct now, we may find ourselves raising future generations who are not only illiterate in reading and math, but who don't even understand what it means to be American.

That's where FAIR's American Experience curriculum comes in.

FAIR's groundbreaking social studies course offers high school students a healthy, balanced, and fundamentally different path forward. Rather than whitewashing America's complex and difficult history or reducing it to simplistic narratives of oppression and resistance, FAIR's curriculum teaches students to grapple with the nuances of the American story. Students explore how different groups—from colonial Europeans to enslaved Africans, from Native Americans to new waves of immigrants from all over the world—have navigated the ongoing challenge of building unity from diversity while testing, expanding and realizing American ideals of freedom and equality.

The result is an educational experience that helps students understand what makes us different and what we share, who can articulate their own perspectives while genuinely engaging with others'. Instead of being trained to see themselves as either "oppressors" or "oppressed," they learn to see themselves as vital parts of our ongoing American experiment in democratic pluralism, endowed with both the knowledge and skills to help that experiment succeed.

FAIR's curriculum is exactly what American schools need now: grounded education that builds citizens, not activists—young Americans who can think critically, engage civilly, and work collaboratively toward common goals while respecting their legitimate differences.

This is a vitally important effort that all civic-minded Americans, and especially parents, can and should support.

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Supreme Court Victory for Parental Rights Signals National Turning Point

By The Center for Garden State Families originally published in The Center for Garden State Families (June 27 2025)

Center for Garden State Families Calls on New Jersey Parents to Demand Same Protections

Parsippany, NJ — The Center for Garden State Families applauds today's landmark decision by the United States Supreme Court in favor of Maryland parents who challenged the Montgomery County Public Schools' refusal to allow opt-outs from mandatory LGBTQ curriculum. The Court affirmed what we have long known: parents, not the government, are the primary authority over their children's moral and educational development.

"This is a major victory for parental rights, religious liberty, and the protection of childhood innocence," said Gregory Quinlan, President of the Center for Garden State Families. "We call on New Jersey lawmakers and school boards to immediately provide opt-out rights for all families, especially on controversial issues like gender identity and same-sex relationships."

Montgomery County's curriculum, which forced children as young as four to read LGBTQ-themed books without parental notice or consent, sparked national outrage. Parents from diverse faith backgrounds filed suit, arguing the lessons violated their First Amendment rights. The Supreme Court agreed, establishing a precedent that could impact schools nationwide, including here in the Garden State.

The Center for Garden State Families points to key scientific and constitutional facts often ignored by progressive education activists:

- There is no scientific basis for LGBTQ identity being biologically determined. A 2019 study in *Science*, known as the "Ganna study", confirmed there is no "gay gene."
- Gender ideology is not settled science. Chromosomal sex—XX or XY—is objective and immutable.
- Parental control is a foundational American liberty. Mandating ideological instruction without opt-out violates both parental rights and religious conscience.

"We believe in loving every person as God commands," Quinlan added, "but love does not mean surrendering our children to confusion, propaganda, or forced moral relativism in the classroom."

The Center for Garden State Families urges New Jersey families to:

- Attend school board meetings and demand opt-out policies, **including the abolition of the 5756 policy, which keeps secrets from parents.**
- Contact state legislators to support parental notification laws
- Defend the right to teach children according to faith, reason, and family values.

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Supreme Court decision: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/24pdf/24-297_4f14.pdf

Supreme Court Rules Against Challenge to Youth Transgender Procedure Ban

By Newsmax originally published in Newsmax (June 18 2025)

The U.S. Supreme Court backed a Republican-backed ban in Tennessee on gender-transition procedures for transgender minors on Wednesday in a setback for transgender rights that could bolster efforts by states to defend other measures targeting transgender people.

The justices ruled that the ban does not violate the U.S. Constitution's 14th Amendment promise of equal protection. They upheld a lower court's decision upholding Tennessee's law barring medical treatments such as puberty blockers and hormones for people under age 18 experiencing gender dysphoria.

Gender dysphoria is the clinical diagnosis for significant distress that can result from an incongruence between a person's gender identity and the sex assigned at birth.

The Justice Department under former President Joe Biden's administration had challenged the law.

The dispute over transgender rights and Tennessee's ban — one of two dozen such policies enacted by conservative state lawmakers around the country — required the Supreme Court to confront a major flash point in the U.S. culture wars. Since returning to office in January, President Donald Trump has taken a hard-line stance against transgender rights.

Trump's administration told the Supreme Court in February that Tennessee's ban was not unlawful, reversing the position taken by the government under Biden. The Trump administration, however, suggested that the court press forward and decide the case despite the shift.

Tennessee's law, passed in 2023, aims to encourage minors to "appreciate their sex" by prohibiting healthcare workers from prescribing puberty blockers and hormones to help them live as "a purported identity inconsistent with the minor's sex."

Providers can be sued and face fines and professional discipline under the law for any violations. The law allows these medications to be used for any other purpose, including to address congenital defects, early-onset puberty or other conditions.

Several plaintiffs — three transgender minors and their parents, as well as a doctor who provides the type of care at issue — sued to challenge the Tennessee law's legality. They were represented by the American Civil Liberties Union and LGBT rights group Lambda Legal. Biden's Justice Department subsequently intervened in the lawsuit, opposing Tennessee's law.

The challengers argued that the law discriminates against these adolescents based on sex and transgender status, violating the 14th Amendment.

Tennessee has said it is banning "risky, unproven gender-transition interventions," pointing to "scientific uncertainty," tightened restrictions in some European countries, and "firsthand accounts of regret and harm" from people who discontinue or reverse treatments.

Medical associations, noting that gender dysphoria is associated with higher rates of suicide, have said gender-transition procedures can be lifesaving, and that long-term studies show its effectiveness.

A federal judge blocked the law as likely violating the 14th Amendment, but the Cincinnati-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals later reversed the judge's preliminary injunction.

The Supreme Court on May 6 permitted Trump's administration to implement his ban on transgender people in the military, allowing the armed forces to discharge the thousands of current transgender troops and reject new recruits while legal challenges play out.

Trump since returning to office has taken actions targeting "gender ideology" and declaring that the U.S. government will recognize two sexes: male and female. Trump issued executive orders curtailing gender-transition medical procedures for youth under 19 and excluding transgender girls and women from female sports while rescinding orders by Biden combating discrimination against gay and transgender people.

The Supreme Court has a 6-3 conservative majority. In a previous major case involving transgender rights, it ruled in 2020 that a landmark federal law forbidding workplace discrimination protects gay and transgender employees.

During arguments in the Tennessee case in December, some of the conservative justices cited an ongoing debate among experts and policy makers over the potential benefits and drawbacks associated with the treatments at issue, suggesting that those decisions should be left to legislatures instead of courts.

A broader set of state restrictions have been enacted in recent years targeting transgender people, from bathroom use to sports participation, some limited to minors but others extending to adults.

ACLU lawyer Chase Strangio, representing the original plaintiffs, made history in the case as the first openly transgender attorney to argue before the Supreme Court.

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Supreme Court decision: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/24pdf/23-477_2cp3.pdf

Texas Law Upheld Blocking Minors From Online Porn

By Newsmax originally published in Newsmax (June 27 2025)

The Supreme Court on Friday upheld a Texas law aimed at blocking children under 18 from seeing online pornography.

Nearly half all states have passed similar age verification laws as smartphones and other devices make it easier to access online porn, including hardcore obscene material.

The ruling comes after an adult-entertainment industry trade group called the Free Speech Coalition challenged the Texas law.

The group said the law puts an unfair free-speech burden on adults by requiring them to submit personal information that could be vulnerable to hacking or tracking. It agreed, though, that children under 18 shouldn't be seeing porn.

A leading adult-content website, Pornhub, has stopped operating in several states, citing the technical and privacy hurdles in complying with the laws.

The Supreme Court has confronted the issue before. In 1996, it struck down parts of a law banning explicit material viewable by kids online. A divided court also ruled against a different federal law aimed at stopping kids from being exposed to porn in 2004 but said less restrictive measures like content filtering are constitutional.

Texas argues that technology has improved significantly in the last 20 years, allowing online platforms to easily check users' ages with a quick picture. Those requirements are more like ID checks at brick-and-mortar adult stores that were upheld by the Supreme Court in the 1960s, the state said.

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Supreme Court decision: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/24pdf/23-1122_3e04.pdf

CDC Advisers Endorse Flu Vaccines Without Thimerosal

By Newsmax originally published in Newsmax (June 26 2025)

The Trump administration's new vaccine advisers on Thursday endorsed this fall's flu vaccinations for just about every American but threw in a twist: Only use certain shots free of an ingredient antivaccine groups have falsely tied to autism.

What is normally a routine step in preparing for the upcoming flu season drew intense scrutiny after U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. abruptly fired the influential 17-member Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and handpicked replacements that include several vaccine skeptics.

That seven-member panel bucked another norm Thursday: It deliberated the safety of a preservative used in less than 5% of U.S. flu vaccinations based on a presentation from an antivaccine group's former leader — without allowing the usual public airing of scientific data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The preservative, thimerosal, has long been used in certain vaccines that come in multi-dose vials, to prevent contamination as each dose is withdrawn. But it has been controversial because it contains a small amount of a particular form of mercury.

Study after study has found no evidence that it causes autism or other harm. Yet since 2001, all vaccines routinely used for U.S. children age 6 years or younger have come in thimerosal-free formulas — including single-dose flu shots that account for the vast majority of influenza vaccinations.

The advisory panel first voted, with one abstention, to back the usual U.S. recommendation that nearly everyone age 6 months and older get an annual flu vaccination. Then the advisers decided people should only be given thimerosal-free single-dose formulations, voting 5-1 with one abstention.

That would include single-dose shots that already are the most common type of flu vaccination as well as the nasal spray FluMist. It would rule out the subset of flu vaccine that is dispensed in multi-dose vials.

Access the full article: <https://www.newsmax.com/health/health-news/cdc-acip-flu-vaccine-thimerosal/2025/06/26/id/1216608/>

How Students Are Benefiting In The Age Of Trump

By Ryan Walters originally published in Washington Examiner (June 30 2025)

Seven months ago, President Donald Trump's resounding victory sent a clear message: America's best days are ahead. Now, 150 days into his second term, the nation is on a strong path forward. He's secured our borders, negotiated smarter trade deals, lowered living costs, eased tensions abroad, and restored respect for law and order. From soldiers to factory workers, from families to small business owners, Trump's leadership is lifting people up. But there's one group we don't talk about enough: our students. They're thriving in ways we haven't seen in years, and it's time we recognized why.

For decades, too many classrooms were under the thumb of teachers unions that cared more about politics than children. During the last administration, we saw young children exposed to inappropriate agendas, taught to question their country's

greatness, or judged by their appearance rather than their character. Some schools normalized biological boys who identify as female competing in girls' sports, ignored rising antisemitism, or even encouraged life-altering decisions for children too young to fully understand them, sometimes without parents' knowledge. This wasn't education — it was a betrayal of trust.

Trump has put a stop to this. He's ended the push of divisive ideologies in schools, and our children are better for it. He's directed Secretary Linda McMahon to close the Education Department, returning control to states where it belongs. He's dismantling harmful diversity programs that prioritize ideology over learning, and he's curbing the influence of unions that too often override parents' voices. In doing so, he's given families the power to shape their children's education.

But let's be clear: Not every Republican has the spine to stand with Trump on this fight. Some so-called conservatives, weak-kneed sellouts, have caved to the Left's pressure, compromising on our children's futures to appease the loud minority. They've traded principle for popularity, letting radical agendas creep into schools while claiming to support reform. These turncoats, who wave the GOP flag but bow to woke demands, are part of the problem. They lack the courage to back Trump's bold agenda fully, and their hesitation betrays the parents and students counting on them. Oklahoma stands firm, rejecting these half-hearted Republicans and fighting alongside the president to protect our classrooms.

Here in Oklahoma, where every county voted for Trump, we're fully behind his vision. We're transforming education with bold steps that align with his agenda. This fall, we're rolling out history standards that celebrate America's founding, its heroes, and the principles that made us exceptional. Every classroom will have a Bible, not to push religion but to teach its historical role in shaping our nation. We're also ensuring students learn about the 2020 election, examining its irregularities with clear evidence so they can think critically about what happened — not just accept a sanitized narrative. Our goal is to raise independent thinkers, not followers of someone else's script.

We're also working with Trump to address illegal immigration in our schools. We're making sure we know who's in our classrooms and how taxpayer dollars are spent. We've reduced the sway of teachers' unions, putting parents firmly in charge. And we've eliminated divisive programs that pit students against each other based on race or identity.

This is about more than Oklahoma. It's about every state. Parents, not bureaucrats or activists, should decide what's best for their children. Trump's leadership reflects what so many people feel: frustration with a system that pushed radical ideas on our children while dismissing our values. It's time to return to the principles that built this nation. In Oklahoma, we're proud to lead the way, ensuring our students grow up with pride in their country and confidence in their future.

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Local News



FCA Mercer and Connect Church invite you to:

FCA/CONNECT SPORTS CAMP

July 23rd - July 25th
REGISTER TODAY AT:
fca.regfox.com/2025mercerconnect

Age: 8-14 years old
Cost: \$30

When: 8:30am-3:30pm (lunch and snacks included)
Where: Hightstown First Baptist Church
125 S Main St, Hightstown, NJ 08520

Sports, faith and fun together!



QUESTIONS? Contact FCA Director, Carolyn McDonough, at cmcdonough@fca.org or 609-213-7305
***Scholarships available for campers**



FCA Mercer and Mosaic Baptist Church invite you to:

FCA MOSAIC SPORTS CAMP

July 29th - August 1st
REGISTER TODAY AT:
fca.regfox.com/2025mosaic

Age: 8-14 years old
Cost: \$50

When: 8:30am-3:00pm (lunch and snacks included)
Where: Mosaic Baptist Church
111 Harding Street, Trenton, NJ 08611

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Election Integrity

Plaintiffs Allege Excessive And Intrusive Discovery Demands In Mercer County Election Dispute

By Mark Demo

In the ongoing legal case in Mercer County Superior Court, plaintiffs are pressing a motion to compel depositions from defendants, including the Mercer County Board of Elections and various election officials, regarding alleged violations of their voting rights during the 2022 General Election. The plaintiffs contend that the defendants have intentionally delayed appearing for depositions and have provided no alternative scheduling, causing considerable case delays.

The plaintiffs argue that defendants' discovery requests are excessive, repetitive, and intrusive. Specifically, the defendants issued over 500 document requests, many of which seek documents already available or generated by the defendants themselves, such as voter records, county correspondence, and official election materials. Plaintiffs emphasize that these demands extend to personal communications, raising significant privacy and First Amendment concerns, particularly targeting individuals who publicly criticized election procedures and outcomes. Plaintiffs claim these discovery requests seem intended more for harassment and intimidation rather than genuine fact-finding.

In their defense, the defendants argue that plaintiffs have inadequately responded to document requests, complicating deposition and trial preparation. They advocate for completing document discovery before proceeding to depositions, proposing a structured discovery phase managed by court-issued timelines to ensure orderly progress.

The plaintiffs reject the defendants' assertion that private voter communications are relevant to the claims, highlighting potential violations of voters' constitutional rights through the intrusive discovery requests. Plaintiffs consent to a case management conference to discuss unresolved discovery issues but oppose extending discovery deadlines without sufficient justification.

The court will evaluate the motions and responses, determining the next steps in managing this complex dispute, balancing efficient discovery with constitutional protections and ensuring a fair resolution.

Cherry Hill Faces Lawsuit Over Denied Ballot Drop Box Video Footage (Update)

By Mark Demo

Background of the Lawsuit

Mark D. Demo has filed a lawsuit against Cherry Hill Township and its Records Custodian, Patti Chacker, alleging violations of the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA). The central issue is the township's refusal to provide access to surveillance video footage from ballot drop boxes used during the 2024 General Election.

Plaintiff's Claims

Demo argues that Cherry Hill improperly denied his OPRA requests, citing his interest in election integrity and transparency. He seeks footage from drop boxes at two locations: the Township Municipal Building and Camden County College's Rohrer Campus, covering the period from September 23 to November 5, 2024.

Township's Defense

Cherry Hill Township refused Demo's request, asserting exemptions under OPRA statutes related to security and surveillance. Specifically, they contend releasing the footage would reveal surveillance system capabilities, potentially compromising security at public facilities.

Demo's Response to Defense

In his reply, Demo highlights critical distinctions between his request and previous court decisions. He emphasizes that the requested footage specifically pertains to ballot security and election transparency, not general surveillance measures. Demo also pointed out other municipalities, such as Gloucester Township, have provided similar video access without security compromises, strengthening his argument for transparency.

Furthermore, Demo's counsel argues for the applicability of a common-law right of access, suggesting even if OPRA exemptions were valid, public interest in election integrity significantly outweighs the township's security concerns.

Recent Court Order

On June 4, 2025, Judge Sherri L. Schweitzer issued an order substantially in favor of Demo, requiring attorneys for both parties to meet and confer to identify specific dates when ballots were deposited into the drop box at Cherry Hill Township's

municipal building. The township must provide video footage from one security camera, with permission to redact images of individuals not depositing ballots. For all other dates between September 23 and November 5, 2024, the township must certify there were no other days when individuals were recorded depositing ballots. Additionally, the court permitted Demo to amend the complaint to include parties responsible for the Camden County College drop box if necessary.

Jurisdictional Issues

An additional complexity emerged regarding the responsibility for video from the second drop box at Camden County College. Cherry Hill Township redirected Demo to Camden County College, which previously denied possessing the footage. Demo has indicated he intends to amend his complaint to include Camden County as a defendant to resolve this jurisdictional confusion definitively.

Next Steps in the Case

The next procedural step involves compliance with the court's recent order, including the provision of video footage by Cherry Hill Township and potential amendment of the complaint to clarify responsibility for the Camden County College drop box footage.

About Citizens for NJ Election Integrity

Citizens for NJ Election Integrity is a non-partisan organization dedicated to ensuring fair and transparent elections in New Jersey. The group advocates for electoral reforms, improved voter verification processes, and public education on election integrity. For more information, please visit <http://www.citizens4njei.org/>.

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For further inquiries or to schedule an interview, please contact C4NJEI at the information provided above.

Public Corner

Public Local Meetings

Interested in attending public meetings? Here are a few in your area for this month.

<https://www.mercercounty.org/i-want-to/calendar-meeting-list>

HVRSD School Board Meeting

Monday July 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM
425 S Main St. | Pennington, NJ 08534
Or Livestream on YouTube

Municipal Township Meetings

<https://www.hopewelltpw.org/calendar.aspx?CID=32>

Monday, July 14, 6:30 PM

Meetings are in hybrid format- Township Municipal Building & Zoom

Township meetings will be held at HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL SERVICES BUILDING 201 Washington Crossing - Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ 08560

In case you are unable to attend Township Committee mtgs, the recordings are available. Per the township clerk's office Kathy, they are "usually," available within a few days of the meeting.

Happy viewing click here:

https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/k83q0qZsxB_6dlk4EjvYfv9xDQOqNH9z/videos?autostart=true&showtabssearch=true

Or: <https://www.hopewelltpw.org/> select bottom right "Township Video Channel" link.

Board of Elections Meeting

Tuesday - July 8, 2025 12:00 PM Regular

Board of Elections Meetings will be at 930 Spruce St., Lawrence, NJ 08648

Mercer County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Schedule -- July 2025

Tuesday July 15, 2025 6:00 PM Agenda Meeting

Thursday July 17, 2025 6:00 PM Formal Meeting

Agenda and Formal Meetings will take place at the Mercer County Administration Building, Room 211, 640 South Broad St., Trenton, NJ unless otherwise stated.

In order to encourage full participation of these meetings, please submit any requests for accommodations of people with disabilities to the Clerk to the Board, Mercer County Administration Building, PO Box 8068, Trenton, NJ 08650

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Killing America (2025)

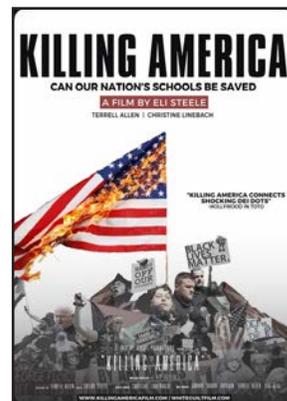
Killing America Film – Documentary (38 minutes) – April 5, 2024

Writer, Editor, Director & Producer: Eli Steele

Narrator: Shelby Steele

Filmmaker Eli Steele explores why antisemitism exploded in some of the Bay Area's wealthiest high schools after Hamas attacked Israel on October 7, 2023? Where did this righteous hate come from?

Watch Killing America Documentary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdJl2oypRAA>



Star-Spangled Blessings: Devotions For Patriots (2025)

Hardcover – Authors: Todd Starnes & Michelle Cox

Publisher: Post Hill Press – Publication Date: June 17 2025 – Pages: 320

Star-Spangled Blessings will introduce you to patriots who discovered the secret to happiness was not politics or power, but a life lived as an Ambassador for Christ.

President Reagan once called the Western White House his “Open Cathedral.” It’s a bit ironic because Reagan’s Rancho del Cielo is hardly palatial. It’s a simple ranch house on more than six hundred acres of mountain land. Reagan spent many years riding horses on the dusty trails.

But there was one particular spot that brought him great comfort. Whenever the president was facing a moment of crisis, he would visit a place that would become known as the Psalm 121 Overlook.

“I look to the hills from whence cometh my strength. My help cometh from the Lord—the Maker of heaven and earth.”

Reagan found strength and encouragement in those words, as did many of the great American patriots we introduce to you in these pages.

What a blessing to know that so many of our leaders placed their faith in a much higher power than Washington, DC.

Michelle and I hope that you, too, will be strengthened and inspired by our little devotion book. Our nation has such a rich and vibrant Christian heritage, and it’s our hope that you will find many Star-Spangled Blessings!

The book is available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bookshop, and anywhere else you find books.

Editorial Reviews

“Making America great again is possible if its people return to the One who has graced our nation with abundance and blessings. If we as a people will turn our hearts to Almighty God, He will put peace in our hearts as we reach out to bless others. Todd Starnes and Michelle Cox shed a light on the pillars and legacy of the United States—God, Family, and Freedom. Star-Spangled Blessings is for patriot families. Gather round and learn from history and look to the future as our nation prepares to celebrate 250 years of one nation under God.”

– Franklin Graham, President and CEO, Samaritan’s Purse and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

Trump Is Right! Prayer Can Make America Great

By Todd Starnes originally published in *Starnes Morning Edition* (June 18 2025)

President Faces Haters For Saying Nation Should Return to God.

I’ve often wondered what our Founding Fathers would think of their great American experiment? Imagine George Washington strolling down the Strip in Las Vegas or Thomas Jefferson riding the “Tennessee Tornado” at Dollywood. Or John Adams catching a “thrown roll” at Lamberts in Missouri.

I wonder if they would be awestruck by the Fourth of July fireworks in New York City. Or cheer at the Super Bowl? Would they marvel at the soaring Gateway Arch in St. Louis? Or the majesty of the Rocky Mountains? Would Betsy Ross wash down a MoonPie with a R.C. Cola?

On the last day of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, Benjamin Franklin was asked if we had a republic or a monarchy?

“A republic, if you can keep it,” he replied.

There is no doubt that America is the most exceptional nation in the world. In the face of great adversity and insurmountable odds, we have overcome. And we have been blessed.

And that’s why I set out on a mission with my friend Michelle Cox to write “Star-Spangled Blessings: Devotions for Patriots.”

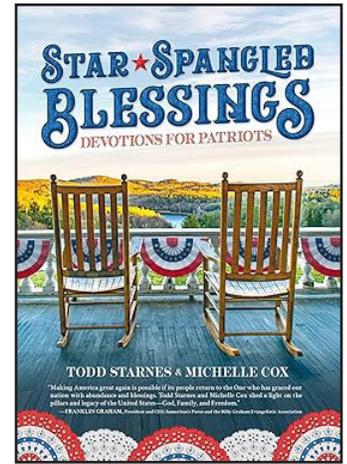
It’s a collection of stories about how God has lavished our country with a bounty of star-spangled blessings.

That’s not to say that our great nation has not been through some squabbles. There have been more than a few – and some were doozies. We’ve made lots of mistakes, but we’ve also righted many wrongs.

Perseverance is a word that has defined us over the years. Franklin Roosevelt announcing to the nation about a day that would live in infamy. Walter Cronkite delivering a bulletin from Dallas, Texas. President George W. Bush standing on the pile of rubble at Ground Zero with a bullhorn.

Yet in the midst of great tragedy, our nation has always found strength in Almighty God – our defender and our protector.

President Trump knows of that strength, that divine intervention. He survived not one, but two assassination attempts.



"Many people have told me that God spared my life for a reason. And that reason was to save our country and to restore America to greatness, and now we are going to fulfill that mission together," he said during a speech in 2024.

I vividly recall watching as the shots rang out in Butler County, Pennsylvania. My heart stopped as Trump dropped to the stage. But then, he rose up and with blood streaming down his face he thrust his fist into the air and shouted, "fight, fight, fight."

President Trump would then urge Americans to read their Bibles to get back to church and to pray.

"Let's make America pray again," he said.

The president caught quite a bit of grief from the atheists and the Democrats for that altar call.

"Religion and Christianity are the biggest things missing from this country, and I truly believe that we need to bring them back and we have to bring them back fast," the president said at the time. "I think it's one of the biggest problems we have. That's why our country is going haywire. We've lost religion in our country. All Americans need a Bible in their home and I have many. It's my favorite book. It's a lot of people's favorite book."

Now, that'll preach as we say back home in Tennessee.

To be sure, we have lost our way in this country. We've been so focused on taking back Congress and the White House that we forgot to take care of our homes and our communities.

President Reagan said it best in 1984 when he told the nation that "the greatness of America doesn't begin in Washington; it begins with each of you – in the mighty spirit of free people under God, in the bedrock values you live by each day in your families, neighborhoods, and workplaces."

As I wrote in "Star-Spangled Blessings," we must return to the faith of our Founding Fathers. A faith that compelled George Washington to pray on bended knee at Valley Forge.

A faith that compelled John Adams to petition the Almighty to bless those who resided in the White House. A faith that compelled Franklin Roosevelt to ask Americans to pray for a spiritual awakening.

It's that sort of American spirit that has resonated with people across the fruited plain. These are moments that define us as a nation.

Lee Greenwood, the singer songwriter who penned "God Bless the USA," is a friend of mine and his anthem to the land of the free and the home of the brave still brings a tear to my eye as I write these words from the hills of Tennessee.

And I suspect that if our Founding Fathers were here today, they would love this land from sea to shining sea. And they would join their fellow countrymen in asking **God to bless the USA**.

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Genius With Highest IQ In The World Embraces Christianity

By Duncan Williams originally published in Christian Today (June 28 2025)

YoungHoon Kim, officially recognised as the man with the world's highest IQ, has made a public profession of Christian faith, declaring on social media that "Jesus Christ is God".

Kim, whose IQ is verified at 276 by the Official World Record and organisations associated with Guinness World Records, posted on X this week, stating: "As the world's highest IQ record holder, I believe that Jesus Christ is God, the way and the truth and the life."

In subsequent comments, Kim emphasised that his belief in Christ is not merely a personal conviction but one grounded in reason. "Christ is my logic," he wrote. He also expressed a desire to use his public platform to lead others to God.

Though known globally for his intelligence and achievements in science and technology, Kim has long held a personal interest in theology. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Theology from Yonsei University in Seoul, which he describes as one of the best decisions of his life. "Theology," he said, "is the ultimate discipline of all fields of study."

Kim has previously shared reflections on the afterlife that blend scientific reasoning with spiritual belief. In a video posted earlier this year, he argued that belief in life after death does not contradict science. "Our consciousness is not just brain activity, but it is something deeper," he said. "Quantum physics says that information never disappears. Never. It only changes in form. If our consciousness is quantum information, it may continue after the body is gone."

He compared the brain to a local device and the afterlife to cloud storage, proposing that human consciousness may not be confined solely to the physical body. "Quantum entanglement suggests that our consciousness is part of a bigger system beyond the physical world," he added. He even suggested that life might be part of a simulation governed by a higher-dimensional being. "If reality is part of something bigger, then death is not the end, but a transition."

Kim's intellectual credentials are extensive. In addition to his IQ record, he is the founder and CEO of NeuroStory, a South Korean company developing digital brain health solutions using artificial intelligence, machine learning, big data and nanotechnology. The company has received recognition from the South Korean government for its innovative work in neuroscience and healthcare.

He also founded the United Sigma Intelligence Association, a global organisation for the world's most gifted minds. Notable members have include Richard Dawkins and Neil deGrasse Tyson. Kim also established the Intellectual Hall of Fame, where figures such as Elon Musk, Stephen Hawking, Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos and Warren Buffett have been inducted.

Despite moving in elite scientific and technological circles, Kim's affirmation of Christian belief is clear and unequivocal. He insists that science and faith are not in conflict but are instead partners in the search for ultimate truth.

"Science is growing now, and we are learning more about consciousness and reality," he said. "Our death is not destruction, but change and shift. Humanity will keep searching for the truth about what comes after."

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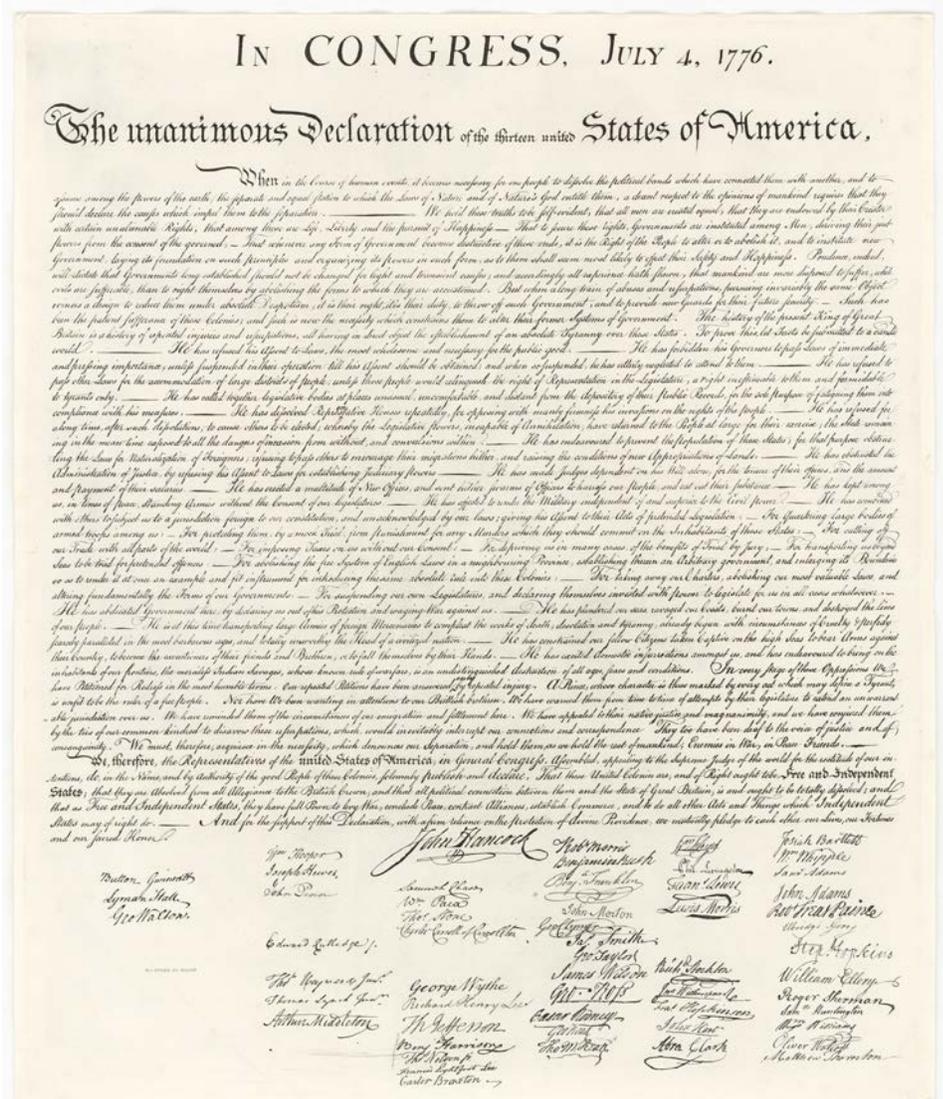
We the People of Interest

The Declaration of Independence - They Paid The Price

On July 4, 1974, Paul Harvey aired his commentary, **They Paid the Price**, on his *The Rest of the Story* radio broadcast. We make it available today because we believe it is a great reminder of some of the sacrifices that were made in order for us to experience the freedom and liberty we have and celebrate this Independence Day.

Please watch the broadcast (9+ minutes): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XJperPKQvA>

To access a version of the transcript: <https://www.alamoministries.com/content/english/newsreleases/paulharvey.html>



The Declaration of Independence, National Archives, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/1656604?objectPage=2>

The Semiquincentennial

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July 4, 2026, will be the 250th anniversary (semiquincentennial) of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

This anniversary creates a great opportunity to educate Americans, and indeed the world, about the unique nature of the American system, the revolutionary roots of its origin, and the history of the unique leaders who came together to declare their independence, establish a moral basis for freedom, and launch a nation defined by its exceptionalism.

The 1776 Opportunity: A 2026 Year-Long Celebration: Please read this Dec 13 2020 article by Newt Gingrich: THE 1776 OPPORTUNITY: A 2026 YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION

New Jersey Signers of the Declaration of Independence:

Did you know that three of the five NJ Signers of the Declaration of Independence have their gravesites in Mercer County? They are John Hart, Richard Stockton and John Witherspoon. Go find out, pay a visit, and say a prayer of gratitude, as well as continued blessings for our great country!

History Of Independence Day

The Torch of Freedom

"The Second Day of July 1776, will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shews, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more. You will think me transported with Enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost Us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States. Yet through all the Gloom I can see the Rays of ravishing Light and Glory. I can see that the End is more than worth all the Means. And that Posterity will triumph in that Days Transaction, even altho We should rue it, which I trust in God We shall not."

- John Adams July 3, 1776

This quote is an excerpt from John Adams' letter to his wife Abigail on July 3, 1776. The emotions of this sharp-witted founding father speak of the momentous occasion. Adams believed that July 2, 1776, would be the date to mark and celebrate forever our Declaration of Independence. Although the official date comes later, Americans have celebrated their country's birth date, and have followed Adams' advice ever since. Adams bore witness to, and was part of, the American dream for freedom. He was an example of how the new nation would carry on after the war by becoming our first vice-president, and our second president. Adams' eloquent words put the historical significance of American independence, and the consequence for failure if it was not achieved, into focus.

Although the Second Continental Congress made its decree for freedom on July 2, 1776, no one signed the Declaration of Independence. Congress did sign the Lee Resolution, named for Virginian Richard Henry Lee, on July 2. This resolution contained three parts: separation from the British Crown, a call to form foreign alliances, and a plan for confederation. Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence two days later, July 4, 1776, and the alarm for freedom was sounded at Independence Hall with the Liberty Bell. Americans rejoiced as word spread throughout the newly declared independent states. Although independence had been declared, delegates of the Continental Congress had not yet inked their signatures onto the document. On August 2, 1776, when most delegates signed the Declaration of Independence, it became official.

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Gravesite of John Hart, Signer of the Declaration of Independence. Hopewell NJ. Photo courtesy of Editor.



Photo courtesy of National Park Service: Fireworks go off over the tidal basin with the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument in the background on Independence Day 2011.

Independence National Historic Park Pennsylvania: “We Hold These Truths To Be Self-evident, That All Men Are Created Equal...”

The park represents the founding ideals of the nation, and preserves national and international symbols of freedom and democracy, including Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. The Declaration of Independence and US Constitution were both debated and signed inside Independence Hall, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Watch the “Birthplace of Freedom: A Tour of Independence Hall” video (3+ minutes): <https://www.nps.gov/media/video/view.htm?id=1C3E3770-D650-A4CB-63BF697402124837>

More details to visit the Park: <https://www.nps.gov/inde/index.htm>

Visiting Independence Hall: <https://www.nps.gov/inde/planyourvisit/independencehall.htm>

Visiting the Liberty Bell Center: <https://www.nps.gov/inde/planyourvisit/libertybellcenter.htm>



Photo courtesy of National Park Service: See the room where the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution were both signed.

Make America Patriotic Again

By Ian Haworth originally published in Washington Examiner (July 2 2025)

Real patriotism in America isn't just dying. It's being actively euthanized, often by the same elite class that benefits most from its existence. In living memory, patriotism, the love and devotion for one's country, appeared alive and well, as people waved flags, stood for the national anthem, and recited the Pledge of Allegiance in school classrooms. Of course, these are all good and important parts of a truly patriotic society, but make no mistake: They're a baseline. For some, it was a genuine expression of patriotism, and for others, it was more superficial. Regardless, it was a broad acknowledgement that the United States of America was worth loving.

Today, however, the pendulum has swung so far in the opposite direction that loving your country is seen as a moral failure. In certain homes, certain classrooms, and certain college campuses across America, the next generation is being taught to be ashamed of our country. Not to be aware of its current or historical flaws — let us not forget that every country and civilization is flawed by the nature of the flawed human soul — but to be actively ashamed.

The entire history of the U.S. is presented not as a story of struggle against and vanquishing of tyranny along a path of moral improvement that expanded freedom over time, but as a permanent crime scene. The sins of the past are weaponized, with politically advantageous Americans of today found guilty for these sins, and the victories ignored. The unique virtues of the American experiment, such as freedom, opportunity, and individual rights, are held up as evidence of imperialism, oppression, or outdated thinking. Meanwhile, the flags of other countries are waved as part of a subversive attempt to erode America from within.

We're told to apologize for our founding, to mock our culture, to sneer at the American flag, and to idolize anything or anyone who stands in opposition to them. The result? We end up with a new generation of political leaders who embody this ideology. Reps. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), and Ilhan Omar (D-MN) view the country that brought them fame, fortune, and power as a mere obstacle standing in the way of an imaginary socialist utopia. Omar even escaped the tyranny of war-torn Somalia, and yet has built her political career on disgust for the country that gave her everything and love for the country that gave her nothing.

Even Zohran Mamdani, a socialist supporter of global intifada who proudly marched with pro-Hamas groups, may become mayor of the greatest city in the world, New York City, while seeking to destroy everything that made it the greatest city in the first place. For people such as Mamdani, immigrants who are in the process of squeezing everything they can out of the country that embraced them, the destruction of the American ideal is a prerequisite for progress.

We must understand, though, that this didn't happen overnight. The slow corrosion of patriotism didn't begin with “the Squad.” It began when we started treating patriotism like a prop rather than a principle. When we reduced national pride to cheap slogans, choreographed chants, and halftime shows. When we turned the Fourth of July into a barbecue rather than the birth of the United States of America. When “land of the free” became something we sang but didn't teach. When “conservative” beer companies draped “conservative” women in star-spangled bikinis to sell calendars to “conservative” fathers.

For decades, we asked students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance but never taught them what the words meant, handing them flags while failing to explain what the flag represented. And in the vacuum left behind, the Left offered an alternative — one that replaces earned pride with inherited guilt and self-reflection with self-loathing.

True patriotism is not blind. It doesn't ignore slavery, or segregation, or Japanese internment, or the long list of scars that mark our history. But the existence of scars does not mean the body is rotten. It means it has healed, it has grown stronger, and it has learned. America's greatness has nothing to do with perfection, but everything to do with our ability to acknowledge the imperfection of human existence and to strive to improve. The "pursuit" of happiness, as it is written in the Declaration of Independence.

Like all countries, the United States of America is flawed. But no other nation in human history has done more to expand liberty both domestically and internationally than the U.S. That should surely count for something.

That's the real story. But it's a story we're not allowed to tell. Instead, we're told to cheer for systems that have demonstrably failed. We're told to idolize socialist regimes that crush dissent, silence minorities, and destroy economies. We're told to celebrate cultures that reject freedom of religion, of speech, and of thought. The irony? The same people waving Palestinian flags, Mexican flags, and Somalian flags to protest the U.S. refuse to move back to those countries. Funny how that works, isn't it?

People flee failed states to come here because America offers something rare and precious. The fact is, America is better than the countries they voluntarily left. Yes, our values of free speech, individual rights, due process, private property, and opportunity are better. That doesn't mean we're perfect. It means we're right. Patriotism means remembering that fact.

Screaming "USA!" at presidential rallies every four years means nothing if you can't explain why the U.S. deserves to be defended or if you can't explain the freedom represented by the flag you wave. Real patriotism requires knowledge, courage, and commitment. It requires the strength to face your country's flaws and the clarity to fight for its virtues.

If we don't start teaching that kind of patriotism, we'll continue raising a generation that believes America should look more like France, Germany, or Sweden — or worse, like Cuba, China, or Gaza. We'll continue raising voters who think freedom of speech is dangerous, who think equal opportunity is oppressive, and who think government control is compassion. The solution isn't nostalgia, bumper stickers, or fireworks. It's truth.

Tell the truth about our history, good and bad. Tell the truth about what separates America from the rest of the world. Tell the truth about why people risk their lives to come here and why people across the globe still look to us as a symbol of hope, even as we're told to tear it all down. Patriotism must be rooted in reality. It must be active, not passive. And it must be taught — not just in classrooms, but in our culture, in our homes, and by our leadership.

Right now, we're losing that battle. Our cultural leaders are ashamed. Our academic leaders are bitter. And our political leaders on the Left are either openly hostile to the idea of American greatness or are too cowardly to defend it. What does that mean? It's up to the rest of us to bring the pendulum back. First things first: Stop apologizing for loving your country.

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