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When Democrats Are in Charge

They produce voluminous political planks—and they are true to their many words

When there are many words, transgression is unavoidable, But he who restrains his lips is wise. --Pr 10:19

Last year, the newly elected Thurston County Democratic Party Chair, attended an Olympia City Council meeting to warn council members that Democrats would abandon them in their reelection bids, if they voted for a proposed ordinance that would make disrupting a city council meeting a misdemeanor. Gordon “Boudicca” Walsh, the lead spokesman for Thurston County Democrats, introduced himself/herself? to council members as a “Trans Radical Witch.”

Glen Morgan, a friend who originally brought this matter to our attention, added, “I am overjoyed that the Thurston County Democrats have finally elected a chair with the willingness to speak truth to power and confront these elected officials, even if they self-identify as Democrats. *Boudicca* Walsh is the perfect leader for the Thurston County Democrats, and I am sure the local party will thrive under the leadership and direction that only a trans radical witch of Olympia could provide.”¹ (Get the sense this is not the Democrat Party your momma once preferred)?

For many years, we have produced a list of state and national policy issues that highlight significant differences between the two prominent political parties. Once again, we wish to present to our supporters, a small but significant portion of the Democrat and Republican Party platforms that were adopted at their respective state conventions during the 2016 General Election cycle.

A major hurdle towards achieving a fair and contrasting comparison of the two parties, however, resides in the breadth-and-depth of their very differing documents. For starters, formatting a “copy n’ paste” from the Democrat web site is a very arduous process, while the GOP data transfers seamlessly. Best we can tell, the DEMOCRAT platform is a 45-plus page document while REPUBLICANS have outlined their defining principles and goals in less-than 8-pages.

Following are several partisan “planks” demonstrating extreme differences in worldview:

Democrat: [CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS—1190 words] ...Our democracy rests on the rights and responsibilities set forth in the United States Constitution, the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous... Our government derives its legitimacy **solely from the People...**(emphasis added).

Each person has the right to sovereignty over their own body; The right to marry, as a legal union of consenting adults, without regard to sexual orientation or gender-identity, should be preserved;

Republican: [CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTIES—146 words] “...recognized in the U.S. Constitution are **God-given** and therefore unalienable. These fundamental liberties are proclaimed in The Declaration of Independence, protected in The Bill of Rights and reaffirmed in Article I of the... State Constitution.”

Democrats: [LIMITED GOVERNMENT]—No mention.

Republicans: [*LIMITED GOVERNMENT*] “Our Founders created a Constitution of limited and enumerated powers, underscored by the passage of the Tenth Amendment.”

Democrats: [*NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY*] No mention.

Republicans: [*NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY—129 words*] “The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land. The President shall not negotiate, and the Senate shall not ratify, any treaties, U.N. resolutions, agendas or foreign law, religious or otherwise, that are contrary to the U.S. Constitution.”

Democrats: [*FAMILY*] No specific category.

Republicans: [*FAMILY—151 words*] “We recognize and defend the unalienable right of human life, from conception to natural death. Public funding should not be used for any act, individual, or institution which violates the right to life of the innocent.

We believe it is self-evident that there are only two innate, distinct, and complementary genders, male and female, who may unite in a traditional marriage of one man and one woman, and who in union are genetically designed to conceive new life. It is the primary duty of parents, not the state, to protect, nurture and prepare their children for adulthood.

We believe it is the duty of Government to protect human life and promote healthy families by safeguarding traditional marriage. We strongly oppose the redefinition of marriage and family and the blurring of gender distinctions which threaten the personal safety and privacy of opposite gender children and adults in public toileting or bathing facilities.”

Democrats: [*EDUCATION—1,009 words*] “Free access and full funding of public education... [including] free education to extend through public college or university and vocational/technical schools.

Republicans: [*EDUCATION—251 words*] “We believe the primary authority and responsibility of educating our children resides with the parents, including important moral, religious, and values-based education; therefore, we oppose mandatory religious instruction, sex education, homosexual, bisexual, transsexual education, or any other sexual education alternatives, death education, and values clarification by public schools or outside organizations. We believe these topics should be taught at home and not included in graduation requirements.

We believe ... the Federal Government should be removed from financial entanglements with Higher Education; and state-supported post-secondary institutions need to give priority access to Washington state students. Colleges and universities should emphasize courses that promote understanding and a practical application of each discipline and avoid indoctrination and political correctness.”

Democrats: [*HEALTH CARE—698 words*] “Health care is a basic human right... Patients must have the right to access and choice between all lawful medical treatment options, without hindrance by institutions exercising religious doctrine. We support: Full coverage of transgender medical costs, including full transitions; [and] We oppose: For-profit medical insurance; [and] denial of legal medical treatment or prescription purchase based on the personal religious beliefs of medical and/or pharmaceutical personnel;”

Republicans: [*HEALTH CARE—118 words*] “We oppose any single-payer system, and support legislation which incorporates the principles listed below. A competitive, free-market oriented healthcare system will produce affordable healthcare plans for consumers.”

So, what happens when Democrats control the State House, Senate, and Governor’s Office? Starting this week, illegals can now obtain valid drivers’ licensing and automatic voter registration (*E2HSB 2595*); Christian psychologists are banned from helping teens struggling with homosexuality or gender disorder (*SB 5722*); employers are required to add *abortion* to employee “health” coverage (*SB6219*); and, (“Rent a womb”), legalizes paid commercial surrogacy (*SB 6037*).

ACTION ITEMS: PRAY. And then urge friends to register to vote at: www.sos.wa.gov/elections/register.aspx

What say we help “Boudicca” Walsh and friends find another line of work!

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¹ wethegoverned.com/trans-radical-witch-of-olympia-leads-democratic-party-just-awesome/