



Letters to the Editor

Defending Harding's Record

America recently celebrated February 21 as President's Day. Concerning the evaluation of U.S. presidents, it has always perplexed me, as a former American History teacher, that historians consider Warren G. Harding to be among the worst presidents — if not the worst — in U.S. history. This is the sourest grape since Aesop originated his fable. Let us dispel this historic misconception by examining the Harding record.

Warren G. Harding, an advocate of a strong national defense and a staunch anti-communist, was president from March 4, 1921 to August 2, 1923. His foreign policy promoted "America First." Fearing the loss of American sovereignty and entangling alliances, he opposed U.S. entry into the League of Nations. Harding wisely signed into law congressional legislation that restricted immigration into the U.S.

Harding's economic achievements were remarkable, and rescued the United States from the Wilson recession of 1920-21. Assisted by a Republican-controlled Congress, Harding cut taxes, implemented high tariffs (increasing revenue for the federal government), balanced the budget, eliminated deficit spending, decreased federal spending by 50 percent, and reduced the national debt. Unemployment, a benchmark of Woodrow Wilson's administration, stood at 11.7 percent in 1921 (Harding's first year in the White House). As a result of Harding's astute economic program, unemployment had dropped to 2.4 percent by the end of 1923.

As an aside, Harding also appointed four constitutionally oriented justices to the Supreme Court. For the record, Harding did not participate in the corruption involving the Veterans Bureau or the Teapot Dome scandal.

In short, Harding's foreign policy of "America First," accompanied by an economic policy emphasizing free enterprise capitalism and fiscal integrity, resulted in peace and prosperity. In terms of accomplishments, Warren Gamaliel Harding, in my opinion, was the most successful president of the 20th century.

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Suppressing Real Treatments

Why can't we use highly effective, safe, inexpensive Covid prevention and treatment drugs?

President Trump had a strategy developed to attack Covid before it became a pandemic. On February 9, 2020, Peter Navarro and Dr. Steven Hatfill presented it to Trump for approval. This was the basis for Operation Warp Speed, which facilitated rapid development of vaccines and efforts to stop Covid.

Key goals were support of public health workers and first responders, Covid testing, personal protective equipment, ventilators, and, most importantly, vaccines and therapeutics. Vaccine development was presented as experimental mRNA gene technology, not vaccines in the sense of the smallpox or polio vaccines. Vaccines alone were deemed inadequate. The key was broad, synergistic use by physicians of highly effective, safe, inexpensive prophylactics and therapeutics such as hydroxychloroquine (HCO).



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But broad use of inexpensive, effective treatment with HCQ would eliminate enormous vaccine profits for Big Pharma and royalties for government bureaucrats, and reduce hospitalizations. Royalties from a single vaccine can enrich Dr. Fauci and other bureaucrats by up to \$150,000 per year. Dr. Fauci, the FDA, CDC, and Big Pharma used scientific malpractice to prevent use of HCQ (and, later, ivermectin), with propaganda support from media.

Close cooperation between business and government to enrich each other is classical fascism.

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