



DEMOCRATS UNITED

Welcome to this first edition of the PCDDC monthly newsletter! Our goal is to keep you in the loop on the many activities in which the Plumas County Democratic Central Committee is engaged.

We know you're busy, so we'll keep these brief, but with the midterms approaching, it's critical that we're all on board the election train. Flipping the House and hey, maybe even the Senate? First step to blunting Trump's assault on democracy. It's all hands on deck, friends!

THIS MONTH'S "ASK"

You're familiar with the First Amendment, of course, the "freedom of" amendment? (Freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly, freedom to petition our government for a redress of grievances? Yeah, that one.)

Well, let's focus on freedom of the press for now because the Trump Administration is going all out on that one, most recently with CBS, a once-great network. More than a few of us grew up with the CBS Evening News and yes—wait for it—Walter Cronkite, AKA "Uncle Walter." Back in the day, CBS and their most famous newscaster were emblematic of American journalism, a symbol of how freedom of the press was, as conceived by the nation's founders, a cornerstone of democracy.

Not so much these days, and the recent firing of "60 Minutes" pros Sharon Alfonsi, Cecilia Vega, Scott Pelley, and longtime executive producer Tanya Simon demonstrates how serious the threat to independent journalism under Donald Trump truly is.

David Ellison, with more than a little boost from daddy Larry, has acquired control of CBS, one more example of how a wannabe dictator (our less-than-illustrious president) is undercutting democracy by taking control of a major media outlet.

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CALENDAR THIS!

Pride fundraiser, Saturday, June 13, 7 p.m. at Sage and Salt, music and dancing!

June 14 is Flag Day; Indivisibles demonstrating at Dame Shirley, 4 p.m. Show up!

June 19 is Juneteenth; Friday rally at Dame Shirley has Juneteenth as its theme—join us to celebrate the end of slavery.

FRIDAY RALLIES ROCK!



Join our cadre of stalwarts by attending the Dems' Friday evening rallies! Why? It's important for our admittedly more Red than Blue community

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to know that we will not sit quietly while the Trump administration tramples on our rights. We get many more honks and thumbs up than we get that other digit, so we know that our presence (YOUR presence!) at Dame Shirley Plaza is appreciated by many.



Hate to burst your bubble, Donnie, but Xi Jinping is NOT your bestie, and your recent trip to China was an embarrassing example of your utter ineptitude on the international stage. Change that slogan to MACA—Make China Great Again, cuz dude, that's what you're doing.

ONE MORE THING!

The Plumas Democratic Central Committee—that'd be us—meets monthly via Zoom. We need more of you to join us in planning and strategizing for the upcoming midterms, so mark your calendar for Thursday, June 18th, 6:30 p.m. Chair Faith Straily will send you the agenda and Zoom link by email.

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The Ellisons have been reliable Trump supporters and fundraisers. That they have ulterior motives is hardly debatable as they enter the oligarch stratosphere by gobbling up CBS and Paramount Skydance.

So, what can we do about this? Well, last time we checked, we still have freedom of speech going for us (though Trump and the Project 2025 folks are working to snuff out THAT pesky provision of the Bill of Rights), so consider writing a letter of protest to CBS.

Express your dismay that an iconic beacon of superlative reporting, "60 Minutes," is being decimated by Bari Weiss, the utterly unqualified head of CBS chosen specifically for her willingness to turn a formerly respected network into a mouthpiece for Donald Trump. Express your support for unbiased journalism and your disgust that a formerly reputable news outlet like CBS is undermining democracy by bowing to the political Right.

Send your letter to:

CBS Building
524 West 57th Street
New York NY 10019

You might add that you intend to boycott CBS and will suggest that your friends do the same. It always comes down to money, and threatening their pocketbooks makes a powerful statement.

Oh, and considering throwing in a complaint about CBS axing "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert," another example of the network doing Trump's bidding, their claim that it was a "financial decision" notwithstanding!