

A “Red Wave” **Won’t Save This Country**

“We believe ... that trying to achieve changes in national policy and direction, simply by the organization of political forces and without a sufficiently thorough educational program as the underlying base, is to act like the ancient Egyptians in trying to make bricks without any straw to hold the clay together.”

— John Birch Society founder Robert Welch, December 1966



In other words, a “red wave,” even if it had occurred, would not have been, by itself, enough to save the country. Just voting for Republicans and hoping that they’ll solve this nation’s problems is an exercise in futility. No one political party holds a monopoly on freedom or on tyranny.

For instance, look up how many congressional Republicans are supportive of legislation to battle supposed “climate change.” According to *Deseret News*, “Earlier this month [June 2022], leading Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives began to unveil a vision for climate action.”

This tells me, a dedicated and informed member of The John Birch Society, that either Republican leaders just don’t understand the battle they’re in, they’re ignoring the real battle, or they’re complicit. The real battle concerns liberty vs. tyranny. Tyranny is what will be ushered in if the United Nations gets its way.

For instance, the breathless headlines of the recent coverage of the COP27 Climate Change Conference in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, gave dire warnings of humanity either cooperating or perishing. The UN solution, as longtime readers of this magazine know, is a complete reorientation of societal priorities in which climate change and sustainability would factor into every decision. It’s one thing for a “free” society to “reorient” itself voluntarily on an individual basis, but it’s entirely different when that reorientation is forced upon that society, especially by an eventual world government that would ensure everyone’s compliance. Ask farmers in Sri Lanka and the Netherlands how this is working out.

Cooperate or perish? No thanks. I’ll take my chances with the American patriots who see through this ruse to enslave mankind. I’ll continue working through JBS toward preserving and restoring God-given rights and the limited government that’s supposed to protect those rights.

Congressional Republican leaders such as House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (whose voting has earned him a 60-per-

cent lifetime score on *The New American’s* Freedom Index, which rates congressmen on their faithfulness to the Constitution) have already capitulated. Where in Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution is Congress granted any power to legislate on environmental issues? This should be left to the states, according to the 10th Amendment.

As was pointed out during the 2022 JBS Leadership Conference in Florence, Kentucky, elected officials suddenly don’t become experts when they get into office.

There’s no training session

that outlines constitutional limitations. To paraphrase Thomas Jefferson, their discretion needs to be informed — by those who elected them.

Knowing that congressional freshmen can quickly be corrupted by Big Government Republican leadership, the House Freedom Caucus assembled a 52-page guide to give them some good advice. Representative Scott Perry (R-Pa.) wrote in the guide,

Some will urge you to be “a team player” by falling in line with leadership and doing what you’re told. You’ll be warned not to ‘rock the boat’ by raising questions or concerns with leadership’s agenda.

Before you make any decisions, however, you should be aware of the realities here in Washington and the opportunities we have to change them. Republicans ran to fix Washington. We cannot continue to govern in the same way that broke it.

Any election brings a certain level of responsibility on the part of those who send the new politicians to Washington. Replacing Democrats with Republicans does not necessarily mean that we’ll get better (i.e., more constitutional) government. Informed constituents must continue to hold their congressmen’s feet to the fire and insist that they follow their oaths of office, while also awakening other constituents and encouraging them to become involved in the freedom movement as well. As Robert Welch said in 1966, “Our job is simply to create sufficient understanding, in the confidence that all else, including the correct and necessary political action, will automatically follow.”

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