

Overview of Precinct Chair Training for the Republican Party



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of Bexar County

Thank you for taking the time to watch this introduction to Precinct Chair training. We pray this will give you a good overview to the training on your way to becoming a great Precinct Chair.

There is both a pdf version (slides alone) and a MP4 (video) version for your review and study.



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Welcome to
Precinct Training
for the
Republican Party
of Bexar County

Allen Hamilton, Precinct Organization Chair



As we begin, here is a quote I would
like you to consider.
Can you guess who said it?



“Men by their constitutions are naturally divided into two parties.

1. Those who fear and distrust the people and wish to draw all powers from them into the hands of the higher classes.
2. Those who identify themselves with the people, have confidence in them, cherish and consider them as the most honest and safe, although not the wisest depository of the public interests.”

“In every country these two parties exist, and in every one where they are free to think, speak, and write, they will declare themselves. Call them, therefore ... by whatever name you please, they are the same parties still and pursue the same object.” Who said that?



Thomas Jefferson wrote this around 1824.

His presidency ran from 1801-1809.

So, 15 years after serving as president, this was his view, his 2020 hindsight for what was true of men and governments. The same is still true today. No matter how things change, some things stay the same. Sacred writings tell us,

“There is nothing new under the sun.”

As we begin, let us be aware of one of the great constants in life. **Human Nature!** When our Founders met to determine what kind of government would ensure the safety and freedom of “the people,” they understood and took into account man’s human nature with its tendencies and failings. Therefore, they put in “checks and balances” because they knew that man was:

- Prone to be greedy
- Easily corrupted by power
- Self-interested, in other words, he would take care of himself first before they take care of others.



We do not have to look very far to see how government is running today. I call it B & B. Not Bed and Breakfast, but Bribes and Blackmail.

As we study how government works, it will be helpful to remember that B & B is actively at work at all levels of government. We would love to believe that our politicians have our best interests at heart, but that for the most part would be a delusion. Fortunately, we do have some, I say some, that are serving for the right reasons. As Precinct Chairs, we should endeavor to search out the good ones and Primary out the bad ones.

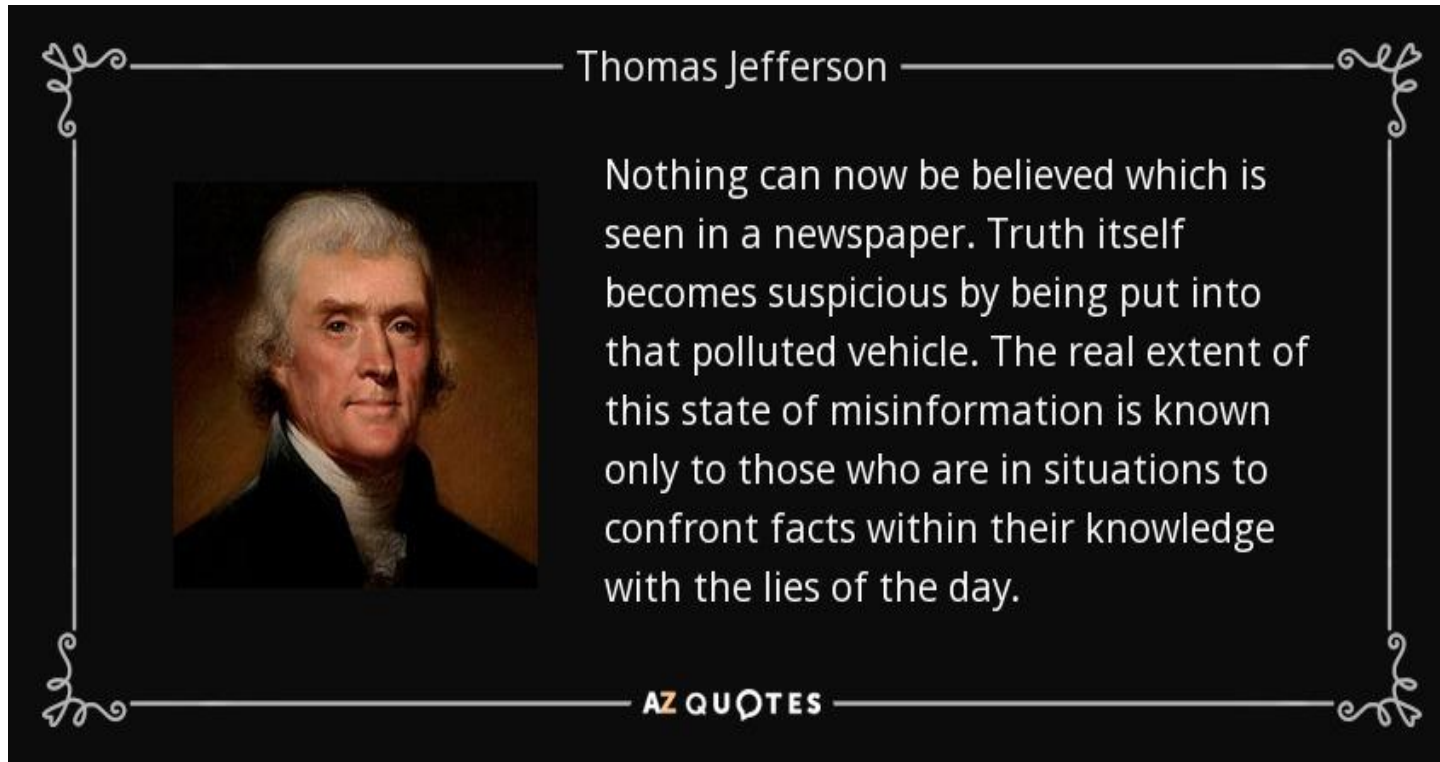


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Rep. Thomas Massie of Kentucky:
“Government is whatever the people in power can get away with, and whatever the people they govern ... will tolerate.”

Here are Jefferson's 16 Principles of Government.

“The principles of Jefferson are the axioms of a free society.” Abraham Lincoln

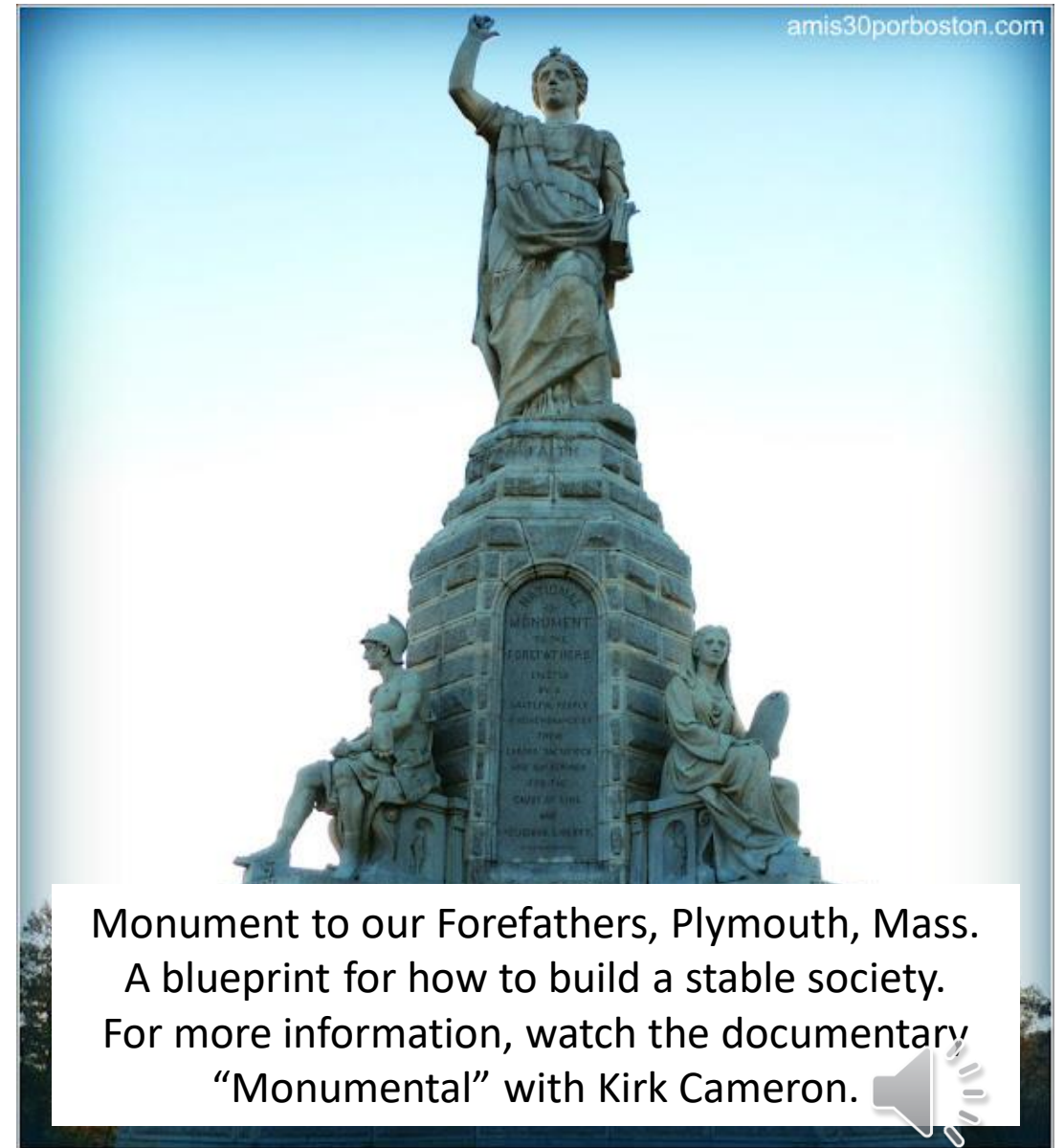


As you are “About to enter, fellow citizens, on the exercise of duties which comprehend everything dear and valuable to you, it is proper that you should understand what I deem the essential principles of our government, and consequently those which ought to shape its administration. I will compress them within the narrowest compass they will bear, stating the general principle, but not all its limitations.”

Jefferson's 16 Principles

1. Equal and exact justice for all men, of whatever state or persuasion, religious or political.
2. Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none.
3. The support of the State governments in all their rights, as the most competent administrations for our domestic concerns and the surest bulwarks against anti-republican tendencies.
4. The preservation of the general government in its whole constitutional vigor, as the sheet anchor of our peace at home and safety abroad.

So, what is a “sheet anchor?”



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Sheet anchors are the largest, strongest and heaviest anchors carried by ships. They are carried towards the waist of the ships and used as spares in emergencies. On Calynda, my grandfather's sailboat, we carried two of these. In a hurricane we would row out and set these to keep us from swinging into other boats when the winds shifted. A knowledge of the Constitution will see us through the changing winds of political thought.





5. A jealous care of the right of election by the people, a mild and safe corrective of abuses which are lopped by the sword of the revolution where peaceable remedies are unprovided.
6. Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism.

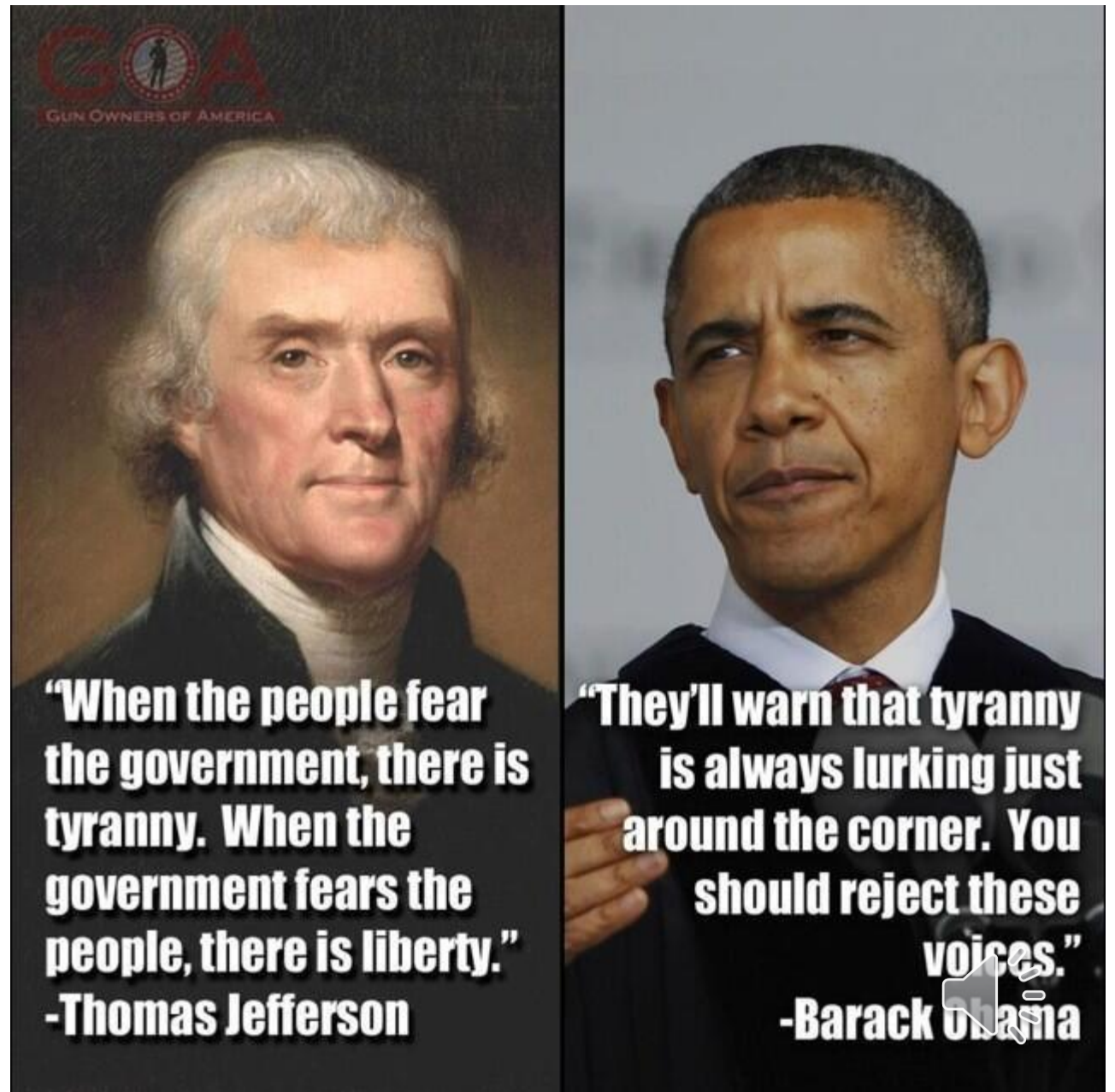
What is despotism?



Despotism (from Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary)

Absolute power; authority unlimited and uncontrolled by men, constitutions or laws, and depending alone on the will of the prince;

Despotism is often marked by tyranny which is the abusive exercise of arbitrary power, often with unjust and oppressive severity. It is the exercise of power over others not permitted by law or requiring justice.





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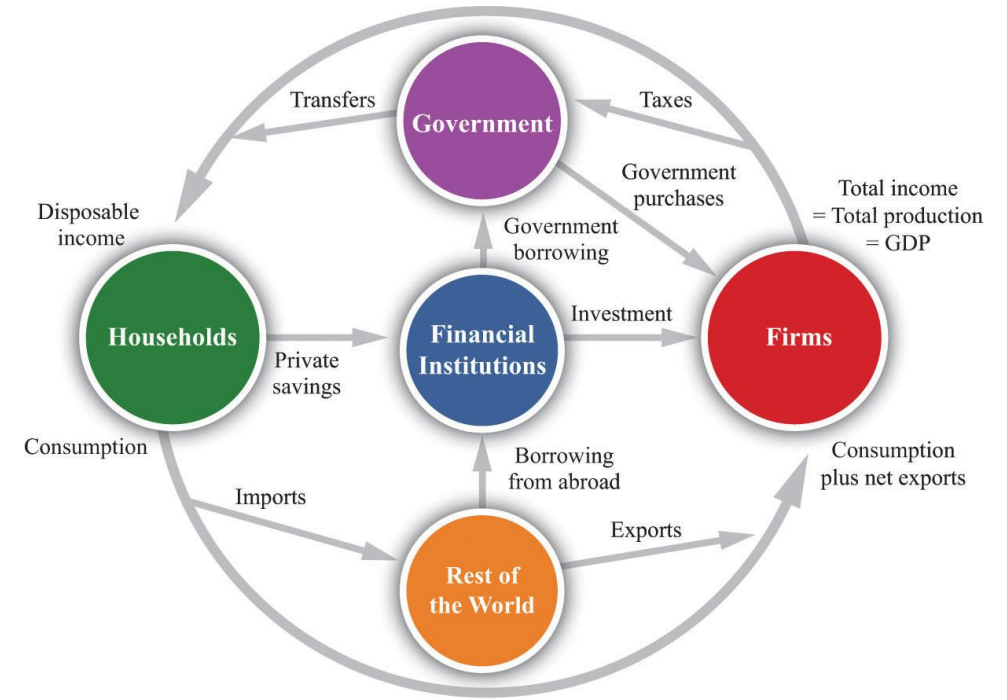
7. A well-disciplined militia, our best reliance in peace and for the moments of war, 'til regulars may relieve them.
8. The supremacy of the civil over the military authority.

It may become necessary in the future to explore what the Founders meant by militia and regulars.

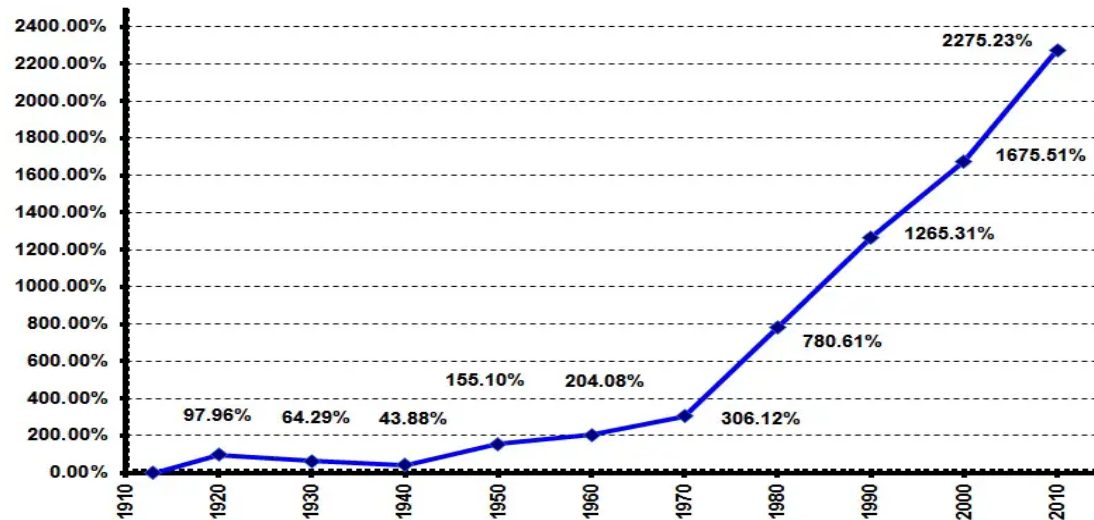


9. Economy in the public expense, that labor may be lightly burdened.
10. The honest payment of our debts and sacred preservation of the public faith.

It is clear that our current government has strayed far and wide from earning the public's trust.



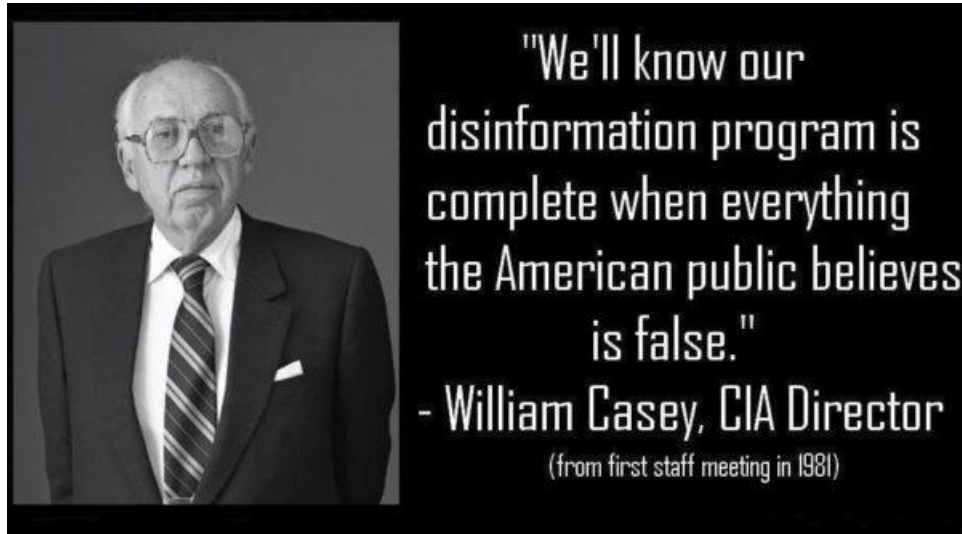
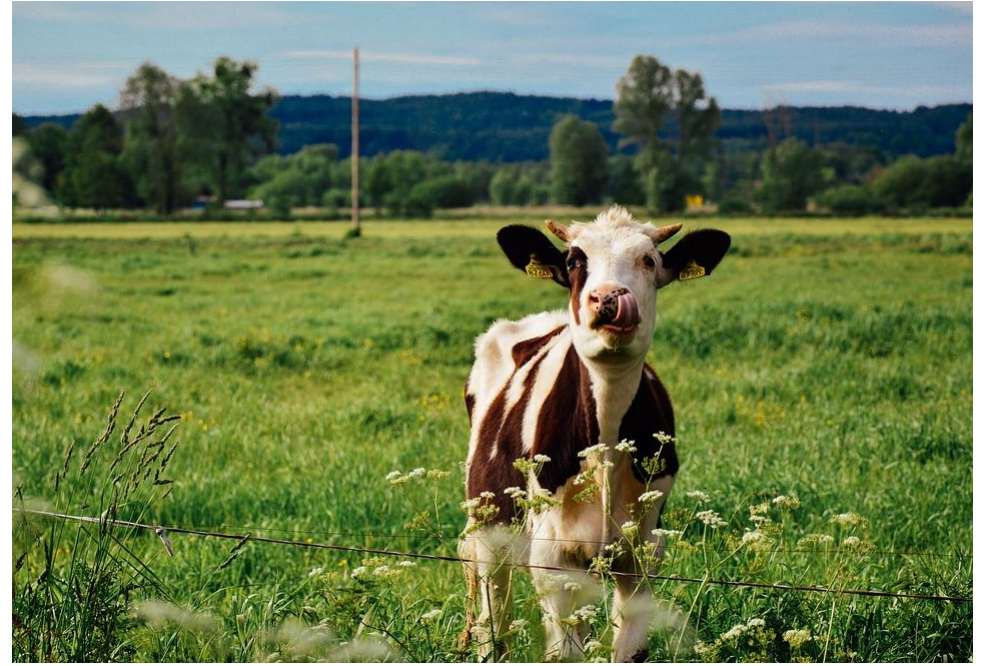
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11. Encouragement of agriculture, and of commerce as its handmaid.
12. The diffusion of information and the arraignment of all abuses at the bar of public reason.

How are we doing?
Do we trust our elections?

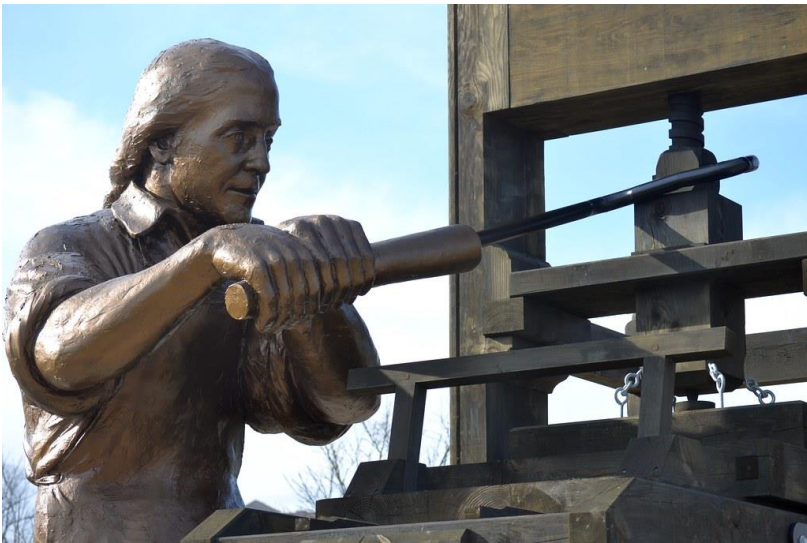


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13. Freedom of religion
14. Freedom of the press
15. Freedom of persons under the protection of the habeas corpus.
16. Trial by juries impartially selected.

As Precinct Chairs we should keep these 16 principles firmly in our minds as we learn and represent the legal voters in our precincts.



Now, let us take a quick look at what will be covered in the six Modules that make up your Precinct Chair Training.



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Module One

- Ben Franklin and the importance of prayer
- The power of an idea
- Who are Republicans
- What is a Conservative
- Samuel Adams and the importance of vision
- The Precinct Chairman's Handbook
- Precinct Chair duties
- Where we have our greatest impact
- Who represents me?
- Working with On-Line resources
- Candidate Research Tools
- The Precinct Strategy- How we win elections



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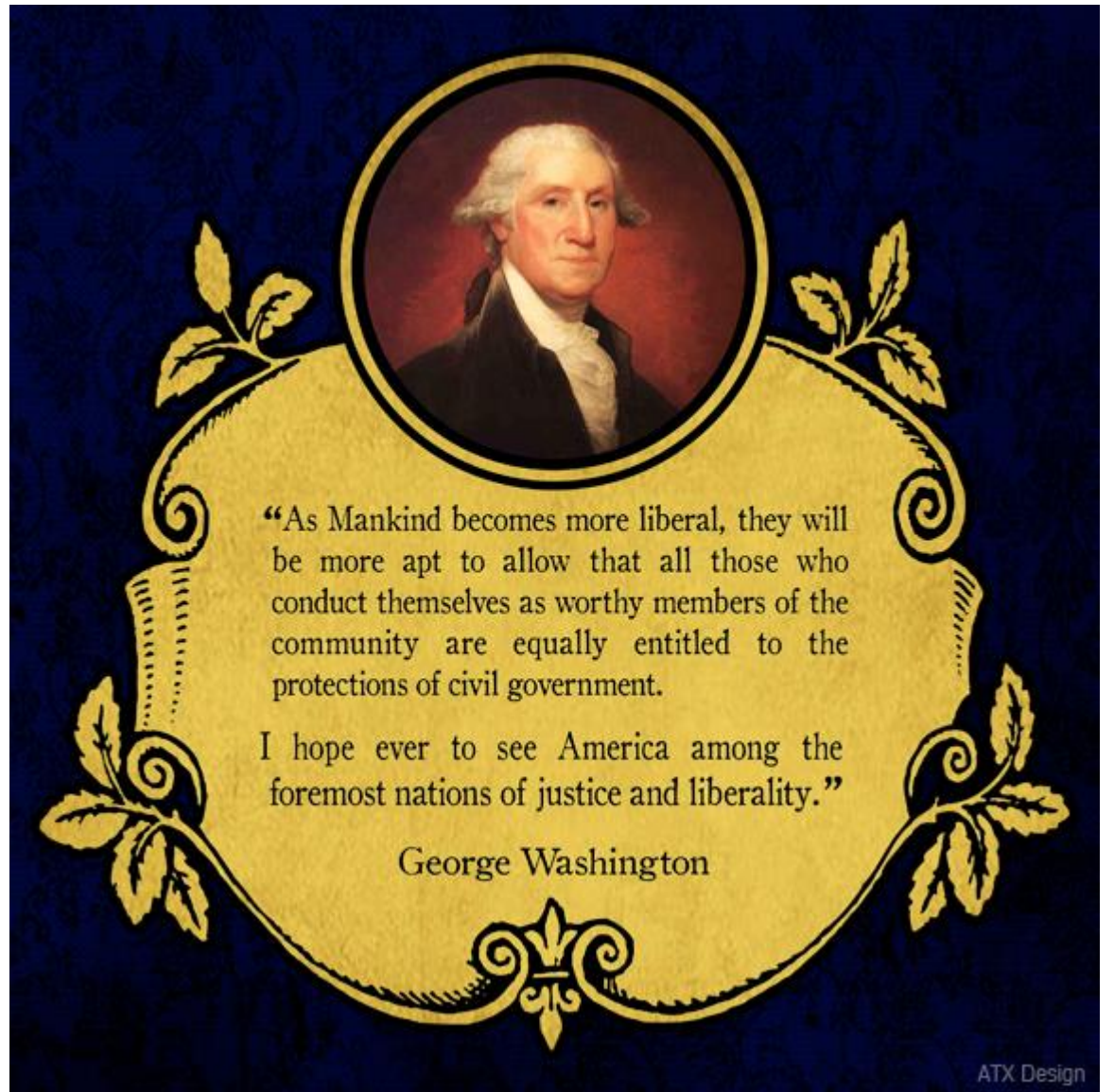
PRECINCT CHAIR DUTIES

- Help Promote and Grow the Bexar County Party
- Work to Elect Republican Candidates to Office
- Maximize the Republican Vote in your Precinct



Module Two

- George Washington and Prayer
- James Madison and the Importance of Vision
- Ruler's Law
- What do we mean by "left" and "right"
- Types of governments
- Central value of a Republic
- Our Republican Party Structure
- The 4 Year political calendar
- What do Precinct Chairs do?
- Being involved in Conventions
- Participating in a County Exec. Committee meeting
- Our Governing Documents
- How we move forward in unity
- What we believe
- Our Texas Party Platform
- Factions in the Republican Party



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REPUBLICAN PARTY STRUCTURE

VOTERS In Your Precinct

PRECINCT CHAIRS

Serve the Voters through Block Walkers, Phone Callers & Texters

County Executive Committee

State Executive Committee

National Committee



**Partnership &
Coalition Org. (TX)**

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Clubs in Bexar Cty**

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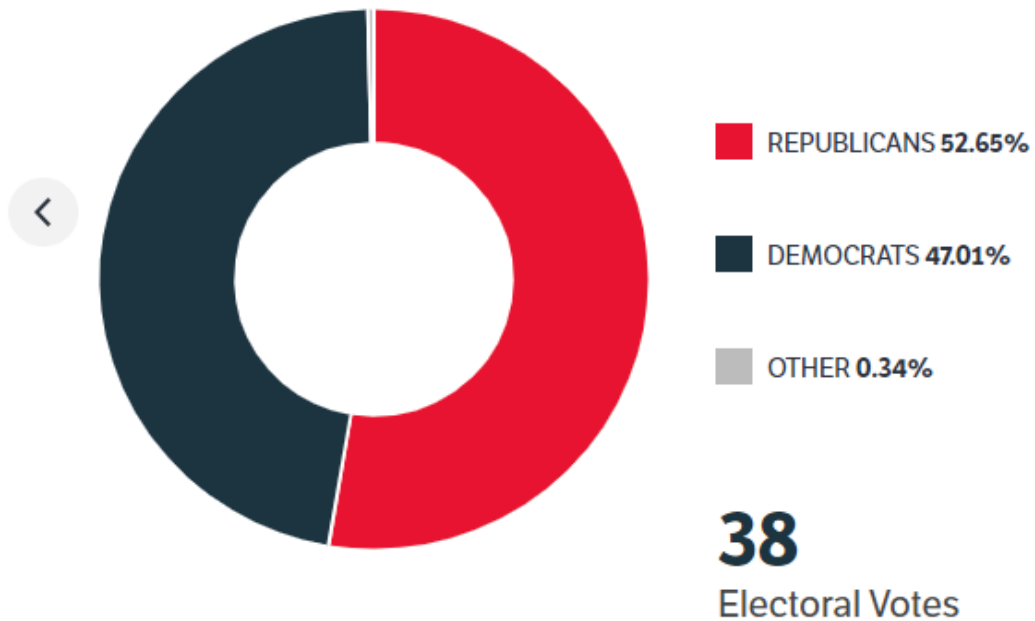
Module Three

- Thomas Jefferson and
the Importance of Prayer
- The Information Age
- Using GOP DATA
- What searches do we need?
- What voters do we need to focus on?

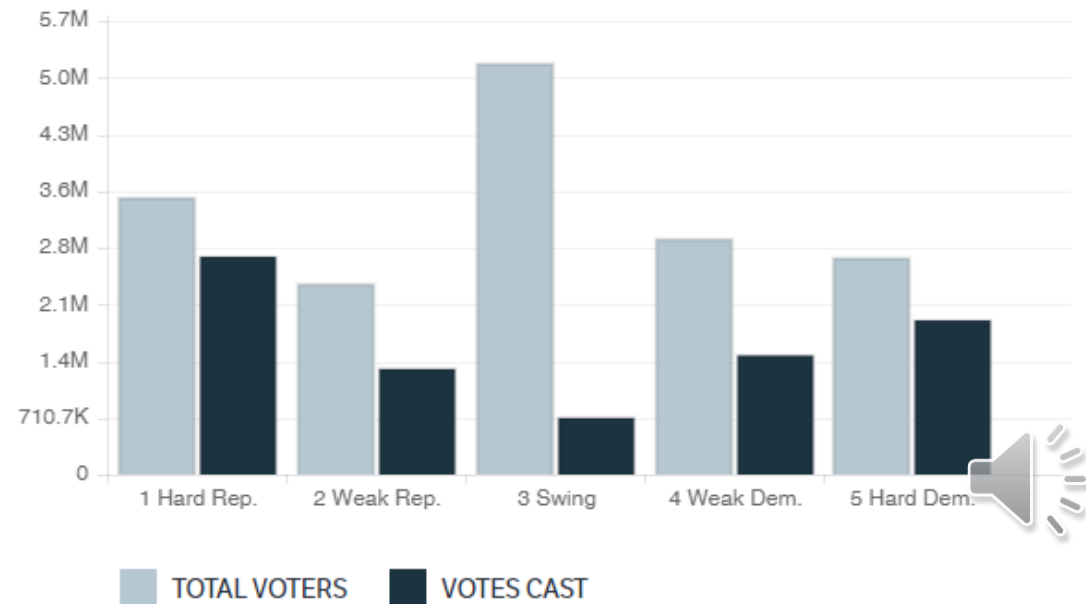


Welcome to your Data Center

Texas Popular Votes in 2020



2020 Texas Turnout By RNC Calc Party



Module Four

- George Washington and Prayer
- The Founder's secret to finding good candidates
- Religion, Morality and Knowledge
- The Religion of America, 5 fundamentals
- Building your team
- Recruiting and training your volunteers
- Be organized
- Are you a leader?
- Getting to know your Precinct
- Blockwalking
- Phone banking and Texting



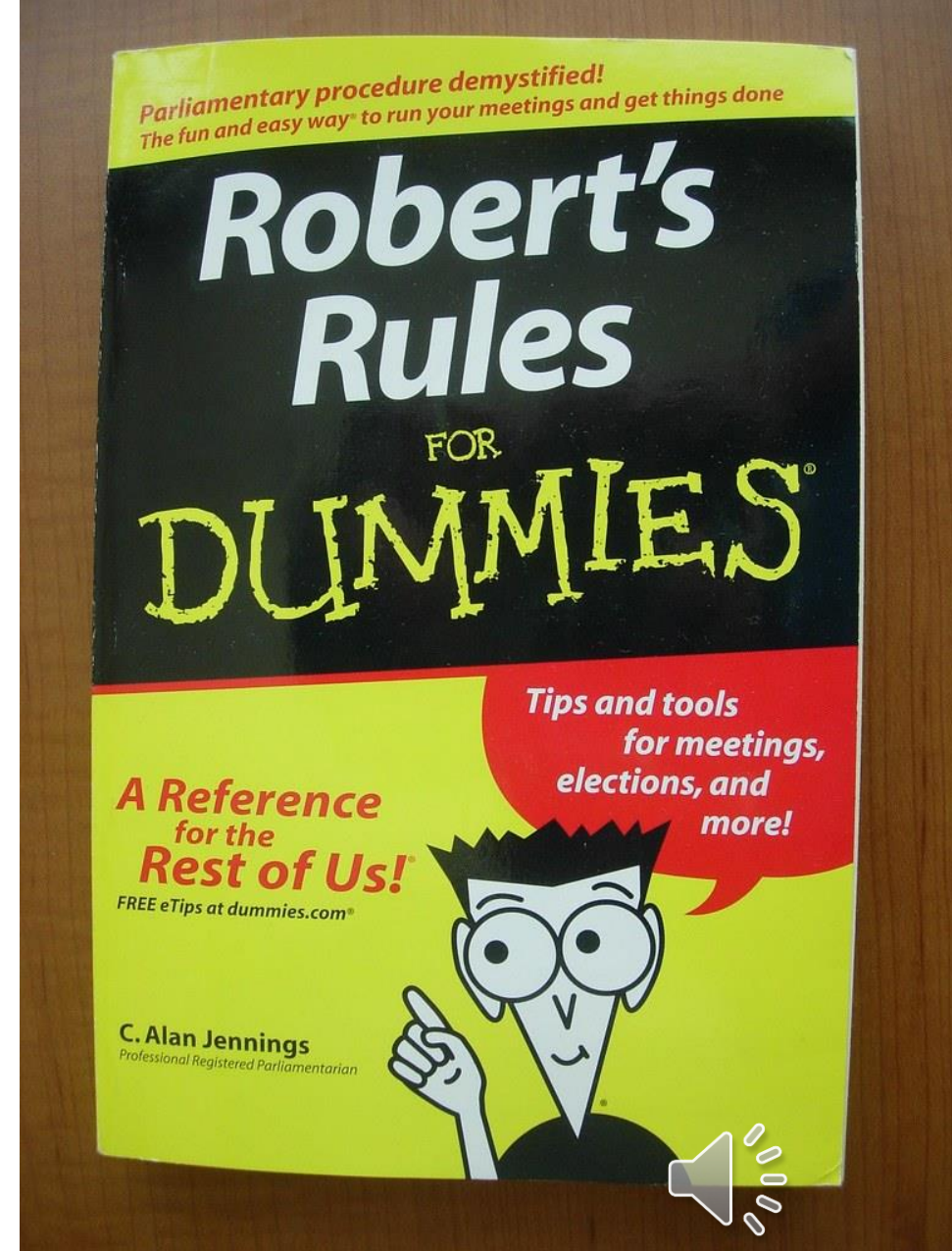
Module Five

- John Jay and the Importance of Prayer
- 8 Basic Constitutional Principles
- Inalienable Rights vs. Civil Rights
- Basics of Robert's Rules of Order
- Principles of Parliamentary Procedure
- Preparing for a CEC meeting
- The Call and the Agenda
- Motions and Resolutions
- Types of Voting
- Points of Order and Parliamentary Inquiry
- Resources
- Handouts



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A Brief look at Robert's Rules of Order



Module Six

- John & Abigail Adams and the Importance of Prayer
- The first Congress opened with prayer
- How to dress your Polling Location
- How to run your Precinct Convention
- Using Social Media
- Using Be the One
- 5th Generation Warfare
- The Uni-Party vs. MAGA
- Book Recommendations



So, there you have it. There is much to learn. It may take awhile to feel like you have a working knowledge of the information. We all start where we start. You have chosen a good place to begin. Be sure to invite others to the journey you are on. Have fun.



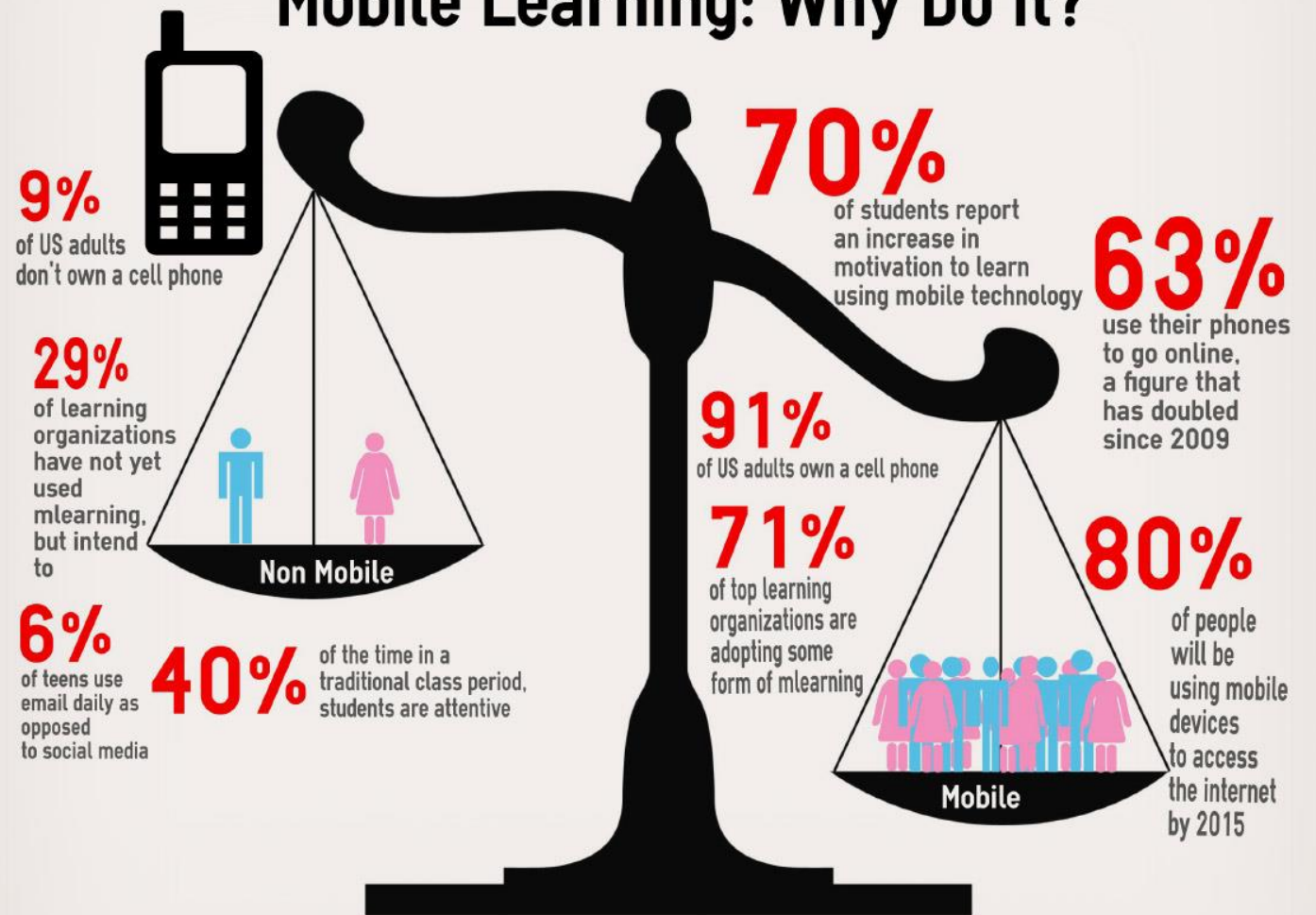
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Remember, "Learning is an exciting adventure." I am praying you have a great time going through these modules. It has been a joy to put these together for you. You may want to go through them more than once. As I was learning, I went over this material three and four times. You will get there. With each new adventure there are new terms and words to learn. Feel free to submit questions or call. You are part of a team.

Blessings, Allen Hamilton

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Mobile Learning: Why Do It?



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ONE MAN AWAKE

One man awake awakens another,
The second awakens his next-door neighbor,
And three awake can rouse the town,
And turn the whole place upside down.
And many awake can raise such a fuss,
That is finally awakens the rest of us.
One man up with dawn in his eyes, multiplies.

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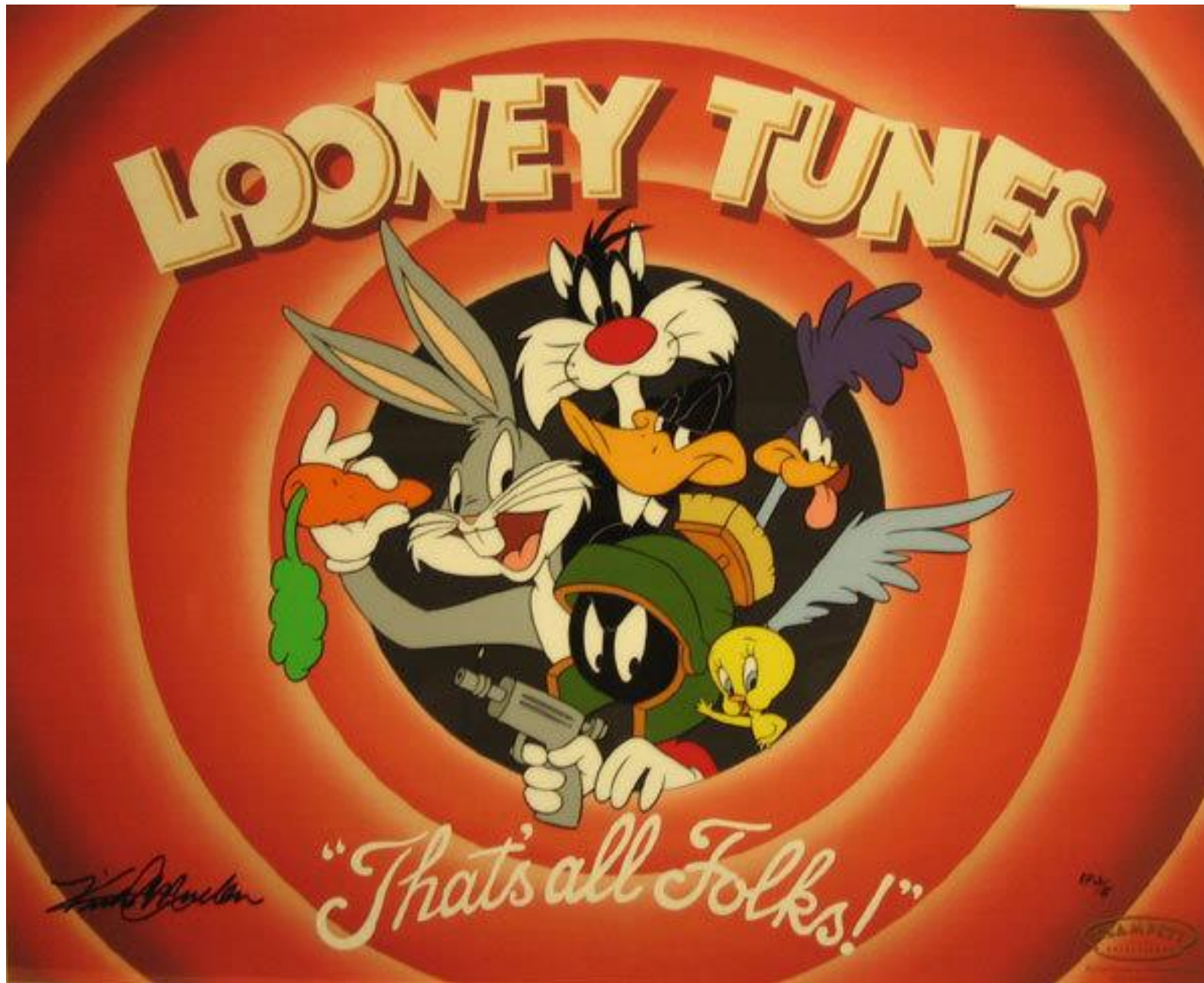
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THE MAN WHO THINKS HE CAN

If you think you are beaten, you are, if you think you dare not, you don't,
If you like to win, but think you can't, it's almost certain you won't.
If you think you'll lose, you're lost, for out of the world we find,
Success begins with a person's will, it's a state of mind.
If you think you are outclassed, you are, you've got to think high to rise.
You've got to be sure of yourself before you can ever win a prize.
Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man,
But sooner or later the man who wins,
Is the man who thinks they can!

Walter D. Wintle





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