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Sen. Rick Scott of Florida, chair of the National Republican Senatorial Committee

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In the Republican race to put forward the most repulsive agenda possible, Sen. Rick Scott of Florida is definitely outpacing his GOP counterparts.

Sure, Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina sent his colleagues running (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2022/9/21/2124373/-Graham-s-abortion-ban-triggered-a-truly-masterful-division-of-a-party-that-has-lost-its-way>) when he introduced a national 15-week abortion ban and pledged that a GOP-controlled Congress would give it a vote.

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But just as the dust was finally starting to settle again, Scott, the Senate GOP campaign chief, boldly stepped into the void Sunday to voice support for Graham's deeply unpopular trial balloon

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"Look, there's arguments to do it at the federal level," Scott said (https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/politics-news/sen-rick-scott-says-s-arguments-abortion-restrictions-federal-level-rcna50020?cid=sm_npd_nn_tw_mtp) on NBC News' Meet the Press when he was asked whether abortion restrictions should be addressed on a national level. "I'm pro-life, as you know. I think we ought to have reasonable restrictions. I think a lot of people are comfortable with 15 weeks and exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother, but every candidate gets to make their choice."

Actually, nearly seven in ten registered voters (https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2022/10/4/2126928/-New-polling-shows-why-Republicans-scattered-like-pigeons-from-Graham-s-national-abortion-ban?_=2022-10-04T20:53:58.000-07:00) oppose the idea of a national abortion ban at base, and about two-thirds of voters rejected Graham's 15-week

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ban without exceptions for the health of the mother.

Then there's House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, who laid an egg last month (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2022/9/30/2126255/-House-Republicans-try-to-put-a-ring-on-it-with-their-Commitment-to-America-Voters-run>) with his "Commitment to America." Voters were particularly turned off by the plan's emphasis on rolling back cost-cutting measures that help reduce the price of prescription drugs and protect people with pre-existing conditions from getting gouged by insurance companies.

McCarthy clearly sought to soften the plan's language (https://www.republicanleader.gov/commitment/accountability-in-government/#reveal_freedoms) on banning abortion, saying only that Republicans would "protect the lives of unborn children and their mothers."

But Scott is really the total package, embracing a nationwide abortion ban on TV plus beating McCarthy to the punch by releasing his own heinous plan (https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2022/2/22/2081751/-So-much-for-McConnell-s-tight-messaging-ahead-of-2022?_t=2022-04-11T14:37:13.000-07:00) to "rescue America" back in February. It famously promises to raise taxes on 100 million working Americans (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2022/5/9/2096411/-Senate-Republicans-2022-plan-to-raise-taxes-on-100-million-working-class-Americans-bombs-in-polling>) and sunset Medicare and Social Security, among other things.

McCarthy didn't exactly have the guts to say Republicans want to slash Medicare, but that's clearly what the Republican Study Committee aims to do (<https://www.heritage.org/budget-and-spending/commentary/11-ways-republican-study-committee-budget-blueprint-save-america>) if the GOP retakes the House.

Bottom line, Rick Scott is the total package—telling voters loud and proud that Republicans stand for raising taxes on working- and middle-class Americans while simultaneously working to reduce the social safety net they will depend upon as they age.

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And when Republicans tell us what they want to do, we should believe them.

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House Republicans try to put a ring on it with their 'Commitment to America.' Voters run (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2022/9/30/2126255/-House-Republicans-try-to-put-a-ring-on-it-with-their-Commitment-to-America-Voters-run>)

Since Dobbs, women have registered to vote in unprecedented numbers across the country, and the first person to dig into these stunning trends was TargetSmart CEO Tom Bonier, who's our guest on this episode of **The Downballot** (<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-surge-in-women-registering-to-vote-with-tom-bonier/id1609094461?i=1000580260417>). Bonier explains how his firm gathers data on the electorate; why this surge is likely a leading indicator showing stepped-up enthusiasm among many groups of voters, including women, young people, and people of color; how we know these new registrants disproportionately lean toward Democrats; and what it all might mean for November.



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At this point, Republicans are so invested in controlling women's bodies that they could announce support for Prima Nocta and it wouldn't be jumping the shark.

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Aynsley (/users/aynsley) ▶ skyoungin

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I agree, skyoungin. However, I'm sure WaPo's Glenn Kessler will fact check and give Dems saying, "the GOP wants a National Abortion Ban" as 4-Stars!!

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• **Aynsley (/users/aynsley) ▶ Aynsley**

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Sorry for the TYPO. Kessler will give this 4-Pinnochios (not stars).

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• **stevo86 (/users/stevo86) ▶ skyounkin**

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Have you voted yet!!

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No, will in November. Take the day off from work, walk to my polling place and vote in person.

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• **Clutch Cargo (/users/clutch cargo) ▶ skyounkin**

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I plan to vote in November, too. I got both my bivalent covid booster and my annual influenza vaccination in September, which will reduce the chance that I might be sick on election day.

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• **blueMN (/users/bluemn) ▶ Clutch Cargo**

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I'm doing the same, and got the same shots. I did already cert my mom's mail in ballot, so that's one down in my family.

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DEMonrat ankle biter (/users/demonrat ankle biter)

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Cut the commercial and run it

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LeMoJoust (/users/lemojoust)

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The lazy, feckless & complicit *New York Times* is convinced that suburban women are more concerned with the cost of Froot Loops than the Dobbs Decision & will happily walk into the propeller that is the GQP agenda in the name of "change."

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catnap1972 (/users/catnap1972) ▶ LeMoJoust

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Welp they are gonna be noticing gas prices spiking once the prince fucks us over this week.

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J Rae (/users/j rae) ▶ LeMoJoust

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You know what's more expensive than a gallon of gas 🛢️? A baby 👶, childcare, formula and taking time off work to have that baby.

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swizzle (/users/swizzle) ▶ J Rae

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More expensive than a tankful of gas, and I imagine (not currently raising a child) more expensive on a weekly, monthly, annual basis, no matter who ends up raising it.

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jjohnjj (/users/jjohnjj) ▶ LeMoJoust

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The NYT is only reporting what the polls indicate about issues that are “very important” to voters.

In July, KFF (<https://www.kff.org/womens-health-policy/poll-finding/kff-health-tracking-poll-july-2022/>) found that abortion ranked fourth behind inflation, gun violence and health care costs. In August, Pew (<https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2022/08/23/midterm-election-preferences-voter-engagement-views-of-campaign-issues/>) found that abortion ranked *eighth* behind other issues. In both surveys, inflation and the economy were top concerns.

Those are the numbers for *all* voters. The percentages differ between men and women but women still put their personal or family finances ahead of abortion on their list of concerns.

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Let's see how they like life under republicreep occupation.

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swizzle (/users/swizzle) ▶ jjohnjj

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Going out on a limb here... I'd theorize that in many areas of the country it is the high cost, and sharply rising cost of housing of all kinds — possibly more so in the more urban ones and certain states — that makes people more sensitive to fluctuations, and increases, in the cost of everything else, even people who have incomes that mean they shouldn't be struggling or worrying.

Secondly I hope that those women who didn't think that reproductive health care is not important didn't rate it so low because they personally are beyond child-bearing age.

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Desert Scientist (/users/desert scientist) ▶ jjohnjj

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Unfortunately they also rank climate change fairly low, despite the fact that we are already seeing catastrophic early results and it may very well make other issues moot.

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• **rudewarrior (/users/rudewarrior)**

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I'm pro-life, as you know. I think we ought to have reasonable restrictions. I think a lot of people are comfortable with 15 weeks and exceptions for rape, incest and life of the mother, but every candidate gets to make **their choice**.

Clearly, Rick Scott wants to live in a world where women don't get to make theirs.

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• **Tjoad (/users/tjoad) ► rudewarrior**

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Also someone ought to question him on what he deems "life of the mother" to be and how he would phrase that in a law. Hey, if he is as vague as many republicans are, sloppy, then all you'd have to say is "well, the life of the mother would be bad if she had to go through with this pregnancy, so we're allowing it"

But seriously, I hope there are people keeping track of the tragedies already done by the state bans. Have heard it means a state will not let a pregnant woman who had Cancer be treated for it as it might harm the fetus. Those incidents need to get publicized.

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• **ycalif (/users/ycalif) ► rudewarrior**

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I guess my western libertarian side comes through on this issue.

I am pro unwanted pregnancy. Education and access to birth control.

But if that doesn't work, the government needs to mind it's own damned business, and let the woman with her doctor's advice decide what's best for her.

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triplepoint (/users/triplepoint) ▶ rudewarrior

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'... but every candidate gets to make **their choice**'

For them, the women, that is ...

Figures.

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Spancos (/users/spancos)

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After years of being cowed by tRumpism, there's not one (save Cheney and Kinziger) Republican who's willing to publicly pump the breaks on the party by espousing morality, compassion or ethics. They've gone full revenge mode and flat out say awful things but hem and haw when confronted, or just plain run away. Republicans are resting on the excuse "hey, you knew I was a snake when you picked me up".

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Betty Lou (/users/betty lou)

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Rick Scott a guy who cannot even speak coherently as his beady eyes dart around like a lizard and will twist and turn in every direction when asked a serious question as to avoid giving a straight forward truthful answer on anything! Liars and deniers one and all!

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katylizzy (/users/katylizzy) ▶ Betty Lou

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In FL and we have mid-terms coming up later this month. Unfortunately Rick Skeleton isn't up for re-election until 2024. I just hope that people will remember what he proposed at that time and get him out. In the meantime, we Rubio and DeathSatan running for re-election and I am hoping they are both ousted.

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• **Betty Lou (/users/betty lou) ▶ katylizzy**

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I'm with you. We have a bunch of liars and cheats running for reelection in FI and I hope they get kicked to the curb this state deserves better than that rabble.

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• **BasharH (/users/basharh)**

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Has Trump sucked so much air out of the Republican atmosphere that senator Scott has to announce this idiocy to steal back some screen time? Wow, the GOP is completely rudderless unless we're talking about their opposition to anything that helps ordinary citizens.

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• **MDGluon16 (/users/mdgluon16) ▶ BasharH**

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They have entered the media mode of all news is "good" for them, good, bad, indifferent, it all gets them camera time.....tRump showed the way with his hate campaign of looney tunes idiocy where he won.

The problem is that the media feeds them and the electorate votes for them.

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• **HansScholl (/users/hansscholl)**

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Don't think much of Scott as a senator but loved his performance as Gollum in Lord of the Rings trilogy.

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• **filkertom (/users/filkertom) ▶ HansScholl**

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And, of course, his classic turns as Voldemort and Skeletor.

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HansScholl (/users/hansscholl) ► filkertom

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It's a wonder he went into politics with that kind of acting cred. Give him a pompadour and he could be Saint Ronnie

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onlysaneTexanLeft (/users/onlysanetexanleft)

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Republicans just don't give a shit about lying and treating the American people like shit. They claimed that abortion rights should be left up to the states and as soon as they get their way now they want a federal ban.

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ycalif (/users/ycalif) ► onlysaneTexanLeft

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That's like the Republican Senate and governor candidates in Arizona. Both during the primaries wanted heartbeat bills and even floated the idea of banning pregnant women from traveling to California, but both have SUDDENLY come to JESUS as supporting legal access.

Amazing what reading the poll tea leaves can do to a spineless Republican.

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onlysaneTexanLeft (/users/onlysanetexanleft) ► ycalif

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Exactly. And as soon as they try to gain control of congress and the WH, I guarantee the first thing they will do is pass and sign a national abortion bill into law. There's zero doubt.

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zatachimar (/users/zatachimar) ► onlysaneTexanLeft

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And will nuke the filibuster in the Senate to make it so.

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• **swizzle (/users/swizzle) ► onlysaneTexanLeft**

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But til now it's been the [campaign issue] gift that keeps on giving. Without it they are having to campaign on such nonsense it makes Qanon look reasonable.

Case in point, independent shadowy ads against Cheri Beasley (D) for US Senate in NC. Claim she wants to: increase taxes on incomes lower than \$75K to pay for some kind of giveaways to the super-rich. And that that is typical of "liberals." WTF?

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Yeah, but the federal ban is really about the blue states, to limit their freedom, since the red states can go as far crueller as their legislatures can dream up, without limit. Imprisoning women and girls who miscarriage would be a logical progression down the road.

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• **mprd9 (/users/mprd9)**

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Let's not forget Rick Scott's involvement in Medicare fraud. He now wants to "sunset" Social Security and Medicare. On one of the Sunday talk shows he refused to denounce the former president's racial slur against his Secretary of Transportation who also happens to be the wife of the senate minority leader. What a total jerk!

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• **UKPrince46 (/users/ukprince46) ► mprd9**

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Florida has concentrated on electing jerks in the past 20 years...we've gone from Bush to Scott to DeSantis (and a bumper crop of Trump wanta-bes).

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• **Sue Blue (/users/sue blue) ▶ UKPrince46**

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And that's worked out so well for them — just look at all that prosperity and contentment buried in sand or floating along the southwest coast right now.

Unfettered development and cheap houses for retirees where they can drown as their elected shitlords fiddle merrily and cut their Medicare and Social Security. Oh, and ignoring disasters, delaying aid, or misusing relief funds seems to be a default Repuke method of reducing the numbers of Black and Brown voters able to get to the polls, too.

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• **triplep (/users/triplep) ▶ UKPrince46**

Oct 05, 2022 at 09:27:30 AM

[\(/comments/2127048/84671092#comment_84671092\)](/comments/2127048/84671092#comment_84671092)

They grow a lotta oranges in Florida.

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• **katylizzy (/users/katylizzy) ▶ mprd9**

Oct 05, 2022 at 08:54:37 AM

[\(/comments/2127048/84670806#comment_84670806\)](/comments/2127048/84670806#comment_84670806)

As seniors that would be disastrous for us. We have very limited savings and keep a tight budget so that our savings can be tapped, if we need to, for medical bills (even tho we have Medicare and a supplemental health plan, it still doesn't cover everything and we end up with out of pocket costs). As for abortion, while it doesn't apply to our situation, we have a married daughter (age 43) who has 2 young children and she and her husband do not wish to have more children and I've heard that Scott wants to go after birth control as well. GOTV Dem and get these a**holes out! Scott won't be up for re-election until 2024, so we have to keep reminding people for the next 2 yrs of what he and other R's want to do.

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• **Hinoema01 (/users/hinoema01)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 07:25:37 AM

[\(/comments/2127048/84670260#comment_84670260\)](/comments/2127048/84670260#comment_84670260)

Republicans are fighting to be sure the Federal Government protects your two most fundamental, basic rights.

If they are elected, you will pay taxes, you will die.

Beyond that, you're on your own.

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• **libera nos (/users/libera nos) ▶ Hinoema01**

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If you are very rich (and Republican), the first is optional.

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• **UKPrince46 (/users/ukprince46)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 07:29:45 AM

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Yet Scott, when up for re-election, will probably win in Florida because the voters that are ALLOWED to vote will out number the Democrats that are ALLOWED to vote. Florida is not only one of the largest states, but one of the dumbest. Proof... all GOP House members and Scott voted against hurricane disaster relief funds for Florida... Rubio couldn't even be bothered show up to vote NO, avoiding an embarrassing moment in his election campaign. ALL will likely be re-elected, because "owning" the libs and keeping abortion illegal is all that matters in this state. Biden has Florida's back, not our "duly elected" officials!

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• **Jewelweed (/users/jewelweed) ▶ UKPrince46**

Oct 05, 2022 at 10:33:56 AM

(/comments/2127048/84671593#comment_84671593)

We don't want no stinkin' socialism for our state, even though our homes were destroyed. Hur hur hur. So we're voting for anything with an "R" again.

Ugh. Can't fix stupid.

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• **EphemeralNotion (/users/ephemeralnotion)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 07:30:10 AM

(/comments/2127048/84670285#comment_84670285)

3/5ths Compromise was a "reasonable restriction," too. Welcome to the new slavery.

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• **dogperson (/users/dogperson)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 07:33:30 AM

(/comments/2127048/84670300#comment_84670300)



They have declared women the enemy and any individual rights that does not promote R's are to be eradicated. They have turned the Court into a blight upon the world and a mockery of justice. Roberts and Alito can cry all they want that no one can call them illegitimate but they prove it every single day just how illegitimate they are. They have decided that the people have no rights, that fascism is the way and that being nazi is to be embraced. I am deeply ashamed of a nation that allows that to happen, that would even pretend this court can decide anything now. Thomas has given the word justice and the people his middle finger while Roberts remains dead dumb blind and allied to it all.

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• **RumsfeldResign (/users/rumsfeldresign)** ~~has~~ **had comments at this time.**

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It's so sad and bizarre that a minority of extremists has control of spineless cowards

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• **cosliberal (/users/cosliberal)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 07:36:23 AM

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With exceptions for the mistresses of Republican politicians and donors of course.

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• **CyberMindGrrl (/users/cybermindgrrl)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 07:38:44 AM

(/comments/2127048/84670343#comment_84670343)



Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell has worked hard to keep the GOP agenda under wraps (https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2022/2/22/2081751/-So-much-for-McConnell-s-tight-messaging-ahead-of-2022?_t=2022-04-11T14:37:13.000-07:00), distancing his caucus from both Graham's ban and Scott's plan. But McConnell no longer has any control over Senate Republicans, as evidenced by his underlings freelancing without his permission. So despite what McConnell says, he's not running the show anymore.

Imagine having an agenda that is SO terrible that you need to keep it secret from voters lest they find out your true agenda and decide they want nothing to do with it. That is the situation the Republican Party finds itself in. Poll after poll has proven that once people learn what Republicans intend to do if they regain power, voters swing hard for the Democrats.

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Golden owl (/users/golden owl)

Oct 05, 2022 at 07:44:18 AM

[\(/comments/2127048/84670378#comment_84670378\)](/comments/2127048/84670378#comment_84670378)

The repubs hidden agenda? ~~There are no unread comments at this time.~~ Go back to 2015, don't rinse but do repeat.

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KYTom (/users/kytom)

Oct 05, 2022 at 07:54:18 AM

[\(/comments/2127048/84670434#comment_84670434\)](/comments/2127048/84670434#comment_84670434)

How many times do we have to learn that when the Republicans announce plans to harm us by doing evil deeds they mean exactly what they say. Elections have consequences. In the words of Richard Nixon, Democrats have the moral obligation to make those consequences "perfectly clear" to the voters in a way that will resonate and give them no alternative but to vote Democratic. Just don't say that Republicans will end Social Security and Medicare. Ask voters to think about how Republican policies affect their lives. Be precise in our attacks instead of using generalities. The Texas Republican Party has called for abolishing Social Security and the minimum wage. Make every Republican for any office around the country choose between abolishing Social Security and the minimum wage or the Texas Republican Party. That goes double for Beto and the Texas Democratic Party.

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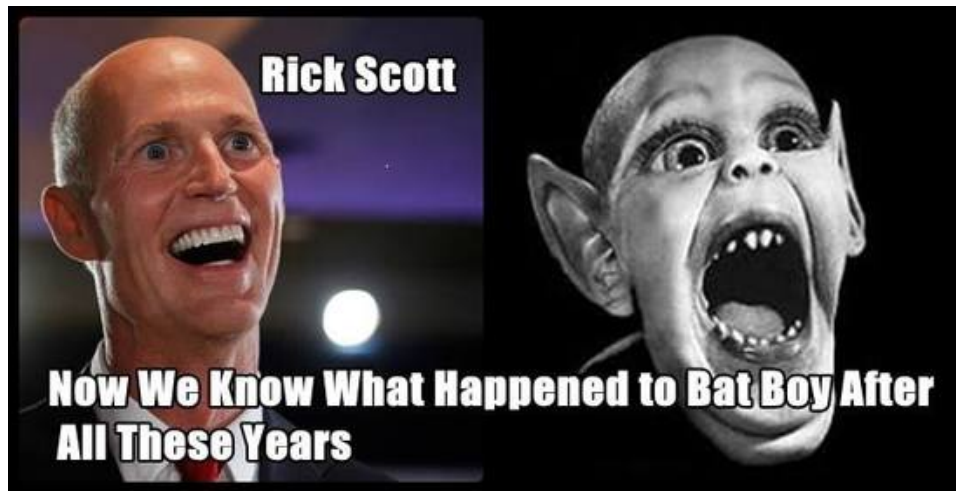

Slideman (/users/slideman)

Oct 05, 2022 at 07:55:06 AM

[\(/comments/2127048/84670439#comment_84670439\)](/comments/2127048/84670439#comment_84670439)

Please Senator Batboy, Continue!!! Talk loudly and proudly about this!!! Talk about it every day now until the election!!!

You can use this if you want:



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• **KUDem (/users/kudem)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 07:59:25 AM

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How this isn't being aired by every Democrat, I don't understand. Why isn't Tony Evers in WI simply saying, I'm the only person standing in the way of a total abortion ban in this state. Elect my opponent and the WI legislature will do as it pleases. It will take away your rights, your vote and your representation. They will gerrymander all of the election districts so that in the future you will only have the choice of voting for someone from the GOP. They don't care what you think.

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• **mtulipan (/users/mtulipan) ► KUDem**

Oct 05, 2022 at 08:03:30 AM

(/comments/2127048/84670500#comment_84670500)

Did you see the new Evers ad? It's too clever for its own good. Starts off well and should end with exactly what you write. Instead it tells viewers to ask his opponent what he will do. Duh. What will YOU do Mr. Governor?

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• **KUDem (/users/kudem) ► mtulipan**

Oct 05, 2022 at 08:18:06 AM

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Democrats are too many English majors. The GOP hires Don Draper. Ironical that probably most psychiatrists and psychologists vote Democratic, but the Democrats don't ask them for messaging advice to get to peoples' Ids.

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• **mtulipan (/users/mtulipan) ▶ KUDem**

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(/comments/2127048/84670642#comment_84670642)

For sure we need to simplify our message and start a national ad campaign across all media to say what team D is all about. We fight for your rights, not take them away. We protect a woman's right to an abortion. We fight for the environment. 3 slogans like that, direct and easy to digest. Keep it simple stupid.

I was actually mad when I saw that ad, as superficially effective as it was. Maddow was touting it as some major thing when she ran it exclusively on Monday night. Just more of the same. Make our team feel something but effectively move no votes at all. If we win in 5 weeks (big IF) it will be in spite of the party and thanks entirely to pissed off women. That's fine for now but not much of a future to build on when 45% of the country would never ever vote D.

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• **KUDem (/users/kudem) ▶ mtulipan**

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(/comments/2127048/84670741#comment_84670741)

If the GOP wants to scare us about crime, then the least we can do is say that the GOP wants single party rule. They want voters to have a choice only to vote for a GOP candidate. They don't want to give you a choice. They don't want to give you a meaningful state wide vote on anything, especially abortion, voting rights and taxes.

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• **mtulipan (/users/mtulipan) ▶ KUDem**

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(/comments/2127048/84670758#comment_84670758)

Scaring people works. Negative works too. Way easier being against something. And way too many Americans would be fine with one party rule by white Christian nationalists. I don't think a focus on voting changes things mainly because whatever is done about voting is not done to the white majority in this country. It's just not a thing they (we) understand is actually happening. It's too abstract an issue to get any traction even though it really is everything.

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KUDem (/users/kudem) ▶ mtulipan

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Yes, I don't think most voters realize that for the House and their state legislatures, they effectively have no voice. They are already under single party rule.

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mtulipan (/users/mtulipan)

Oct 05, 2022 at 08:02:02 AM

(/comments/2127048/84670490#comment_84670490)

I would really like to see them try to enforce anything like this in NYC, LA, SF, Chicago, etc. Because you know 15 weeks is code for we do this first and then we ban it completely. You want to see things on fire Mr. Scott? Well you won't like the outcome when the repressed majority says enough is enough...

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RhodelslandAspie (/users/rhodeislandaspie)

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Yet another example of the repubs support for states rights.

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triplepoint (/users/triplepoint) ▶ RhodelslandAspie

Oct 05, 2022 at 09:41:12 AM

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As I said above, that national ban does NOT limit the red states' right to downright ban abortion completely. It only limits blue states' ability to support women's rights.

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• **Rhodel Island Aspie (/users/rhodeislandaspie)** ▶ triplepoint

Oct 05, 2022 at 11:42:02 AM

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If they could actually pull off this national ban, they will not stop at that. They will next try to ban it everywhere.

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• **Frank Zappa (/users/frank zappa)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 08:12:08 AM

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I don't for a minute believe any of these politicians have "deeply held beliefs" on this subject, other than a convenient way to pander for votes. ~~There are no unread comments at this time.~~ They have only two guiding principles: Get elected, get power, get rich.

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• **Missourilefty (/users/missourilefty)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 08:17:17 AM

(/comments/2127048/84670576#comment_84670576)

I suspect Rick Scott's only deeply held belief is that he should be free to rip off whomever he wants however he wants.

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• **schlappusilly (/users/schlappusilly)** ▶ Missourilefty

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(/comments/2127048/84670623#comment_84670623)

Rick Scott certainly ripped off medicare and he should be reminded of it every day.

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• **SpaceElevator (/users/spaceelevator)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 08:28:30 AM

(/comments/2127048/84670636#comment_84670636)

Can these people ever get their stories (excuses) straight. Last week Dobbs decision was not meant to outlaw abortion, they just wanted the states to decide. Now because there are “arguments” to ban abortion on a national level, we should pursue that.

There are also arguments to allow the church to run the government, (evangelicals and dominionists only) to throw out all environmental laws, and let the State legislators decide who gets picked for the Electoral college. Hell, why even have a Presidential election, since you will vote for a State legislator and let them pick the President.

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**ElimuNzuri (/users/elimunzuri)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 08:33:03 AM

[\(/comments/2127048/84670666#comment_84670666\)](/comments/2127048/84670666#comment_84670666)

Rick Scott favors a national abortion ban, yet he backs Herschel, who paid for his mistress' abortion. He also backs Republican congressman Scott Desjarlais, who did he same thing. So Republicans favor a nation-wide abortion ban — However, they will probably also create some sort of loophole to enable Republican politicians to provide abortions for their mistresses.

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**CA Libertarian (/users/ca libertarian)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 08:51:57 AM

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It's a complete package. Forced birth.

Deny health care. Poison the air and the water. Average lifespan will plummet.

Destroy all protections for workers. Slave labor force.

That will dramatically reduce the demand on social security and medicare, which will matter less when they are both canceled. Cut taxes on the rich, who will live in walled enclaves.

Oh, and you'll probably have to ban guns after all, to prevent an armed uprising against the oppressors.

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**Gardening Toad (/users/gardening toad)**

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A national abortion ban violates the 1st Amendment “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof” as these bans are based on religious concepts. A fetus is no more a person than the chicken you had for dinner.

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 **Democrat in the South (/users/democrat in the south)** 

Oct 05, 2022 at 09:12:38 AM

(/comments/2127048/84670978#comment_84670978)



Voting for republicans is a vote for a man or woman you’ve never met to decide how many children you will be forced to have and at what age of your life.

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 **elfling (/users/elfling)** 

Oct 05, 2022 at 09:51:08 AM

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Why exactly does Rick Scott have ~~There are no federal committees at this time.~~ choices? I feel sure I’m not comfortable with his.

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 **Jewelweed (/users/jewelweed) ▶ elfling** 

Oct 05, 2022 at 10:32:16 AM

(/comments/2127048/84671577#comment_84671577)



I’m not comfortable with the fact that this man got away with 24 million in Medicare fraud (while CEO at Columbia Healthcare). That’s called ‘control fraud’ and it should have been prosecuted.

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 **jjohnjj (/users/jjohnjj)** 

Oct 05, 2022 at 09:58:01 AM

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Republican rhetoric on abortion doesn’t make sense because it’s all dog-whistle virtue signalling between white supremacy candidates and white supremacy voters.

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 **PeteB22 (/users/peteb22)** 

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Even when they deny what they want to do, we should believe past actions.

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• **Jewelweed (/users/jewelweed)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 10:29:58 AM

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Oh I do believe these authoritarian scum. And that's exactly why I intend to vote them out.

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• **Fuq Fascism (/users/fuq fascism)**

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(/comments/2127048/84671954#comment_84671954)



"Conservative" is the new term for Nazis and fascists.

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• **healejd (/users/healejd)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 11:47:47 AM

(/comments/2127048/84672099#comment_84672099)



Yes

R's are telling us what they are doing. If we don't believe them that includes Dem leaders and stop them with everything we have, we are fucked

Are you listening Chuck , Nancy and Joe? Hello...?

Shit.

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• **nuketeacher (/users/nuketeacher)**

Oct 05, 2022 at 01:59:50 PM

(/comments/2127048/84673164#comment_84673164)



So here an ad:

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2. Are they lying when they say that Democratic spending, and not their corporate tax cuts are resulting in the national debt?
3. Are they lying when they claim Trump isn't in the tank for Russia (or even a Russian agent)?
4. Are they lying when they say they want a national ban on all abortions?

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