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## WHY COOLIDGE MATTERS: LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM AMERICA'S MOST UNDERRATED PRESIDENT

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THURSDAY, MAY 15<sup>th</sup>  
SOCIAL 11:30 AM LUNCH 12:00 PM  
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Charles Johnson will speak to us regarding his current book, *Why Coolidge Matters* and also discussing a new book he is writing about Obama.

Imagine a country in which strikes by public-sector unions occupied the public square; where foreign policy wandered aimlessly as America disentangled itself from wars abroad and a potential civil war on its southern border; where

racial and ethnic groups jostled for political influence; where a war on illicit substances led to violence in its cities; where technology was dramatically changing how mankind communicated and moved about — and where the educated harbored increasing contempt for the philosophic underpinnings of our republic.

Charles C. Johnson's *Why Coolidge Matters: Leadership Lessons from America's Most Underrated President*, revisits the record of our 30th president, examining Coolidge's views on governance, public sector unions, education, race, immigration, and foreign policy. Most importantly, *Why Coolidge Matters* explains what lessons Coolidge — the last president to pay down the national debt — can offer the limited government movement in the post industrial age.

Charles graduated from Milton Academy and Claremont McKenna where he studied government and economics. At Claremont, he edited the Claremont Independent and founded the Claremont Conservative, an award-winning daily campus website. There he exposed abuses like the banning of two pro-life students from campus for asking questions of a pro-choice speaker. Outrage over the ban resulted in a complete overturning of their sentence and an administrative apology just seven days later. His honors thesis is on the political thought of Calvin Coolidge.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 15<sup>th</sup>: Charles C. Johnson

Topic: *Why Coolidge Matters: Leadership Lessons from America's Most Underrated President*

Palisades Riviera Country Club  
Cost: \$25

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## President's Message

*Dear Members and Associates,*



This past month we enjoyed a riveting discussion by our own Wendy Borchardt, who discussed the propositions on the June Election, which we are encouraged to vote NO! She also discussed the importance of sharing our ideals and educating our children, grandchildren, family, friends and neighbors about what is happening to our country and the importance of being a Republican. Her speech touched on heart-warming memories of Reagan, continuing to support and encourage our military and also exposing the truth about the current Commander In Chief.

On April 23 I attended the Los Angeles County Federation of Republican Women meeting at the beautiful Bistro Garden in Studio City. Patti Adair, the current LACFRW President and a former MBARWF President, presided over a very informative meeting. Several major Republican candidates running for the Assembly, Senate, and Board of Supervisors in Los Angeles County attended and presented their views. Linda Paine explained the efforts of her Election Integrity Project to improve the integrity of the election procedures in California, particularly in Los Angeles County.

We are privileged to live in the greatest country in the world and we must exercise our right to vote in the very important June 3 California Primary Election. Remember, millions of foreigners all over the world would love to live and vote in America; some even die in their efforts to enter our country illegally. Please contribute to our Republican candidates. Help them take back California for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren. We must put an end to high taxes and draconian regulations that strangle California businesses. We must encourage these businesses to remain in California and to provide needed jobs for Californians. We must fight to retain Proposition 13. Imagine the additional property taxes you will have to pay IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE!

We WOMEN have always made a difference. MAKE a difference now! Vote on June 3.

Marta Enstrom

Co-President

Dear Members and Friends,

I whole heartedly agree with Marta, both of us are naturalized citizens and were born outside the USA.

We are citizens by choice and love this country, as you do too. We have to preserve our Constitutional Republic. America (USA) is a very unique country, there is no other place like it. I know I talk to the choir. I attended the CFRW dinner in Orange County April 26, Dinesh D'Souza was the keynote speaker and it was well attended. Dinesh produced another film/documentary: America, imagine the world without her. Opening day of the movie will be Independence Day, July 4, 2014.

<http://demandthemovie.dineshdsouza.com/sign.html?gclid=CIKhv-qWgr4CFZNqfgodLgwAtQ>

Please see the film on opening day and demand more showings.

Rosemarie Ihde  
Co-President



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Dear Friends,

Last month I was excited to see the launch of Breitbart California. The web site chronicles the successes of the conservative movement in the Golden State, along with the failures of the left-wing establishment. Obviously not everyone has written off California.

I like the optimism implied by the investment in Breitbart California, the idea that this state could lead the nation to prosperity through a positive impact on our culture and economy. I also like the idea of holding the institutional left more accountable, both in government and the media.

Let's not give up; let's join together and inform ourselves, think about the issues, participate in and change the political landscape. And not be afraid to stand up for what we believe in, to say out loud who we are.

Now is the time to join or renew your 2014 membership. You can mail a check to our post office box or use PayPal via our web site. While you're at it, please also make sure your contact information and preferences are up-to-date for the directory, e-mail and telephone communication.

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## GOP Leadership Plotting to Pass Amnesty in August, May Put AZ, TX in Play for Dems

By: Tony Lee, *Breitbart.com*

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA), the House GOP Conference Chair, said that amnesty legislation could come to the floor by August.

Her comments come after multiple House Republicans have ramped up support for amnesty legislation and discussed bills they plan to introduce in the coming months.

"I believe there is a path that we get a bill on the floor by August," McMorris Rodgers said, according to the *Spokesman-Review*. "We're going to have to push that this is a legal status, not amnesty," she said.

According to NBC 5, Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX) "will soon introduce a bill that will establish a path to citizenship for the minor children of illegal immigrants and a guest worker program."

"If the only illegal act they committed was coming into the country without proper documentation we'd put them on a path to legalization," Barton said.

Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL) said the Republican leadership is "as close as we have ever been" and, though "it is still a big, big, heavy lift... I think we're going to get there."

"I think we finally have the policy right," Diaz-Balart told *Roll Call*. "And what we're finding is more and more people out there as they're seeing it, different aspects of the policy, are starting to say, 'Hey, that is something that makes sense.'"

Rep. Peter King (R-NY) wrote to House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH), who has said he was "hellbent" on passing amnesty and mocked conservative opponents who opposed it, to let him know that he would support amnesty legislation because it would help the party.

"It would be in our country's national interest as well as the interest of our party if this could be achieved and I want to assure you of my support as this effort goes forward," King wrote to Boehner.

But studies and polls suggest that amnesty legislation, in addition to lowering the wages of American workers, would go against the political interest of Republicans, contrary to the claims made by amnesty proponents.

According to a *Washington Post* report, amnesty legislation could put states like Arizona and Texas in play for Democrats.

In addition, two national polls, conducted by NBC News/*Wall Street Journal* and ABC News/*Washington Post*, have also found that a plurality of Americans are less likely to vote for candidates who support amnesty legislation.

And when Republicans like Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) promote granting work visas to all of the country's illegal immigrants and allowing them to remain in the country, he is promptly greeted the next day by Hispanic leaders in Wisconsin who call him "offensive."

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ), who recently said not passing amnesty is "a stain on America's honor," said last year that amnesty proponents would make a final push for legislation after the GOP primaries, many of which are in May and June, are done. Prominent Democrats like Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY) and Rep. Luis Gutierrez (D-IL) have said that this year is the last chance to pass sweeping amnesty legislation.

And though momentum for amnesty legislation has stalled after Sens. Jeff Sessions (R-AL) and Ted Cruz (R-TX) blasted the GOP leadership's "immigration principles," as amnesty, the Republican leadership seems intent on making that final push for amnesty legislation during this Congress.

## ROVE IS NOT HAPPY WITH OBAMACARE WHITE FLAG

by: Joseph Farah  
WND.com

AUSTIN, Texas – Caught on a flight from Washington to Texas Sunday, Karl Rove, the guru of the GOP political establishment, was not pleased with a statement by Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers of Washington, a member of the House Republican leadership team, which sounded like a surrender in the fight to overturn Obamacare.

Asked if the comment by Republican leadership acquiescing to the continuation of the Affordable Care Act was helpful to GOP chances in November, Rove said, “It doesn’t. It absolutely doesn’t.”

Rove had not had a chance to read the article in the Spokane Spokesman-Review that quoted McMorris Rodgers as saying it is unlikely Republicans will kill the Affordable Care Act should they take the Senate and hold the House in November. He indicated he tried to read it when he saw the headline on the Drudge Report but could not access the story because the paper’s servers were overloaded.

“If she’s saying that there are some provisions of the law that are worth keeping, like pre-existing conditions, that makes sense,” said Rove. “Nobody is talking about scrapping everything. There are some things worth keeping.”

McMorris Rodgers has been part of the Republican leadership in the House that has voted multiple times to repeal parts or all of Barack Obama’s signature health care law. GOP members have said the law is unworkable, will increase costs for some and force others into inadequate coverage or plans they don’t want. Others have said it must be repealed in its entirety, with new legislation to provide reforms in health care such as requirements to cover pre-existing conditions.

McMorris Rodgers was critical of Obamacare, but she said the framework established by the law likely will persist and reforms should take place within its structure.

“It is a top-down, one-size-fits-all approach to health care,” she said, as reported in the Washington state paper. Consumers should have more choice for their coverage, and Democrats should abandon the idea that everyone will enroll because of the mandate, McMorris Rodgers added.

The congresswoman also said that the 85 percent of enrollees who received Medicaid coverage is a sign the program is not sustainable and many will receive subpar care.

“You’re seeing where they’ve had to reduce programs for the very people it’s meant to help,” McMorris Rodgers said. “Somebody’s going to have to pay the bill.”



## CALENDAR OF CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN EVENTS



**May 1<sup>st</sup>:** Pacific Palisades Republican Club  
The Republican Alternative  
Vision for Healthcare  
Palisades Lutheran Church  
310-454-4345

**May 4<sup>th</sup>:** **American Freedom Alliance**  
California Land and Water Wars Conference  
Olympic Collection  
West Los Angeles, CA  
310-444-3085

**May 8<sup>th</sup>:** **Woodland Hills RWF**  
Keynote Speaker: Janet Levy  
Woodland Hills Country Club  
818-225-0843

**May 14<sup>th</sup>:** Santa Monica RWF  
Riviera Country Club  
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**May 17<sup>th</sup>:** Manhattan Beach RWF  
Actor Ned Vaughn of film "Atlas Shrugged"  
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**June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** LACFRW  
High Tea Fundraiser  
Bel Air Country Club

**July 12<sup>th</sup>:** CFRW Southern Division  
Take America Back  
The Phoenix Club Anaheim  
949-831-3381

## May Book Recommendation

by Dr. Laura Trice

*Cruel and Usual Punishment* by Nonie Darwish

I had never really understood much about the chaos in the Middle East until I read Nonie Darwish's "Cruel and Usual Punishment."

A former Egyptian journalist whose job was to censor newspaper articles and whose father was the first Egyptian colonel sent to destroy Israel, Nonie has an insider's view of what is happening in the Middle East. After growing up in Egypt, marrying and then moving to the United States, Ms. Darwish found the liberty she always longed for in America. She left Islam, converted to Christianity and has spent the last 10 years active in the Republican Party and helping Americans understand what needs to be done to protect America.

Her honesty is heart wrenching and this was a painful book to read. It is hard to hear how many in the world live. But, ever since I finished the book, the problems in Middle East now make sense to me and I understand what will and won't work.

To purchase from Amazon [Click Here](#)



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“A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue then will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader.”

-Samuel Adams