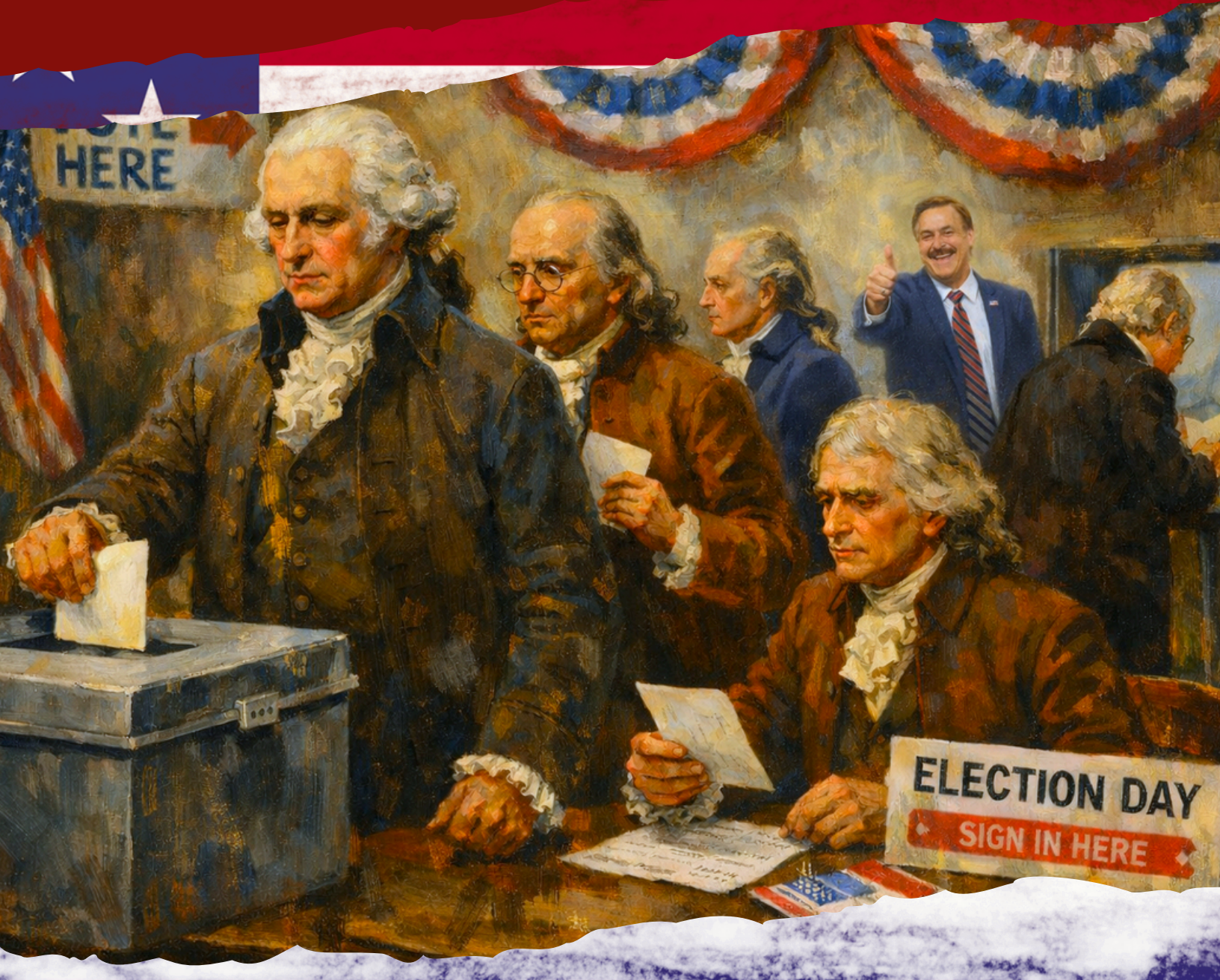


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THE 2026 GOP PRIMARIES

A Defining Moment for America's Future

As the 2026 election cycle begins to take shape, Republican primary voters are signaling that they want more than new candidates—they want a new direction. After years of economic strain, institutional mistrust, and cultural division, these primaries are becoming a referendum on how the nation should move forward and whether the Republican Party can offer a clear, governing vision.

Economic Pressures Drive the Debate

Americans still vote with their wallets, and the cost of living remains the dominant concern. While inflation has cooled from earlier peaks, families continue to feel the impact of higher prices for food, housing, utilities, and insurance. Wage growth has not fully restored purchasing power, leaving many households feeling stuck.

Younger voters face even steeper challenges. High debt burdens and barriers to homeownership have delayed traditional milestones such as marriage, family formation, and long-term financial stability. Primary voters are looking for candidates who can deliver practical strategies for economic growth, energy affordability, and fiscal responsibility.

Immigration and Sovereignty Remain Central Issues

Immigration continues to be a defining concern for GOP voters. The border crisis of recent years reshaped the national conversation, and many Americans now expect policies that emphasize enforcement, legal order, and assimilation into a shared civic culture.

Candidates will be judged by their ability to present solutions that are firm but workable—policies that reinforce sovereignty while maintaining America's historic role as a nation of lawful immigration.

Restoring Trust in Institutions

Public confidence in government has eroded, and many voters believe federal agencies and courts have drifted from constitutional boundaries. Calls for accountability, transparency, and limits on bureaucratic power are resonating strongly within the Republican base.

Election integrity is a key part of that discussion. Voters consistently support safeguards such as voter identification, accurate registration rolls, and clear election procedures designed to ensure both access and confidence in outcomes.

Preparing for a Changing Future

Beyond immediate concerns, the rapid rise of artificial intelligence and technological change is raising questions about workforce stability and America's long-term competitiveness. Education policy has likewise become a focal point, with parents demanding stronger academic performance, greater transparency, and expanded school choice.

A Test of Direction, Not Just Leadership

Ultimately, the 2026 GOP primaries are less about personalities than about purpose. Voters are asking whether the party will restore economic opportunity, reaffirm constitutional governance, and rebuild public trust.

The answers forged in these contests will shape not only the Republican Party's identity but also the trajectory of the nation in the years ahead.

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WHAT IS A PATRIOT?

Patriot. The word evokes a spectrum of reactions, depending on how one perceives the word. In its purest form, the word encompasses a noble commitment to community and a steadfast opposition to tyranny and abuse of power.

Writer Daniel Hannan writes in his excellent book, *Inventing Freedom: How the English-Speaking Peoples Made the Modern World*:

“A Patriot was someone with a *pronounced devotion to liberty and property*; someone who stood for the interests of the nation as a whole, rather than those of its supposedly effete ruling class... by patriotism, the American meant *being loyal to the people around him*. He meant *sticking up for his community* instead of fawning to the authorities. He meant being prepared to forgo the salaries, pensions, and sinecures that might have come his way had he been readier to ingratiate himself with his governor and the colonial administration...Patriots loudly asserted—and not without justice—that personal freedom and resistance to autocratic power were the distinguishing features of the English-speaking peoples.”

You may be surprised that patriotism begins at the community level. Unlike pretentious leftist daydreams of a utopian world, patriotism is pragmatic and down to earth, with a focus on helping

those around us first. True patriotism doesn't pretend to save the world; it rolls up its sleeves and defends our freedom to grow into our potential as a people and a nation.

There is also a false patriotism. Such people are labeled opportunists, frauds, or RINOS. Hannan describes these charlatans:

“There were some who called themselves Patriots yet were prepared to put personal gain before the national interest. These were the men Dr. Johnson had in mind when he made his best-known, and most misunderstood remark: “Patriotism, Sir, is that last refuge of a scoundrel.”

“Johnson's biographer, James Boswell, who recorded the quip, immediately added, “but let it be considered, that he did not mean a real and generous love of country, but that pretended Patriotism which so many, in all ages and countries, have made a cloak of self-interest.”

An important distinction separating a Patriot from a RINO (or whatever term you choose) manifests itself in a person's motivation. Anyone motivated by profit, or fame, or political power is—well—a scoundrel. Those who serve, those who are willing to sacrifice personal gain in the cause of Freedom are worthy of the name, Patriot.



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What Does the Future Look Like for America?

Julie Behling

Unless we have an immediate mass uprising of Christians, conservatives, patriots, families, libertarians, and classical liberals who want America to be free, it doesn't look good for our nation.

In the early years of the USSR, the so-called "dictatorship of the proletariat" helped check the Soviet populace in their "bourgeois-ness" and report "enemies of the state" so they could be arrested, interrogated, and dealt with as the Soviet secret police saw fit. In America, we are not far from having something similar, but with a "dictatorship of the woke."

History shows that once Communists come into power, they immediately engage in the mass arrest, imprisonment, and execution of those opposed to the new system, as well as those who may be likely to oppose the system once they see what it actually consists of—intellectuals, artists, scientists, and entrepreneurs who perhaps had even supported the revolution. This is why communism is by far the deadliest form of government ever before seen in the world. The Soviet Union put an estimated 60 million of its own people to death. In Communist China, the body count for implementing communism is upwards of 80 million. Then we have Cambodia's "Killing Fields." Some of these deaths were due to famines from mismanagement of resources, but most were essentially genocide of the communist governments against their own populations. Will the globalist, "Great Reset" elite who would ascend to power in the 21st century using the communist playbook continue to utilize that playbook once in power? Do we want to wait to find out? ...

Due to their poor social credit scores, the insufficiently woke "dissidents" who escape imprisonment and execution could be forced to live on the periphery of society with very limited access to resources including food, building supplies, medical care, and technology in general, unless they produce those resources themselves. America, and the world at large, would essentially become a dystopian novel like *1984*. The new global government, with all its tracking, surveilling, and technologies for a digital prison, would purport to assume rule over all peoples globally in order to bring order to the chaos - chaos which they, themselves perpetrated for the very purpose of seizing power. Free will for the masses would be over, and the trans-humanist technocrats ruling the planet would have the advantage of being coupled with AI computers. Every great empire in history has fallen eventually. But if America falls, who will remain to champion freedom in the world?

Millions of freedom-loving Americans and Christians must either take back the churches and schools or exit them. Completely. And now. We must interrupt the quickening flow of Marxist indoctrination of our children, ourselves, and our fellow Christians and countrymen. We are in the throes of war. The war for the world—not just America—is going on right here, right now.

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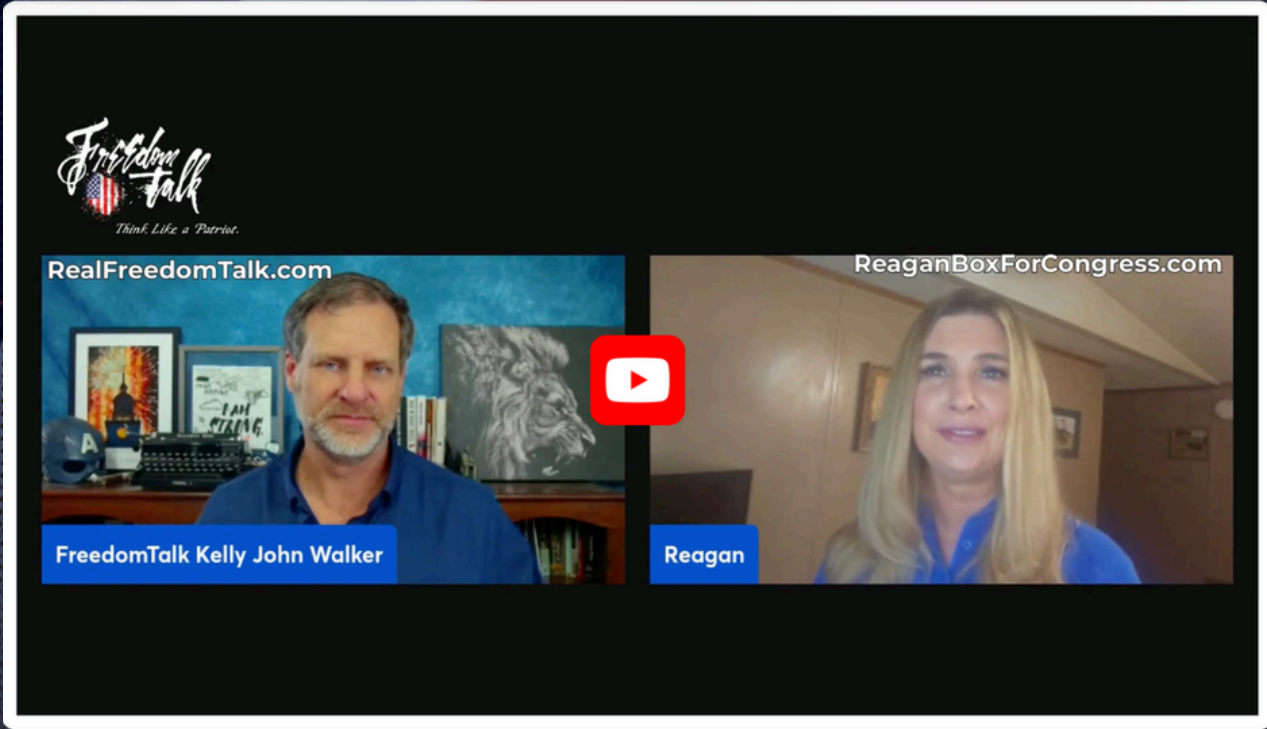


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The Spiral of Silence

Although the familiar phrase above cannot be directly traced to Bonhoeffer, it has nonetheless become associated with him inasmuch as it so well sums up what he was desperately trying to communicate to those who believed they could safely stand on the sidelines in the battle of that time. Bonhoeffer knew that the time to stand on the sidelines had passed, and that if one was not actively living out one's faith by fighting against the wickedness of the Nazis, God would reckon that inaction as participation in their wicked cause with the added sin that those guilty of this were pretending to be neutral. God was not fooled.

Around the time of his involvement in the Manhattan Declaration, Chuck Colson referred to the concept called the "Spiral of Silence," which he had encountered in the work of German sociologist and political scientist Elisabeth Noelle-Neumann. She coined it in the 1970s when writing about what had happened in Germany in the 1930s. Born in Berlin in 1916, she had lived through the Nazi regime and was herself generally pro-Hitler, and had even met with him while a university student. But when the war was over and everyone saw the inexpressible horrors of the holocaust, she began to think differently. She wondered most specifically why so few of those who had privately opposed Hitler said nothing until the war was over and the danger of speaking out had passed. From this she came up with this concept called the "Spiral of Silence." It refers to the idea that when people fail to speak, the price of speaking rises. As the price to speak rises, still fewer speak out, which further causes the price to rise, so that fewer people yet will speak out, until a whole culture or nation is silenced. This was what happened in Germany.

So the idea attributed to Bonhoeffer, that "silence in the face of evil is itself evil," is borne out by Noelle-Neumann's formulation. If you do not speak, you are not being neutral, but are contributing to the success of the thing you refuse to name and condemn.

Contrarily, it follows that those who speak out make it easier for others to speak out. Just as cowardice begets cowardice, courage begets courage. When we speak out, we inevitably encourage others to speak out along with us, decreasing the price of speaking out. So, there is no way to remain neutral in such situations. Either we help evil, or we fight evil. Either we speak and thereby help others to speak truth, or we cower in silence and thereby lead others to do the same.

Perhaps the main question for most of us is whether we are willing to pay the price of speaking and acting. If we truly understand the situation, as many as twelve thousand pastors in Germany did, what do we fear in speaking out? Do pastors who fear speaking out really fear that they will lose congregants and that their tithes will decrease and their church will wither away, so that in their own minds they are simply being prudent? Do they know that God has called them to their position and that He grew their church and can be counted on to take care of them and their careers if they lean on Him and do what they believe He is calling them to do? What exactly keeps any of us from doing the right thing? We Christians claim to believe that Jesus defeated death on the cross—so if we say that we are sincere Christians but fear anything, including death, we are fools. Does not our fear of anything but God Himself make of God a liar?

Excerpted from Letter to the American Church

"If I sit next to a madman as he drives a car into a group of innocent bystanders, I can't, as a Christian, simply wait for the catastrophe, then comfort the wounded and bury the dead. I must try to wrestle the steering wheel out of the hands of the driver." -Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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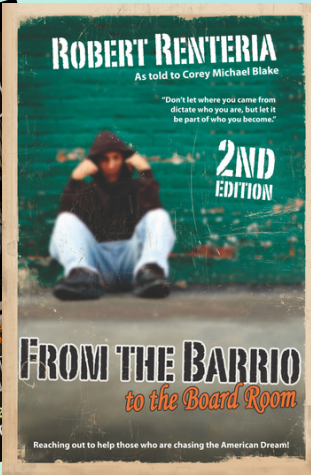
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