

"It isn't so much that liberals are ignorant. It's just that they know so many things that aren't so."
- Ronald Reagan



What better way to begin this message than to lead with a Reagan quote? These are wise words from a native son. And isn't this quote eerily true in regards to the Golden State today? Therefore, I think it is natural to follow with Mike Pence's statement: "Our answers are right for the American people."

Here are some facts that will lead you to conclude that California is deaf to Vice President Pence. We currently host a third of the nation's welfare recipients, while one in five Californians lives below the poverty line. Amazingly, one in four Californians were not even born in the United States. With the enormous challenges these statistics present, the state lawmakers choose to obsess over prohibiting free grocery bags and advocating for bobcats. They pick projects that serve urban populations, ignoring the burbs and rural regions, while the bullet train costs keep climbing and the project falls years behind schedule. The crisis at Oroville is a frightening example of how incompetent and out of touch Sacramento is. One generation built the great dams of California, the next generation enjoyed and benefited from them, and this generation blatantly ignores them as they erode.

I know the failures and wrong answers are so obvious to us. We can't fathom that they aren't so to all of the population of this majestic state. But alas, they aren't. In light of the recent Orange Coast College Republican Club atrocity involving Caleb O'Neil and Joshua Recalde-Martinez, it's clear we need to engage this generation of Millennials, who are on the other side of the aisle. We need to share hard facts with them and we need to change hearts and minds. I'd like to suggest a book that is a great tool for doing so, CUES FOR CONSERVATIVES, by John Paul. As stated on the book cover, "It is a clear, powerful, and urgently needed response to the dilemma facing the Republican Party of today." We need to plant seeds that encourage young people to examine these miserably failing policies. We need to keep inviting people to think!

I'd like to close with the words of another great American president - from Thomas Jefferson's Notes on the State of Virginia:

"I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just;
that His justice cannot sleep forever."

