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Welcome to the April edition of Red Elephant's MAGAZine—your shelter from the stormy blasts of liberal rhetoric, as we march through the April showers, embracing the vitality and renewal spring brings. This month isn't just about weathering the storms; it's about flourishing amidst them, anchored in the solid ground of our conservative values. As nature rejuvenates, so does our resolve to challenge the deluge of liberal myths with the sunshine of truth and patriotism.

This edition is your umbrella in the downpour of deceit, a sturdy canopy where sharp wit and unshakeable principles repel the rain of cultural and political distortion. Our mission stands firm and unweathered: to arm you with the thunderous power of conservative insight, to navigate the torrents without yielding, and to revel in the rainbow that our truths paint across the stormy skies of opposition.

Prepare for an April of awakening. With the force of a gale, we present the clear, compelling truths that scatter our adversaries like leaves. Our victory is measured by their thunderous silence and the swift retreat of their clouds. Embark with us on this invigorating expedition through the showers, armed with the strength of our convictions.

With Resolute Spirit,

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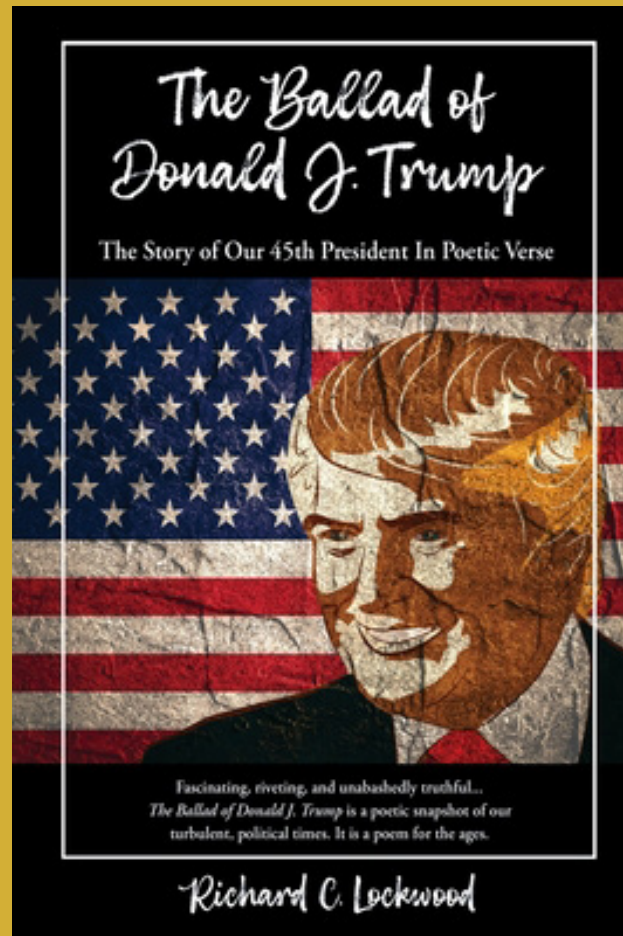
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In Our Corner

Highlighted Artists



The Ballad of Donald J. Trump by Richard C. Lockwood

Eight years in the grip of Obama were more than our country could take. We suffered his Leftist agenda and all that occurred in its wake.

The IRS became a weapon to target all those on the Right. The great Keystone Pipeline was shut down and gas prices rose out of sight.

Race-baiting became an obsession and bypassing Congress the norm when strong winds of change started blowing to herald a patriot storm.

A billionaire, from New York City, set all of his ventures aside to come to the aid of his country and stop its precipitous slide.

Descending a gold escalator, he waived to the people below. It was an historical moment, a fact that the press did not know.

The struggle to save our republic, and root out corruption within, had started that day at Trump Tower. A new age was soon to begin.



Cowboy Life by Wes Herndon

"Cowboy Life," a playful and introspective musical journey co-written by Wes Herndon, a man known for his wit and reflective nature, alongside his 8-year-old vocal student, Lane McDonald, marking their first collaborative creation.

Borderline

How Immigration Turns Into Votes: The Liberal Agenda Unveiled

by Loren Clipper

Let's cut through the noise and talk about what's really happening with immigration and politics in America. It's no secret that the landscape is changing, and with every wave of new immigrants, there's a potential shift in the balance of power. Some say it's by design, a deliberate plan by liberal forces to reshape the electorate in their favor. Here's the breakdown of this so-called plan and its implications for the voting system.

The Vote Drive

At the heart of the matter is a simple equation: more immigrants potentially mean more votes. The idea floated around is that liberals are pushing for increased immigration because they believe that immigrants, once they become citizens, are more likely to vote for Democratic candidates. Why? Because these candidates often advocate for policies that seem to favor immigrants, like laxer immigration laws, social support systems, and a path to citizenship for undocumented migrants.

Changing Demographics, Changing Politics

With each election cycle, the evidence seems to pile up. Areas with significant immigrant populations tend to swing blue, and the theory goes that liberals know this. By advocating for open borders and amnesty for illegal immigrants, they're not just playing the short game of winning the next election; they're looking at the long haul, fundamentally altering the political landscape to secure a permanent majority.

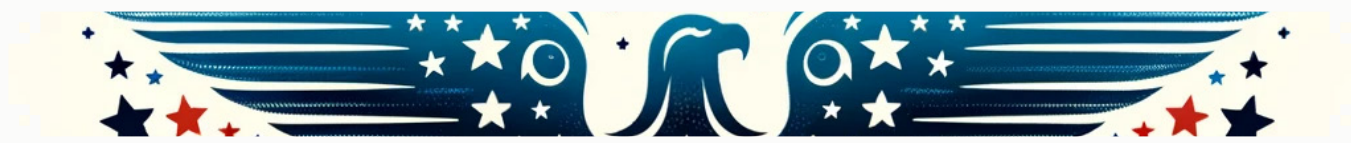
The Citizenship Shortcut

Critics argue that there's a push to fast-track citizenship for immigrants to get them voting sooner. The argument goes that liberal policymakers propose easing the path to citizenship to quickly convert immigrants into voters. This isn't just about helping people; it's about stacking the electoral deck. Once granted citizenship, the new Americans are expected to remember who made their American dream come true when they head to the polls.



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BORDERLINE Continued

So, What's the Big Deal?

If this is true, what does it mean for American democracy? It's a double-edged sword. On one hand, integrating new voices into the democratic process is the hallmark of a vibrant, evolving society. On the other, if immigration is weaponized for political gain, it undermines the integrity of the electoral system. It turns what should be a fair representation of all Americans into a numbers game where the highest bidder wins, not by appealing to the broad spectrum of American values, but by catering to the interests of specific groups.



Defense Dispatch

Guardians of the Depths: The New Era of Underwater Drones

by Brian Cora



In the hidden depths of our oceans, a silent revolution unfolds. "Defense Dispatch" dives into the realm of underwater drones, the new vanguards of maritime defense. These unmanned underwater vehicles (UUVs) are reshaping naval warfare, surveillance, and reconnaissance, navigating the deep where no human can reach, all while remaining unseen by the enemy.

Equipped with advanced sensors and cameras, these drones undertake critical missions from mapping hazardous ocean floors to stealthily monitoring adversarial movements. Some are even capable of offensive actions, like launching torpedoes in anti-submarine warfare, showcasing their versatility and growing importance in national security arsenals.

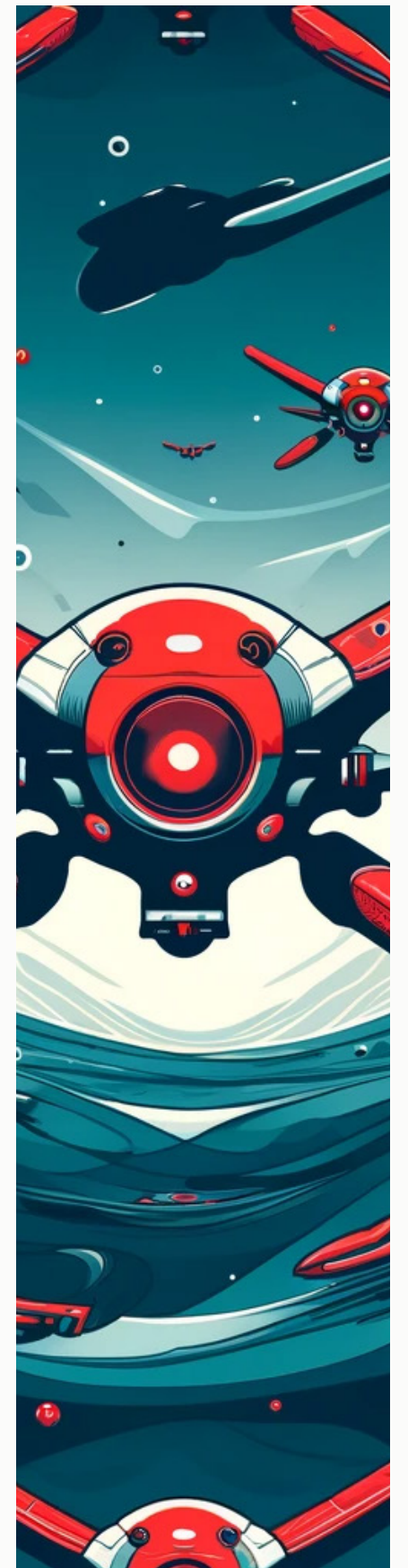
Yet, the path forward for these stealth warriors of the deep is not without its challenges. Navigating legal, ethical, and technological hurdles, such as secure deep-sea communication and extended battery life, remains paramount for maximizing their potential.

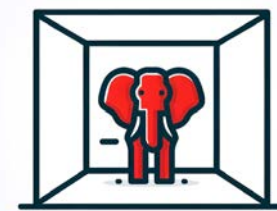
As nations race to dominate this new frontier, the development of smarter, more autonomous UUVs is crucial. The future of naval defense now lies beneath the waves, where underwater drones promise a blend of stealth, intelligence, and might, redefining the landscape of modern warfare and safeguarding the silent, vast dominions of our oceans.

Stealth and Surveillance: Underwater drones enhance maritime security through their ability to conduct stealth surveillance and reconnaissance missions, undetected by enemy forces.

Technological Challenges: The development and deployment of UUVs face challenges such as secure deep-sea communication and extending operational battery life, crucial for their effectiveness in long-duration missions.

Strategic Importance: The advancement of underwater drone technology signifies a shift in naval warfare strategy, with nations racing to achieve underwater dominance as a key aspect of their defense capabilities.





Elephant in the Room

The Fed's Money-Printing Frenzy: A Recipe for Economic Heartburn?

by Loren Clipper

Unpacking the long-term consequences of turning the money printer on full blast.

In a bold attempt to stimulate the economy, the Federal Reserve has turned to quantitative easing, essentially printing money like there's no tomorrow. This article takes a no-holds-barred look at the potential fallout of this strategy, questioning whether we're setting ourselves up for a future economic disaster.

Ever wonder what happens when the government decides to play Monopoly in real life? Spoiler alert: It doesn't end with everyone getting a fancy hotel on Boardwalk. Dive into the risky world of quantitative easing and discover how today's financial strategies might be tomorrow's fiscal nightmares.

Imagine waking up one day to find that your money buys half of what it used to. Welcome to the potential future if the Federal Reserve's current love affair with quantitative easing continues unchecked. It's like feeding steroids to the economy — impressive growth now, but at what cost?

What is Quantitative Easing?

Quantitative easing sounds like a fancy financial maneuver, but it's essentially the Fed hitting the "print" button on money to buy government securities. The goal? Lower interest rates, encourage spending, and give the economy a jumpstart. It's the financial version of a sugar rush, but instead of a quick energy spike, we're talking about the potential for inflation and diminished purchasing power.

The Short-Term High

So, where do we go from here? Ignoring the

In the short term, quantitative easing can feel like winning the lottery. More money in the system means more spending, more jobs, and a happier economy. But just like any high, there's a comedown. And this comedown doesn't just affect Wall Street; it hits Main Street hard.

The Long-Term Hangover

Here's where things get dicey. Pumping money into the economy without corresponding growth leads to inflation. Your dollar doesn't stretch as far, savings start to shrink in value, and the cost of living starts to climb. Think of it as the economic version of a hangover, where the only cure is tough fiscal discipline and a return to sound financial principles.

Historical Lessons Unlearned

History's littered with tales of economies that printed money to solve their problems, from the Weimar Republic to Zimbabwe. Spoiler alert: It doesn't end well. Yet, here we are, seemingly oblivious to the lessons of the past, convinced that this time will be different.

The Path Forward

So, what's the alternative? It's time to sober up and consider policies that promote sustainable growth, such as reducing unnecessary government spending, encouraging innovation and productivity, and maintaining a healthy balance between fiscal and monetary policy.

The Fed's quantitative easing might seem like a magic bullet for our economic woes, but the long-term consequences could be more akin to a ticking time bomb. It's time to rethink our approach to economic growth and stability, or we might just find ourselves in a financial hangover that no amount of aspirin can cure.

Heritage and the Heart

Back to Basics: Parental-Community-Involvement-Education

by Brian Cora



In an age where educational curricula increasingly become battlegrounds for cultural and ideological narratives, the imperative for parental and community involvement has never been more critical. This piece argues for a more hands-on approach in educational content decisions to protect our cultural legacy and provide a well-rounded education for the next generation.

Remember when homework was just about math problems and history essays, not ideological battlegrounds? Let's talk about taking back control and ensuring our kids learn the real lessons that matter.

Gone are the days when school curriculums were uncontroversial. Today, what children learn in school is at the heart of a heated debate, reflecting broader cultural clashes. This isn't just about textbooks; it's about the future of our cultural identity and values.

The Crux of the Matter

At the core of this discussion is a simple yet profound question: Who decides what our children learn? With educational standards becoming a hotbed for ideological influence, the answer seems to be drifting further from those it affects most directly: parents and the local community.

Why Parental and Community Involvement Matters

Parents and community members hold a vested interest in preserving cultural heritage and ensuring that education remains balanced. Their involvement is crucial for several reasons:

- They provide a grounded perspective that balances academic theory with the practicalities and nuances of local culture and values.
- They serve as a check against the monopolization of curriculum development by any single ideology or interest group.
- Their engagement fosters a sense of ownership and accountability in the educational process, enriching the learning environment for students.

Left Watch

The Left's Hot Topics: What They Mean for the Upcoming Elections

by Katherine Arias



Election day is coming, and the left has plenty to say. But how will debates on big issues like climate change, healthcare, and social justice actually affect where the votes land? Let's find out.

Climate Change: A Hot Button Issue

The left is pushing hard on climate policies, with proposals ranging from the Green New Deal to carbon taxes. This focus on saving the planet could energize young voters and those concerned about environmental sustainability. But, will it be enough to unite the broader electorate?

Healthcare: The Battle for Coverage

Healthcare remains a divisive issue within the left, with some advocating for Medicare for All while others call for more incremental changes. This debate highlights the left's broader struggle: aiming for radical change versus settling for practical solutions. Voter response could swing based on how these policies are perceived in terms of feasibility and impact.

Social Justice: A Call for Equity

The push for social justice, including police reform and racial equality, is mobilizing voters who want to see substantial societal changes. However, the intensity of these discussions could alienate more moderate or undecided voters wary of rapid changes.

Economic Policies: The Wealth Gap

With rising discussions around wealth taxes and universal basic income, the left is tackling economic inequality head-on. These policies have the potential to appeal to a wide base of voters frustrated with the current economic system but might scare off those concerned about the implications for business and economic growth.

The left's focus on climate change, healthcare, social justice, and economic policies is setting the stage for a dynamic election season. These debates are not just internal squabbles; they're about defining the future direction of the country. As voters weigh their options, the outcome could hinge on which issues resonate most deeply with the electorate.





Liberty Ledger

Second Amendment Sanctuaries: Liberty vs Liberal Control

by Katherine Arias

What started as a few isolated declarations has morphed into a full-blown movement, with patches of the country effectively saying, “Not in my backyard, thanks.” These sanctuaries promise to defy laws they deem infringe on their gun rights, creating a patchwork of resistance that spans from sea to shining sea. Critics, on their high horses, decry these acts as lawless defiance. Yet, supporters see them as a bulwark against a slippery slope of rights erosion.

Liberal Legislation vs. Constitutional Rights

Here’s the crux of the matter: liberals, with their penchant for control, view gun legislation as a necessary step for public safety. However, to the proud resident of a Second Amendment sanctuary, this smells less like safety and more like an overcooked attempt at control, leaving a bitter taste of infringement on their tongues. The debate boils down to a fundamental question: Who gets to decide the limits of your rights? A distant legislator with a pen and a phone, or the very Constitution itself?

The Implications of Sanctuary Status

Adopting sanctuary status is not just a bold statement; it’s a legal grey area the size of Texas. While the federal government scratches its head, local officials are doubling down, insisting their commitment to the Constitution trumps any new-age interpretation of gun control. This standoff has implications far beyond gun rights, touching on issues of federalism, governance, and the balance of power.

A Divided Nation

As America finds itself increasingly polarized, the sanctuary movement is both a symptom and a catalyst of this division. On one side, you have those championing the sanctuaries as bastions of freedom, on the other, critics who see them as bastions of stubbornness. The dialogue (or lack thereof) between these camps reflects deeper societal rifts over freedom, safety, and the role of government.



Patriot's Pulse

April Showers Bring May Flowers: The Common Sense of Water Conservation

by Barbara Ann

Every drop counts, this edition of Patriot's Pulse dives into the grassroots story of how a simple, conservative approach to water conservation can make a significant difference in our communities and our nation. As April showers grace our lands, it's a timely reminder of the natural resources we are blessed with and the responsibility we carry to steward them wisely. Through the lens of a concerned citizen, we explore practical, common-sense strategies for conserving water at home and in our communities, reflecting a deep-seated conservative value of resourcefulness and respect for nature.

Key Points include:

Practical Water-Saving Tips:

Sharing straightforward, actionable tips that any household can implement to conserve water. From fixing leaks to collecting rainwater for gardening, these are everyday solutions with a big impact.

The Conservative Principle of Stewardship:

Emphasizing how conserving our natural resources aligns with conservative values of prudence, efficiency, and respect for the gifts of nature.



Community Initiatives and Success Stories:

Highlighting stories from communities that have come together to implement water-saving measures, showing the power of collective action rooted in conservative ideals. Government Overreach vs.

Individual Initiative:

A critical look at how individual and community efforts often outperform broad government mandates in achieving sustainable outcomes, showcasing the conservative preference for local, decentralized problem-solving.



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In April's showers, our values bloom, A citizen's voice, dispelling gloom. With rain comes growth, and so our creed, In simple truths, we find our deed.

Liberty's light, in showers soft, Guides us through trials, aloft. In every drop, a principle revered, A patriot's heart, by rain cleared.

Short, yet deep, this verse conveys, The strength of conserving ways. In April's rain, our roots we trust, For in simplicity, our values just.

The Elephant's Trumpet

Integrity Check: Why Who We Vote for Matters More Than Ever

by John Ryan

In today's fast-paced, tweet-driven political climate, the old-school concept of integrity might seem like a relic. Yet, as we edge closer to the polls, it's becoming crystal clear: the integrity of our candidates is not just a bonus—it's the backbone of our democracy.

Transparency: More Than Just a Buzzword

Let's face it—transparency isn't just for window shopping. It's about keeping the doors of democracy wide open so we can peek inside. With every decision, policy, and promise laid bare, we're not just spectators; we're informed participants in the political arena. This transparency lets us cut through the noise, making informed choices about who truly deserves our vote.

Accountability: The Ultimate Reality Check

Elections are the world's most intense job interview, and accountability is the top qualification. Oversight bodies, the relentless pursuit of truth by journalists, and the eagle eyes of watchdog agencies—are all part of the ecosystem that keeps our candidates honest. But here's the kicker: they only work if we, the voters, are paying attention.

Facing the Challenges Head-On

Navigating the murky waters of political integrity isn't for the faint of heart. With deep divides and the dizzying speed of the news cycle, staying true to one's principles is a Herculean task. Yet, these are the very challenges that test a candidate's mettle. How they handle the pressure, dodge the pitfalls of misinformation, and stand up to scrutiny tells us everything we need to know about who they are and what they stand for.

Vigilance: Our Civic Superpower

With the upcoming elections, our role as citizens has never been more critical. Our vigilance is our superpower—the tool we wield to safeguard the values we hold dear. By staying informed, engaging in meaningful discourse, and casting our vote with intention, we're not just choosing a candidate; we're endorsing a vision for the future of our democracy.

The Bottom Line

As we countdown to election day, let's remember: the integrity of those we elect will shape our nation's path. It's about more than just policy or party lines; it's about choosing leaders who embody the principles of transparency, accountability, and unwavering commitment to public service. In this era of instant gratification, integrity might seem old-fashioned. But make no mistake—its value is timeless, and its impact, immeasurable. Let's make it count.





The Silent Majority

The Real Deal on Bullying Today

by Barbara Ann

Let's cut to the chase: Bullying's gone digital, and it's stealthier and nastier than ever. "The Silent Majority" is all about ripping off the mask from today's bullying scene—no sugar-coating, just the raw truth.

Bullying's New Playground

Behind the Screen: Bullying's not just in the halls or on the playground anymore. It's lurking in the comments, DMs, and snaps, where anonymity emboldens cowards to throw digital punches.

Invisible Scars: The toll isn't always visible. We're talking stress, anxiety, and a load of mental health battles that don't just vanish when you log off.

The Ones We Don't Hear

Silenced Voices: There are tons of folks dealing with this in the shadows, too scared to speak up or feeling like it's just shouting into the void.

Scrolling Past: It's way too easy to ignore the problem or feel helpless about it when you're just one in a sea of silent scrollers.

Change, Uncomplicated

Taking Back Power: It's about giving tools and voices to those who feel powerless, whether it's knowing how to report bullies or finding the

right words to support someone.

Fixing the System: A no-BS look at what's being done (and what's not) to protect us online. Schools, workplaces, social platforms—everyone needs to step up.

What's Next

Be the Change: It starts with us. A kind word, a supportive comment, or just not being a jerk online can go a long way.

Help's Here: For anyone caught in the cross-fire, there are places to turn for help, no judgment, just support.

"The Silent Majority" is about facing the ugly truth of modern bullying head-on and figuring out how we can all make the digital world a bit less harsh. It's on us to change the game.



Unyielding Voices

The Ethical Erosion: Navigating the Tides of Change in Today's Workplace

by Loren Clipper

In today's workplace, a silent storm is brewing. It's not about technology, strategy, or even competition. It's about the fundamental values that underpin our understanding of work itself. For many, especially those in the middle of their careers, the rapid cultural shifts within workplaces are not just changes but a perceived erosion of traditional work values and ethics. This "Ethical Erosion" delves into the heart of these transformations, seeking a bridge over troubled waters.

The Changing Face of Professionalism

Gone are the days when a suit, a 9-to-5 schedule, and a firm handshake defined professionalism. Today's workplace champions flexibility, casual communication, and blurred lines between personal and professional life. To some, this signifies progress; to others, a dilution of professionalism that once stood as the hallmark of business conduct.

The shift towards more informal interactions and work environments, while fostering a sense of freedom and creativity for many, raises concerns about the loss of decorum and discipline among a segment of the workforce accustomed to traditional norms.

Caught Between Worlds

Middle-aged conservatives, in particular, find themselves navigating a labyrinth of new norms and expectations. Initiatives aimed at fostering inclusivity and diversity, while celebrated on many fronts, often come across as bewildering, leaving those with traditional views feeling marginalized. This demographic,

having climbed the ranks through the rigors of a more hierarchical and structured system, now grapples with the feeling that the goalposts have moved.

The sense of displacement is exacerbated by the burgeoning generational divide. The arrival of younger cohorts, native to the digital world and fluent in the language of modern social values, has introduced a dynamic shift in workplace culture. The result? A feeling among many seasoned professionals that the work ethic—characterized by perseverance, loyalty, and a "hard work pays off" mentality—is being undervalued, if not forgotten.

The Quest for Balance

As workplaces evolve, the challenge lies in balancing the new with the old. How do we merge the flexibility and innovation of today's practices with the discipline and dedication of yesterday's principles? The answer may lie in dialogue and understanding, creating environments where traditional ethics are not just remembered but integrated with contemporary values.





Let it Rain.