

CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION: MAKE IT RAIN [UPDATE-1]

[NB: check the byline, thanks. Updates will appear at the bottom of this post. /~Rayne]

For more than a year news media have indulged in conventional wisdom about a mid-term election, insisting that the president's party will lose seats in Congress.

Never mind 2018's blue wave, though – a tsunami during which Democrats took control of the House by 40 seats.

News media have interspersed this with their easy go-to, the time-worn "Dems in Disarray" bullshit, refusing to frame the lack of traction on Biden agenda legislation as continuing obstruction by the GOP which retains a stranglehold on half the Senate.

Never mind the deliberate and overt GOP obstruction throughout Obama's two terms in office, or the votes of GOP's congressional caucus to obstruct the certification of 2020 election after a GOP president whipped up an insurrection under news media's gaze.

Don't readily accept news media's positioning on Congress going into the mid-term elections, the same media which lost its way during Trump-Bannon flood-the-zone-with-shit era.

We can make our own flood. We can make it rain.

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That nasty Floridian GOP hairpiece with a mouth, Matt Gaetz (FL-1), decided to puff up his ego and stir up shit by bullying a Latinx teen from Texas, Olivia Julianna.

He implied only unattractive women are concerned about reproductive rights.

He had absolutely no fucking idea what kind of

wasp nest he stuck his puny dick in.

Its come to my attention that Matt Gaetz – alleged pedophile– has said that it’s always the “odious.. 5’2 350 pound” women that “nobody wants to impregnate” who rally for abortion.

I’m actually 5’11. 6’4 in heels. I wear them so the small men like you are reminded of your place

– Olivia Julianna ☐ (@oliviajulianna)
July 24, 2022

She went after him as he continued his bullying.

Where’s the difference?
pic.twitter.com/35CAL3CAND

– Olivia Julianna ☐ (@oliviajulianna)
July 25, 2022

She didn’t back down.

“Petty insults and political games don’t scare me. In fact, I’d like to thank Gaetz for bringing attention to me and my work.”

Hey @mattgaetz, you just learned an important lesson– Don’t fuck with Texas women. <https://t.co/Ic748TwVH5>

– Olivia Julianna ☐ (@oliviajulianna)
July 25, 2022

Olivia began fundraising for reproductive health care.

I’d like to give a special thanks to @mattgaetz for body shaming me to his audience.

2 hours ago I started fundraising for the @genzforchange abortion fund because

of your comments, and so far we've raised \$13K for abortion funds across the country.

– Olivia Julianna ☐ (@oliviajulianna)
July 26, 2022

She even thanked the Florida Man.

Well @mattgaetz, I have to hand it to you. I didn't think you cared about us abortion rights activists, but your spotlight on me has helped raise \$50K for abortion funds in the last 24 hours! So I made you a special thank you card

♥☐

It almost feels like
#MattGaetzIsProAbortion
pic.twitter.com/sCxGVT4vzz

– Olivia Julianna ☐ (@oliviajulianna)
July 26, 2022

State and national media interviewed her, and fundraising snowballed.

Until this evening's benchmark:

\$1 million raised for abortion funds in less than 72 hours. #ThankMattGaetz
pic.twitter.com/qA6jKxVcMM

– Olivia Julianna ☐ (@oliviajulianna)
July 28, 2022

This 19-year-old GenZ for Change activist didn't take crap from obnoxious Matt Gaetz lying down. She tore after him using her heightened media profile to raise money for a cause she believes in.

Olivia Julianna made it rain. You can help her make it rain, too. Piss all over Gaetz's parade.

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Speaking of piss, the GOP Senate caucus decided to urinate on veterans and their health care needs:

55-42: Senate BLOCKS the House-passed bill expanding access to VA healthcare and disability benefits for veterans exposed to toxins during their military service (PACT Act) from advancing to final passage. 60 votes were needed.
pic.twitter.com/JEn6h0ZMs5

– Craig Caplan (@CraigCaplan) July 27, 2022

They didn't just block the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act (PACT Act), they celebrated it.

.@chrislhayes: Republicans were so mad at Democrats, they blocked much-needed health care for U.S. war veterans suffering the after-effects of toxic fumes—and then they celebrated.

Watch @tedcruz and @SteveDaines fist-bump on the Senate floor as Daines' "no" vote was read.

pic.twitter.com/KDCFzsre2J

– All In with Chris Hayes (@allinwithchris) July 29, 2022

Satirist-entertainer Jon Stewart was infuriated.

.@JonStewart: "I'm used to the hypocrisy...I'm used to the lies...I'm used to the cowardice...I'm used to all of it, but I am not used to the cruelty."

#PACTAct

(WARNING: profanity)

pic.twitter.com/CUpWcFWPPx

– CSPAN (@cspan) July 28, 2022

Stewart's rage might make it rain.

But I know you can make it rain by supporting
VoteVets' endorsed candidates.

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Pennsylvania is a good news/bad news story.

The good news: a new poll shows PA Senate
Democratic candidate Lt. Gov. John Fetterman
kicking carpetbagging Republican candidate
Mehmet Oz in the ass.

□ NEW PENNSYLVANIA POLL by Fox News

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John Fetterman (D) 47% (+11)

Mehmet Oz (R) 37%

GOV

Josh Shapiro (D) 50% (+10)

Doug Mastriano (R) 40%

FAVS:

Fetterman: 49/34

Oz: 35/55

Shapiro: 51/34

Mastriano: 38/48

07/22-26 / 908/RV / MOE

+/-3%<https://t.co/InawZHK2tZ>

– InteractivePolls (@IAPolls2022) July
28, 2022

The bad news: three Pennsylvania counties –
Berks, Fayette and Lancaster – are still
screwing with primary election results, setting
a negative tone ahead of the mid-term elections.
A court hearing began Thursday, documented in
this Twitter thread:

□ STARTING SOON: Court hearing regarding
the refusal to count valid undated mail-
in ballots in primary races in 3
Pennsylvania counties.

□ Stream the hearing here:

<https://t.co/JUCcjzFEma>

Get background on the case:

<https://t.co/eGxDwMU80V>

Follow along for live updates.[]

– Democracy Docket (@DemocracyDocket)

July 28, 2022

All three counties are strong/solid GOP. The congressional districts they're in – PA-09, PA-11, PA-14 – have been tweaked slightly during redistricting since the state lost a House seat.

One of these districts, though, has NO Democratic candidate running:

PA-09

Dan Meuser (Incumbent) (GOP)

Amanda Waldman (Dem) – grossly underfunded

PA-11

Lloyd Smucker (Incumbent) (GOP)

Robert Hollister (Dem) – also grossly underfunded

PA-14

Guy Reschenthaler (Incumbent) (GOP)

No candidates filed for the Democratic Party primary

It not only makes zero sense why Berks, Fayette and Lancaster counties are refusing to certify their primary elections, but no sense why the Democratic Party hasn't provided more funding to the Democrats in PA-09 and PA-11, and why there's no Democratic candidate in PA-14

Furthermore, it makes no goddamned sense why the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee is throwing money at a MAGA GOP candidate in Michigan's MI-03 Grand Rapids area district, while there's inadequate funding and no candidate in three of Pennsylvania's House races while Fetterman may help all down ticket races in what looks to be a mounting wave election.

Somebody make it rain for Amanda Waldman and Robert Hollister in PA-09 and PA-11. Force the

GOP incumbents to work for their seats since they're not doing much else for Pennsylvanians.

Make it rain in PA-14 by recruiting a Democrat for write-in, if that's still a possibility.

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I smell petrichor, do you?

Consider this an open thread.

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UPDATE-1 – 12:30 P.M. ET – 29-JUL-2022 –

Olivia Julianna published a statement with an ask:

My statement about raising \$1 million for abortion funds across the country in 72 hours pic.twitter.com/Jt13HZRUaT

– Olivia Julianna (@oliviajulianna)
July 29, 2022

It's not enough to fund reproductive health care while reproductive rights remain at risk and stripped away in some states.

Make it rain for the reproductive rights champions.

Democratic Governors' Association Protect Reproductive Rights Fund at ActBlue

WI: Re-elect Gov. Tony Evers

MI: Re-elect Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and AG Dana Nessel

IL: Re-elect Gov. JB Pritzker

PA: Elect Josh Shapiro and John Fetterman and Austin Davis as Lt. Gov.

GA: Elect Stacey Abrams and Raphael Warnock

TX: Elect Beto O'Rourke and Mike Collier and Rochelle Garza

OH: Elect Tim Ryan

NC: Elect Cheri Beasley