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New State Party Officers



Chair Brita Horn



Vice Chair Darrell
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Arapahoe Well-Represented at State GOP

The COGOP reorganizational meeting on March 29th included plenty of "robust discussion". Arapahoe County was an important part of the meeting with 29 voting members out of over 450. Many of those members also helped on the teller and credentialing committees. Some Arapahoans counting ballots had no other obligation to be there, showing that Republicans care enough about transparent elections to show up, arrive early and leave late (more than 12 hours for many!)

Though voting and debate took hours, counting the ballots took the team only minutes, and the fully auditable result was unchallenged because the entire count was open to watchers from all sides. As the saying goes, trust everybody, but count the money (or ballots) yourself!

Although fraud-free elections were a high point of the meeting, behavior could be improved. ...

Read the full
article...



**Learn How to Operate Your
Government**

Operation and Maintenance of Your Government

[Center for Self Governance](#) is a non-partisan organization teaching the Constitutional structure of our republic and what Benjamin Franklin meant by "if you can keep it".

Operation and Maintenance of Your Republican Party

Party leaders (district captains, precinct leaders) can find the latest events, training, and other information on the [portal of the county Republican website](#). [Contact](#) the party for the password, or to become a leader! Upcoming trainings include:

Precinct Leader Training 101

Wednesday, April 16th, 6:00-8:30PM

South Metro Fire District, 9195 E. Mineral Ave. Centennial 80112

District Captain Training 101

Saturday, May 4th, 12PM-2:30PM

Southglenn Library Meeting Room A

Hold Productive Meetings with Boisterous People

[Roberts Rules of Order](#) is the standard for parliamentary procedure - getting groups of people to work together efficiently and fairly. The [Leadership Institute](#) has training on Roberts Rules of Order on May 3rd in Golden. The [National Association of Parliamentarians](#) can help you find, or better yet become, a credentialed parliamentarian. They also publish "the rules you need in a meeting made [simple and easy](#)."

Get Local

Scroll on down for details on how to find your precinct, precinct leader, and local government meetings.



Election Integrity



Arapahoe Republicans Demonstrate Hand Counting

How to stop arguments before they start

Just over a month after demonstrating hand counting for one of the most complex ballots you would ever see (ACGOP bonus member election), many Republicans from Arapahoe and other counties drove to Weld County to demonstrate the system for fellow Republicans. In Weld there were fewer candidates and fewer choices, but emotions were high, since this meeting was a re-do of a previous meeting which failed to come to a conclusive result. At issue was a lack of transparency in counting results, plus disagreement on whether new precinct leaders could vote. Further complicating the meeting, some members attended - and voted - online.

Despite these difficulties and other obstacles such as a short lead time, a new teller team leader, uncertainty in how some votes would be taken, and a late opening of the building for setup, the multi-county team shone. ...

[Read the full
article...](#)



Make Elections Transparent Again!

March 25th, 2025, President Trump signed the Executive Order [Preserving and Protecting the Integrity of American Elections](#).

[Analysis](#) by Brian Lupo: "While the Executive Order does not go as far as Rep. Pete Sessions Make Elections Secure Act (MESA Act), President Trump took crucial steps within his executive authority to dismantle the election-fraud machine."

[Analysis](#) by Col Shawn Smith and Cause of America: "Is it enough or are we just too far gone for it to matter?"



Support Political Prisoner Tina Peters

[Who is Tina Peters?](#) "As the elected Mesa County Clerk in Colorado, Tina sought to uphold election integrity by creating a forensic backup of her county's Dominion Voting System server. Her findings, which revealed manipulation in a local city council race and irregularities in the 2020 general election, catapulted her into the national spotlight and a storm of legal and personal challenges."



"The purpose of elections is to convince losers that they lost."
--[Draza Smith](#), referring to fraudulent election systems



Finding Friendly Voters

Currently we spend a lot of time and money on unaffiliated voters, trying to figure out which way they lean, and whether they even vote or were just signed up as unaffiliated by default by the Motor Vehicle Department when they turned 16.

Meanwhile, whether we like it or not, demographic data is collected about all of us all day, every day, and that data is available. Jeff Young (a.k.a. "Data Jeff") is working with Secretary Jean Baugh to compare that data with voter rolls, much as companies do for their marketing, to figure out which people will listen best to our messages. We can sort out not only who leans Republican, but why. Knowing which issues they agree with us on will help us understand which talking points to start with.

With this information, we don't need to talk like Democrats to "reach the unaffiliated" - we can show the most-likely-to-vote-Republicans they really were Republicans all along, might as well join us, and by the way might want to learn the rest of the story on some other issues!



Explaining Republican Values to Neighbors

This is the political off-season. This is the time to show your neighbors why you vote Republican, so they understand you care about them, not just their vote! Helping people understand principles and values now means they will get out their OWN vote in November 2026. Here are some links to share to start conversations.

[Thomas Sowell](#) has been a great explainer of conservative thought for decades.

[J. P. Sears](#) takes on a lot of current topics with humor and is recommended by a teenaged Republican (see below).

[Satire](#) expresses what's wrong with the Colorado Democrat fixation on killing babies.

Imagine the free market applied to [public schools](#). "any system that is not consciously and deliberately a meritocracy will become an anti-meritocracy."

Imagine the free market applied to [farming](#). "they trust government more than they trust small businesses and small farms."



Interview With a Teenaged Republican

Despite President Trump's popularity, we often assume younger generations are inherently Democrat. But listen to this teenager's opinion and consider it an invitation to get to know young people and find out what they really think.

Why did you join the Republican Party?

Because it's the party that currently aligns best with my values.

Why did your friends who are Republicans join?

About the same reason.

What do you think your generation thinks of the Republican Party in particular and conservatism in general?

A bunch of old people who talk about what the old times were like and want to go back to the old times. I think my generation sees the Republican Party and conservatism as one and the same.

What concerns do you hear most from your friends?

The unwillingness to get involved, because it could make them look bad. They'd have to put their reputation on the line. It would cause questions to come up that would limit them in life – career, relationships, etc.

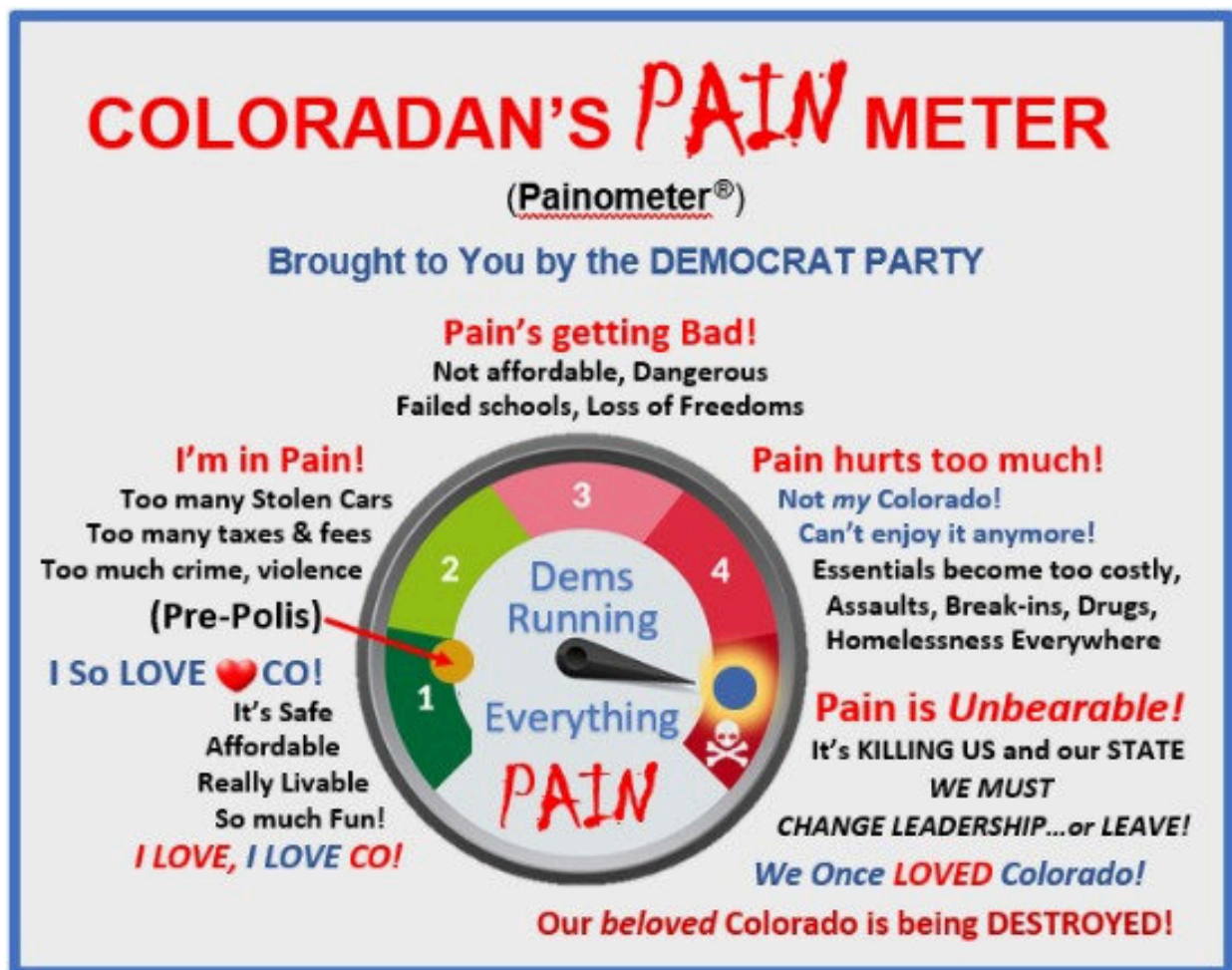
How can the Republican Party solve your generation's problems?

Properly and effectively communicate what the Republican Party does, how you can get involved, and how you can be effective in solving those problems with the party.

Read the full
article...

Pain Meter Still Pegged

Last August, Gary Houser's Painometer was pegged at 5 of 5. Now President Trump is in the White House, but in Colorado, we still have Democrats banning guns, criminalizing gender reality, and protecting criminals from citizens. Painometer is still at 5 of 5! We have to fix Colorado!





Where Are You?

You can find your precinct (and legislative districts, and urban drainage and flood control district, and a whole lot of other districts you didn't know you were in) along with your voter ID at the [Colorado Secretary of State voter registration website](#). If you don't know who your precinct leader is, or you don't have one and you want to become one, [contact ACGOP](#).

You can look up the map of those districts on Arapahoe County's "[ArapaMap](#)".

What [horrible bills are they passing](#) at the Colorado capital? Check them out and then let everyone in your precinct know what is going on.



Improve Your Community

Your biggest contribution is not your vote, but your involvement. You will have the most effect if you start at your local level. Begin today, attending public meetings regularly – you will learn who the people are, whom to trust, and what motivates them. Don't get overwhelmed by the number of meetings – in many areas you could attend all the meetings up through the county level for an average time investment of just six hours a month! If you have nothing to say, listen – you'll almost certainly find something to say soon!

[Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners](#)

9:30am on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month (April 8 and 22, May 13 and 27, June 10 and 24)

East Hearing Room, Administration Building

5334 S. Prince St.

Littleton 80120

[Committees](#) you can sign up for in Arapahoe County.

Cities and Towns of Arapahoe County

What does your city council do all day? Is your city free of fraud, waste, and abuse? How do they vote on local issues you care about? Did you know that your local council is a springboard to state or national office? See what your city is up to and get to know who is on your council by watching council meetings.

Meeting Info for
Arapahoe cities
and towns

School Boards of Arapahoe County

This year is a school board election! What better time to get to know who is making decisions about the daily activities of all the local students? You don't have to have children to be interested in what the school board does - just an interest in what's happening with the next generation! Remember, new Republicans graduate from the school system every year.

Meeting info for
Arapahoe school
boards



Arapahoe County Republican Party **- *Upcoming Events* -**

ACGOP Executive Committee Meetings

The next ExComm meetings will be April 15th, May 27th, and June 24th. Voting members include county officers and district captains. Precinct leaders, although not voting members, are welcome to attend and may address the meeting during the open forum. The meetings are livestreamed and recorded.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 1st is the National Day of Prayer. This year's theme is from Romans 15:13, "pour out to the God of hope and be filled." Find [Colorado prayer events](#) in your area.



Arapahoe First! ...in Flight

Arapahoe was founded before Colorado, in 1861 - click below to
Make Arapahoe Great Again!

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Bleriot built by Arapahoe County teenagers from a French kit,
and they didn't know French!

Perhaps you know some amazing, or crazy, teenagers in Arapahoe County, but how about the VanDersarls? Frank and Jules were about 15 and 17 at the time (1911) they built and flew a Bleriot airplane from a kit, only two years after the Bleriot XI flew the English Channel. The flight, shown in the picture above, was over Arapahoe County at the time (now Adams County) but the VanDersarls probably lived in today's Arapahoe County, because there is another story about Ruby Hill and them trying out a kite or glider.

Read the fascinating story of [high-flying Arapahoe teenagers](#).



Need More Information? Become a Leader!

Look for the summer ACGOP newsletter to come out in July. If you have information Arapahoe Republicans need to know, please send it in!

Party leaders, of course, need more frequent updates, so we're working to send out short update emails to district captains and precinct leaders. If you are neither of these but want more information, ask your local leader to forward the updates to you. If you don't know yours, or don't have a local precinct leader or district captain, [contact ACGOP](#); maybe you can become the local leader (other benefits include being a voting member of ACGOP meetings and access to the ACGOP portal with all kinds of resources such as the calendar, precinct wall map, bylaws, meeting agendas/minutes, and much more.)



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Thanks and Stay Tuned!



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