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The decisions we make now will decide the course of this nation and of the world for decades to come. We are not bystanders to history. We are not powerless before the forces that confront us. It is within our power, of We the People. We are facing the test of our time and the time for choosing is at hand.

Joe Biden

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10 JULY | MONDAY | 5 PM - 7 PM

Dayton's Home
10049 N. Rancho Sonora Drive
Oro Valley, AZ

Enjoy delicious appetizers & ice-cold drinks and meet our candidates:

- US Senate Ruben Gallego's staff member
- US House CD6 Kirsten Engel's staff member
- AZ Senate LD17 Amy Fitch
- AZ House LD17 Morgan Abraham
- Pima County School Superintendent Dustin Williams
- Pima County Supervisor District 1 Rex Scott
- AZ Corporation Commission Derek Faraldo

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Update on our three LD17 Free-Dumb Legislators *by Dee Maitland*



Jones and Wadsack armed with assault weapons in front of the State Capitol

Although they call themselves the Freedom Team, their actions prove otherwise. As of this writing our three LD17 stooges are collecting per diem while doing no governing at all until the end of July.

As you can see above, two of them have been busy developing their image. Since the last update four more of Wadsack's bills were vetoed. The worst would have allowed any legislator to instruct the Attorney General to investigate any school board or municipality. Another would have stopped the Supreme Court from requiring membership in a state bar association, thus diminishing attorney oversight. And even though she might look like a Drag Queen, she advanced bills to outlaw trans medical treatments. Wadsack's overall success rate for getting bills through both houses is 17%. Her pals Rachel Jones has a 38% and McGarr a 28% success rate.

At a recent Civic Engagement Beyond Voting presentation nine bills were identified as unconstitutional by the legislature's Rules Committee only to be advanced in this legislative cycle anyway: 4 were from our LD17 Free-Dumb trio. CEBV identified 5 bills as the worst of all the bills; 3 were from Wadsack and Jones. Fortunately, those bills did not become law, or early voting would be gone, cities would lose their autonomy, and illiterate "Christian" parents would have a bill of rights giving them control over our school districts.

These three legislators must never hold elected office again. It is up to us to spread the word to ensure voters do the right thing by voting them out.

Calling all concerned voters in LD17

If you have had quite enough of the outrageous bills Wadsack has proposed, the offensive behaviors she has exhibited on the Senate floor, and her inflammatory posts on social media, please join the effort to hold her accountable for her bad actions by signing a "Sack Wadsack" petition.

Any registered voter residing LD17 is eligible to sign the Senator Justine Wadsack Recall Petition. Petitions are available through the end of August at the following locations:

Northwest Tucson

- Oro Valley Public Library
 - Tuesdays from 10am – 1pm
 - Thursdays from 9:45 – 11am
- Wheeler Taft Library
 - Wednesdays from 10am – 1pm
- Steam Pump Ranch Farmer's Market
 - Saturdays from 8am – noon

For **Central, East, and Southeast Tucson** locations, go to

- sackwadsack.com and click on Events.



Six Supreme Court Justices are Patriarchal Ideologues by Dee Maitland



Last month's newsletter covered Christian nationalism, its hypocrisy, and the damage it is doing to our rights and our democracy. What we didn't realize until recent decisions by the Supreme Court was Christian Nationalism is more than an Evangelical movement; it is a white male supremacy movement rooted in fake "Christian" values. There is an excellent article in Politico Magazine: [Why the Supreme Court Really Killed Roe v Wade](#) that argues the Court's conservatives are part of a long-standing movement to reclaim patriarchal dominance and entitlements. The Dobbs decision subjugates women, and now with the Supreme Court's rulings on *303 Creative LLC v. Elenis*, *Department of Education v. Brown*, and *Biden v. Nebraska*, they have codified their disdain for LGBTQ individuals, racial minorities, and low-income college students.

It is time we take on the Supreme Court, so-called "Christian" legislators, and MAGA Republicans. We need to recognize that people can be good without God and our vote is an imperative to save democracy.

Here are some things we can do:

1. Refuse to patronize businesses that espouse patriarchal, faux “Christian” hypocrisy.

A business license is a *government document that certifies a business is safe for the public*. When businesses such as Hobby Lobby refuse to provide adequate health insurance for their female employees or Chick-fil-a actively fights against same-sex marriage, they are making the lives of their employees less safe.

2. Champion affirmative action

Know the facts: First, more white women have benefited from Affirmative Action than all other minorities. Second, over 70 businesses filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court in favor of diversity in colleges. Third, NPR’s 6/29/23 [Episode of Marketplace](#) has an excellent interview with Peter Blair-Henry explaining how necessary diversity is to innovation and foreign business relationships.

3. Make your voice heard on social media

Complain to Facebook, Tik Tok, YouTube, Instagram, et al when you stumble upon one of their websites dispensing faux “Christian” nonsense and white male supremacy.

4. Make MAGA-Republican a dirty word.

When they are spouting nonsense, just sigh, say “Ah, a MAGA-Republican” and cease to engage further. That’s my response when the unenlightened on Nextdoor begin their diatribe about their personal biases, and it works. In response to a post about a man slumped over the wheel of his car, one such person declared he must be on drugs. Ah, a MAGA-Republican! Nextdoor shut him down.

5. Stop tolerating faux “Christians”

We have been silent way too long. Live and let live is not working for us now that the Supreme Court has been compromised. Speak up when they spout biblical nonsense; particularly if it is hateful or about forced births. The Bible actually says in Genesis 2:7, He “breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and it was then that the man became a living being.” Life does not begin at conception; it begins at birth.

6. Become a school board member

We need to stop the newly elected MAGA Republicans (aka the “Freedom” Caucus) from harming our school children by spreading homophobia, displaying religious bigotry, disseminating anti-science misinformation, rewriting history, and stifling curiosity. We cannot be a great nation with an uneducated, unreasoning workforce.

7. Vote Democrat

Your vote can save lives and reestablish the Separation of Church and State, as described in the First Amendment of the US Constitution. Our nation’s founding father Thomas Jefferson famously declared: “Erecting the wall of separation between church and state is absolutely essential in a free society.”



The Best of Biden by *Jacolyn Marshall*



Health & Safety

- FDA recommends next Covid vaccines only protect against newest XBB variants dominant worldwide.
- Agriculture Department provides millions in investment funds to farmers and food businesses to improve markets, create and strengthen jobs, control food prices, and improve nutrition.
- FDA deems lab-grown meat safe and Agriculture Department approves its sale to nation's restaurants.

Economy

- WH launches [invest.gov](https://www.invest.gov), a new website that highlights infrastructure projects, private manufacturing investments, and their positive impact on the US economy.
- Federal Trade Commission sues Amazon for enrolling consumers into Prime without their consent.
- Consumer confidence index in June rose to its highest level in 18 months as a strong labor market continues to buoy the US economy and consumers' fears of a recession decline.
- Commerce Department announces US economy grew at a 2% annual pace, the fastest rate in 2 years, due to a 4.2% rise in consumer spending and a surge in exports.
- Federal Reserve announces the inflation index tumbled last month to its lowest level since 2021.
- Federal Trade Commission imposes a new rule to crack down on fake reviews and other deceptive practices by banning paying for reviews, suppressing honest reviews, and selling fake social media posts.

Environment & Climate Change

- Biden meets with N.C. college students who are part of a training program for clean energy jobs.

Immigration

- Biden administration halts mobile app appointments for asylum seekers at Texas border crossing due to reports Mexican officials threaten to detain them and miss their appointment unless they are paid.
- Biden's task force and immigration advocates have reunited nearly 77% of children separated from their parents by the Trump administration and have begun talks to provide them financial compensation.

Justice

- DOJ unseals an indictment charging Trump with 37 felony counts, 31 relating to willful retention of national defense information, conspiracy to commit obstruction and making false statements. Hundreds of classified documents include nuclear programs, defense capabilities, and a Pentagon attack plan.
- DOJ indicts a Guardsman on sharing highly classified military and national security documents.
- DOJ indicts two Russian intelligence officers for their attempts to influence a local election in the US.

Social Justice

- Biden condemns state laws restricting LGBTQ rights and healthcare access; announces new initiatives to protect them against violence and help with mental health issues and homelessness.
- DOJ provides resources to address disappearances and killings among Native Americans, dispatches attorneys to aid investigations, and establishes a commission to coordinate agencies and best practices.
- DOJ finds Minneapolis Police Department systematically discriminated against minorities and issues a decree requiring specific reforms before federal oversight by an independent monitor is removed.
- Biden asks Education Department to develop policies to aid colleges to continue building student diversity in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision striking down affirmative action.

Government

- Biden signs executive order to develop government-wide plan to hire military spouses, bolster child-care options, improve data collection, support entrepreneur, and promote telework for spouses.
- Transportation Secretary provides aid to repair the collapsed section of the East Coast's main north-south I-95 bridge that disrupted trucking routes and increased shipping costs.
- Biden assembles technology leaders to find ways to regulate artificial intelligence, nurture its potential for economic growth and national security, and protect against its potential dangers.

- Biden announces \$40B to deliver high-speed internet in places where there's slow or no service and is working with providers to bring down costs on what is now a household necessity.
- Federal Reserve announces the nation's 23 largest banks passed the Reserve's stress tests this year, a sign the banking system remains resilient.

International Relations

- Biden meets with new UK Prime Minister who offers assurances Britain remains an essential ally committed to providing fighter jets and air defense measures as Ukraine launches a counteroffensive.
- Defense Secretary meets with officials in India establishing a plan of cooperation for the next 5 years.
- WH warns Iran is aiding Russia in building a drone manufacturing plant for its war against Ukraine.
- US plans to rejoin UNESCO, the UN's cultural and scientific agency after a decade-long absence.
- Biden's Security Council and Cuban officials deny claims that China has a spy base in Cuba.
- Secretary of State travels to China to keep lines of communication open, manage tensions, clear up misperceptions, identify mutual interests, and avoid miscalculations that could result in conflict.
- Secretary of State and Chinese President agree to stabilize ties with mutual cooperation and competition.
- US Coast Guard joins international armada in search of vanished submersible in the North Atlantic and subsequently leads inquiry into causes and possible civil or criminal sanctions if warranted.
- Biden meets with India Prime Minister solidifying cooperation on climate, health care, and space exploration; launching new partnerships in defense, artificial intelligence, and semi-conductor production; and highlighting US-India's booming economic relationship.
- US imposes sanctions on two Russian intelligence officers who supervised those attempting to influence US elections.
- Biden declares US and NATO played no part in the Wagner insurrection in Russia.
- Biden meets with Sweden's Prime Minister in a show of solidarity for their entry into NATO.

International Relations: Ukraine

- Pentagon announces an additional \$2.1B in long-term weapons aid for Ukraine, including more Patriot missile munitions, Hawk air defense systems, and small Puma drones that are launched by hand.
- Treasury Department reveals Russia experienced a 50% drop in oil revenues, hampering its ability to continue waging its 16-months war in Ukraine.

LD17 residents are invited to join the Chair of LD18 AZ Dems for coffee on Saturday, July 15 from 8:30 to 9:30 am at Brueggers Bagels at Sunrise and Swan (5665 N Swan) to discuss issues they care about, causes they're working on, and how LD18 can support them. LD18 volunteers canvassed for LD17 in 2022 and plan to assist us in 2024. Let's help them do that.



**OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE BE GENEROUS
HELP OUR LOCAL FOOD
BANK**

* Please consider donating some non-perishable food items or making a cash donation to one of our local food banks during this stressful time.

*The Democrats of Oro Valley care about the health and well-being of our community.

**SUPPORT OUR
TROOPS!**

* Thanks to all of you who support our brave troops.

**Please donate any of these items to one of our local veterans' groups for distribution: deodorant, shaving items, toothpaste, toothbrushes, pocket novels and puzzle books.*

**August
Zoom Meeting**

**Monday, August 14
6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Guest Speakers:
Amy Fitch & Morgan
Abraham**

**Topic:
Senate & House Candidacies**