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**Greetings!**

We truly appreciate everyone's involvement.  
This War on Oppression will only be won as one mass  
movement.

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## Our Mission Statement

The continual unification of as many organizations as possible, starting at the local level and branching out to both the state of North Carolina and then the entire nation.

# Spotlight

**Let's Get to Work!**



**Remember the Stakes!**

By  
**DonnaMarie Woodson**



**“When voters focus on the personalities, we struggle. When voters focus on the stakes, we win.”**

**“So, here’s my real take on the debate: Ask not what Biden can do to win the election; ask what you can do to help defeat Trump.”**

*Ezra Levin, Indivisible Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director*



**These quotes were taken from an important article by Ezra Levin entitled, “What We Do After the Debate.” Remember what’s at stake and don’t be distracted by the lying “orange thing!” (my words☺)**

**Why is the focus on Biden and not the “psychopath”? The lies he spews and his hatred of everything, including our Country is sickening! And lest we forget his recommendation to inject bleach into our bodies during Covid, which should make everyone’s stomach turn.**

**The Biden Harris accomplishments are historic!  
These are just a few of what President Biden has done in his  
first term.**

**Check them out and please share!!**



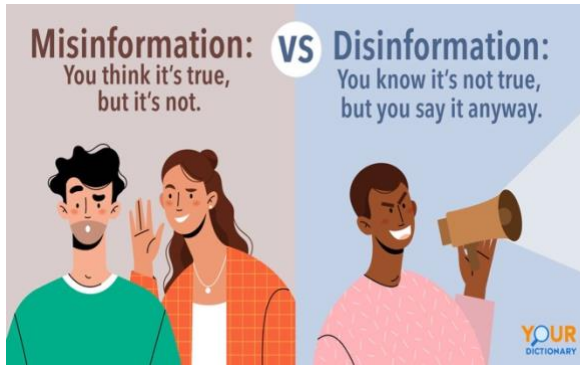
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## **RESULTS FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE**

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- **Two strongest years of job growth in history.**
- **More than 40 million borrowers stand to benefit from student debt relief.**
- **Nearly 11 million jobs created since 2021.**
- **Taken over 100 actions to lower household energy costs by \$100 per year.**
- **Increased the maximum value of Pell Grants by \$900.**
- **3.5% unemployment rate — the lowest in 50 years.**
- **Infrastructure investments in all 50 states, D.C., territories, and throughout Tribal nations.**
- **Over 16 million households receiving lower cost or free high-speed internet through the Affordable Connectivity Program**
- **More People with Health Insurance Than Ever Before!**

**To see a more complete list of accomplishments check out:  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/therecord/>**



**Also, lack of information and misinformation are everywhere! From mainstream media to social media.**

*Let's help voters to understand the truth!*

**Ezra Levin also points out that many voters who support reproductive rights aren't paying close enough attention to assign blame to Trump and Republicans for attacking reproductive rights. Republicans stacked the court with right-wingers to kill *Roe*, enacted state abortion bans across the country, and are actively blocking the Right to IVF Act and the Right to Contraception Act.**

**I was out canvassing yesterday and spoke to several college students who understand how the election will impact their lives and they understood the issues. This made my heart smile to know that all is not lost and young people know what's at stake!!**

**To help spread the message of what's at stake, volunteer. Talk to your neighbors and friends. <https://www.meckdems.org/take-action/volunteer>**

**Let's Do This!!! #VoteBidenHarris2024**

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## **Editorial**

# **“An Informed Society is a Free Society”**

**By  
Tarik Kiley  
6/26/2024**



**What is the reasoning behind making education available to all? First, since public education is free, of cost, it is a great equalizer, giving all children the ability to reach their potential**

**regardless of social class. When schools charge tuition, those who cannot pay are often left out of the equation which is social mobility.**

**Public education also unites rural and urban areas through equal opportunity. It equalizes the life chances of the poor alongside those born into relative wealth. Public schools also serve a political role of primarily indoctrinating children into society. While “indoctrination” can have a negative connotation, it simply means introducing the morals, norms, and ideas that are predominant in a given society. While, indoctrination can be misused, educating children about society, generally speaking, may, in fact, be a positive thing.**

**Education also prepares children for participation in civic life. According to the Center on Education Policy, “The Founding**

Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength of the nation.

— *John F. Kennedy* —

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**Fathers maintained that the success of the fragile American democracy would depend on the competency of its citizens. They believed strongly that preserving democracy would require an educated population that could understand political and social issues**

**and would participate in civic life, vote wisely, protect their rights and freedoms, and resist tyrants and demagogues.”**

**So, education generally prepares students with the critical thinking skills to become successful members of society in various ways. Additionally, literacy readily prepares one for society and makes one a more productive societal member. Higher productivity is believed to lead to higher standards of living and higher life chances.**

**Public education, or education for all, also serves to socialize children. It provides a basis for forming friendships and social bonds. For example, segregationists knew that segregated schools would lead to segregated neighborhoods and also segregated cultures. Since education was known to be an equalizer, providing African Americans with a poor education, was also known to perpetuate social inequalities. The perpetuation of educational inequalities led to socioeconomic injustices and the continuation of systems of racial hierarchy.**



**Education is important in combating rigid and bigoted actions. When open to various ideologies, as exemplified through exposure through education, children are less likely to grow into adults who form in-groups and outgroups based on arbitrary distinctions.**

**According to the Corsicana Daily Sun,**

**“Public schools bring together students from diverse backgrounds, fostering social cohesion and understanding among individuals.” It is well understood that people who live together form friendships and bonds. People who are apart tend not to create those same friendships and bonds.**

**When we invest in education, we invest in the future. If the goal is to create a prosperous, cohesive society, equipping children with the tools to create one is paramount. A functioning society is full of role models who exemplify the type of behavior that children need to emulate. If society is full of rigid thinking and hierarchy, then children will internalize that. If it is full of diverse ideas, and critical thinking, then children will emulate that as well.**





**And, it should be continually emphasized that the empathy children need to have for one another is enhanced by their ability to connect.**

**These social connections are often made through school. If we are to avoid dystopia, we need to preserve public education, not only to preserve democracy and equality but also to encourage the type of achievements that make for a prosperous, cohesive society.**

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# **Announcements**



## **Democrats of North Mecklenburg**

### **Monthly Meeting**

**Thursday, July 11th, 6:30 pm**

**North Regional Rec Center**

**18121 Old Statesville Rd, Cornelius**

## **Democratic Women of North Mecklenburg County**

### **Monthly Membership Meeting**

**Wednesday, July 10, 2024**

**Caldwell Presbyterian Church**

**Hope Community Center**

**1609 E. Fifth St. Charlotte 28204**

**Meet & Greet – 6:30 pm**

**Program - 7:00 pm**

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## N. Meck Progressives

### **Last Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 9th, 6:00pm**

**Potluck**

**Wynfield Forest clubhouse**

**15722 Wynfield Creek Parkway**

**Huntersville, NC**

**(Around the corner from Hugh Torance Parkway)**



**Please submit your group events to [donnamarie93@gmail.com](mailto:donnamarie93@gmail.com) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for inclusion in the Announcements.**

# Happenings!



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