



Chairman's Letter  
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As a Republican in New Mexico, I have no representation in Washington DC. Our two Senators and all three of our Congressional Representatives are Democrats. The big news in DC this month is the debt ceiling negotiation, with Biden and McCarthy both declaring victory and trying to take credit. My favorite left-winger, 1<sup>st</sup> district Rep. Melanie Stansbury, released her statement on the debt ceiling and called out "extremist republicans" for supporting the deal while she voted against it. She claims HR 3746 will cut "vital programs," presumably such essentials as DEI commissars in every government department and hotel reservations for illegal immigrants.

The interesting thing is that she voted the same way as Chip Roy, Harriet Hageman, Wesley Hunt\* and many other America first conservatives. Admittedly there are arguments to be made on both sides of this debate, but I personally do not support raising or suspending the debt ceiling. Is Stansbury on my side now? Not really, but there is an interesting new political dynamic forming. The populist right and the populist left actually can come together on some issues, even if it might be for the wrong reasons. Will we ever convince libs to take our side for the right reasons?

I think we can, but we'll have to overcome the "Extremist MAGA Republican" label. Not by changing our beliefs, but by toppling their straw man. The propaganda against Republicans has been laid on thick. Who can forget Biden's "Red Sermon" speech, with all the Nazi imagery of a Leni Riefenstahl production? And don't even get me started on January 6<sup>th</sup>.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, in Oakland California, residents lambasted city officials over escalating crime and violence in their community. "We are the victims of a failed progressive utopia," one said. Check out the eye-opening video clips at the Post Millennial <https://thepostmillennial.com/oakland-residents-pack-city-council-meeting-demanding-action-amid-massive-spike-in-violent-crime>

The progressives are in a state of mental dissonance. They realize their "vote blue no matter who" lemming-like behavior is responsible for their own demise but are unable to break away and come over to the Republican side. The fear of being called a white supremacist racist is apparently just too much.

I think we can peel off some of these progressives into the Republican camp. But we must undo the negative demonization propaganda, by just being human and being true to ourselves. Engage in conversation, and one-on-one opportunities to find common ground. Being blue has been a part of their identity, and it will be hard for them to let go.

So we must show our friends the way, by having pride in being patriotic Republicans. Wave that flag, wave it wide and high.

*\* Wesley Hunt will be the featured speaker at the RPNM Lincoln Day Celebration, Saturday July 22 in Albuquerque.*

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