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DOMINO EFFECT

A little thought to remember. Think for a second about how our lives touch each other, maybe in big or small ways, but we all do. Like a law enforcement officer in the field, a person behind the

scenes at the office, a dispatcher, a clerk at the store, the newspaper staff, a healthcare worker, a school staff member, a construction worker, a retiree or elected official, a rancher out dealing with every endless list of things to do, the truck driver, bus driver, logger, member of the armed forces, the correctional officer, waitress, realtor, or the insurance agent. The list goes on and on, but you

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NEW MEXICO VOTES WILL BE SAFE

By Dimid Hayes

I have had family and friends express to me concern about the upcoming election, Nov. 5th. In the election of 2020, there were several counties nationally and a couple here in New Mexico where local officials refused to perform their constitutional duty of forwarding the results of the election counts in their county to the Secretary of State's office.

As a poll worker for the past nine years I take these concerns and actions seriously. So I did some research.

As the 47th state of the union, New Mexico was a late entry into the Republic. New Mexico only became a state in 1912, and our constitution was not ratified until 1953. The drafters of our state constitution used this late entry to our advantage by taking lessons learned and best practices from other states' constitutions. One of these best practices is in New Mexico's constitution, it clearly states the Secretary

of State (SOS) is the sole authority in certifying our elections.

In 2020, Otero County commissioners refused to do the ministerial duty of forwarding the election results to the SOS's office. The SOS informed them they were acting illegally. Two of the three county commissioners then complied and provided the SOS with the results.

Our state statutes describe the process for counties to pass on any concerns to the SOS's office but they do not have the authority to deny or uphold the outcome.


This clarity in New Mexico's constitution helps me believe we will be okay here in New Mexico come Nov. 5th, and the will (and votes) of the people will be honored.

Each election, poll workers and the local presiding judge take an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States in performing their duties. It is every citizen's duty to uphold their end of the bargain in this democracy and VOTE, regardless of how we feel about our options.

I ask you to vote on Nov. 5th or earlier if you can, knowing our votes will be counted and our voices will be heard.

In Memoriam

MICHAEL KIRIKOS



OCTOBER 31, 1942 - OCTOBER 8, 2021

Always in our hearts.

Carol, April and Bill

get the point of how our lives form a puzzle in others lives and from the remote mountain peak to the heart of metro, one affects the other.

That means a small action can cause a domino effect - good or bad, So try to remember that as you go about your day and be better for one another and our community in person, or online.

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AGAINST RACISM

True Catholics do not hate any man that is living, let alone an entire race. Jesus told Catholics to love even their enemies. "Love

your enemies" (Mt. 5:44). But Catholics must hate sin (Amos 5:15), abhor obstinate sinner (Prv. 29:27), and be righteously angry (Mk. 3:5) toward them, while loving them at the same time. Of course, if sinners are very obstinate and are a threat to many souls and the common good, then corporal or capital punishment is justified and ordained by God (Lk. 19:27). Hence, if most members of a race are very evil, Catholics must abhor them and even war against them if God's justice demands it; but they must still love and not hate them and their race.

The members of some races were so evil that God exterminated their whole race, not because of their race, but because of the great evilness of the members of that race. "But if they will not hear, I will utterly pluck out and destroy that nation, saith the Lord." (Jer. 12:17) "For dreadful are the ends of a wicked race." (Wis. 3:19) "And the Lord said to Moses, ...I will destroy the memory of Amalec from under heaven." (Ex. 17:14)

One race, then, is superior to another only because it obeys more of God's commandments. The main reasons for racism against the white races is because white men embraced Christianity and brought it to the other races more than any other race, and because Jesus Christ is white. The

skin color of a pure Israelite or Jew is white. In Cantic of Canticles, King Solomon, David's son, is described as white and ruddy: "My kinsman is white and ruddy." (Can. 5:9- 10). Hence the real problem with most people who hate or despise white races is not skin color but Christianity and its commandments and way of life. But there are some who hate white races simply because they are white.

In these end times, only few men are faithful (Lk. 18:8), and thus every race is evil. And because most men are evil (Mt. 7:13-14), most men from every race will end up in the everlasting fires of hell. So glory not in your race and blood, but in God's grace and faith: the true Catholic God and Catholic faith as only found on my www.JohnTheBaptist.us website.

(See my book *Anger, Rebuke, Hatred, and Curses*, and my article *On Racial Traits and the Origin of Races*.)

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Legal Resources For Elderly Hosting Free Virtual Legal Webinar

By Brandon McIntyre

The New Mexico State Bar Foundation's Legal Resources for the Elderly Program (LREP) will be hosting a free virtual legal webinar on Oct. 8, starting at 11 a.m.

The webinar, which aims to equip the elderly or their caretakers with the tools and resources they need to plan for the future, will cover Powers of Attorney, Advance Health Care Directives, probate, non-probate transfers (including Transfer on Death Deeds) and Institutional Medicaid.

New Mexico residents can register for this free webinar online at <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/91234567890> or by calling 505-797-6005 and providing their first and last name and email address. After registering, they will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The full calendar of upcoming Legal Resources for the Elderly virtual workshops for 2024 can be found at: <https://www.sbnm.org/For-Public/Legal-Resources-for-the-Elderly/Calendar>.

Members of the media can contact Caitlin.carcerano@sbnm.org with any questions regarding the New Mexico State Bar Foundation's free legal workshops.

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