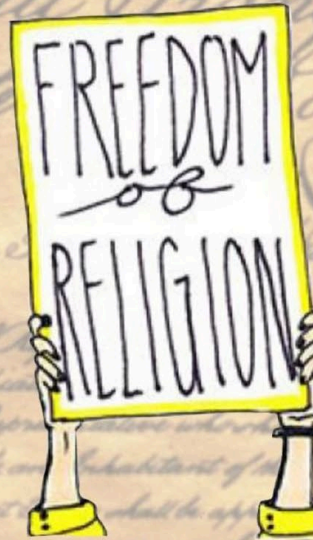




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THE FIVE FREEDOMS

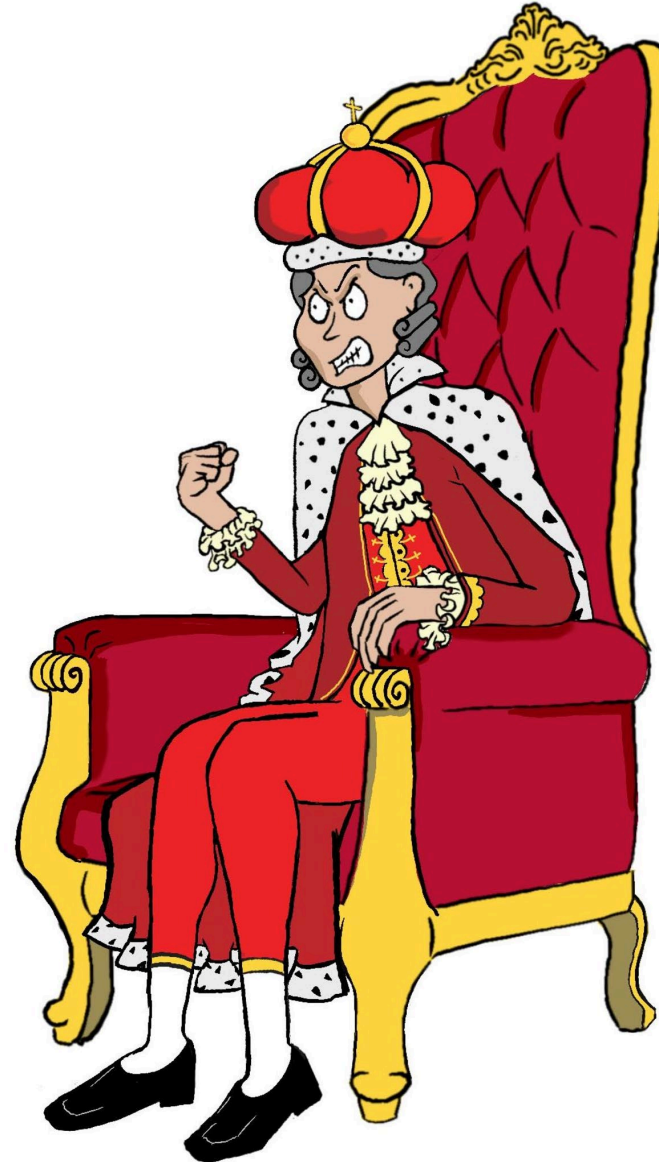
These five freedoms are in the First Amendment of the Constitution.





Freedom to petition is what allows us to do what we do in our Legislative Program. To petition our elected leaders is to tell them what's on our mind. It was written into the First Amendment for a reason.

The reason is this guy.
King George III. He
would imprison,
torture or execute
colonists who spoke
out against him. (What
a jerk!)



But these patriots fought and died in the Revolutionary war, in part, so that we wouldn't have to fear retribution when we spoke out against the government.

(This picture may not be historically accurate, but I think you get my point.)





As we know, speaking your mind at the ballot box wasn't a reality for everyone. These sheroes suffered mightily so that women could vote and fully participate in democracy.

Several decades later, these brave Americans were attacked and arrested for demanding an equal voice in our democracy.


I tell you this so that we don't take our right to vote and to petition for granted.

I give thanks for these patriots because we will stand on their shoulders as we tell our elected leaders ...

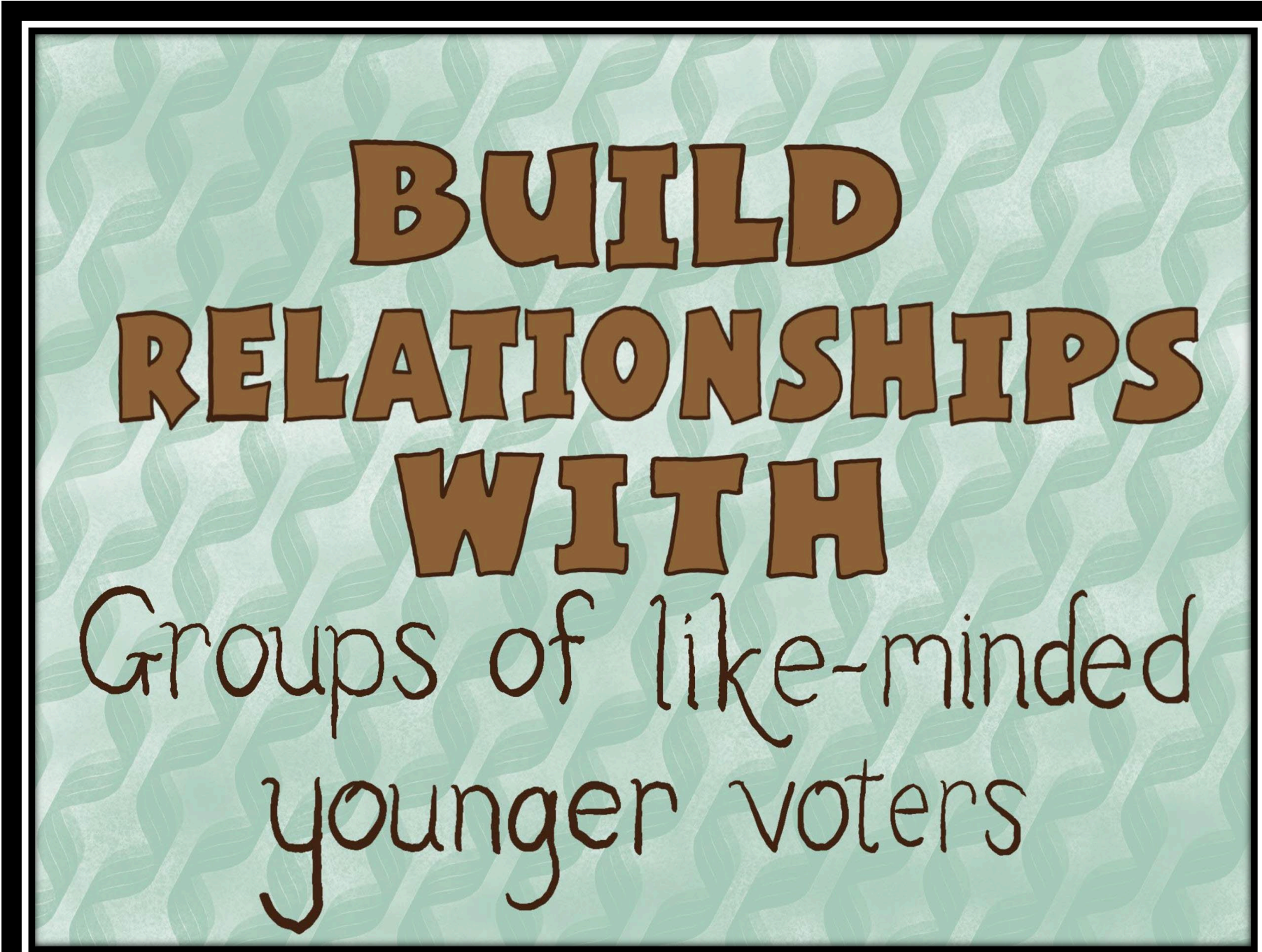


**Taking care of veterans is our honor, but it is their job
and they are not doing it well enough!!!**



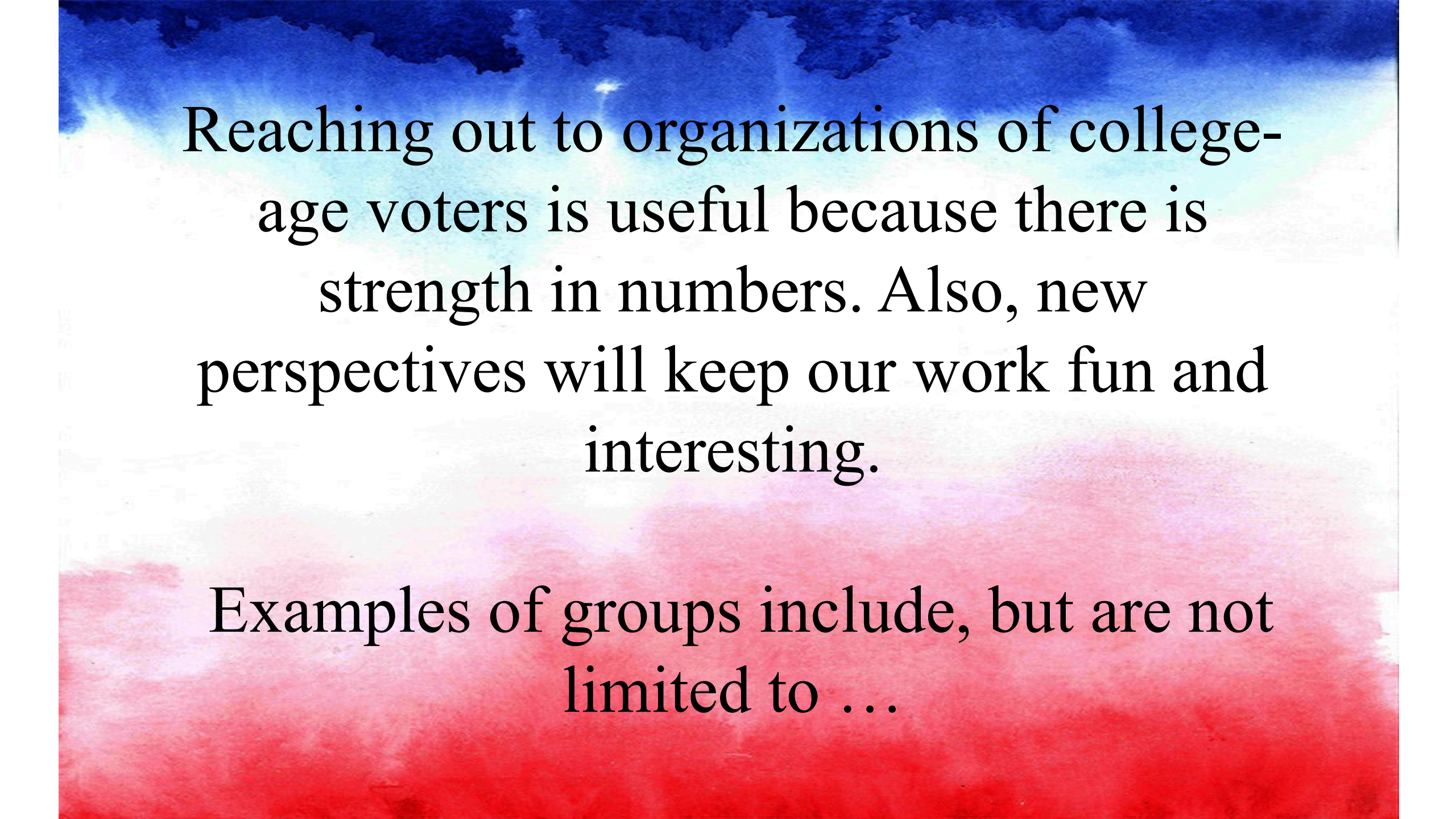


We will
accomplish our
goals in 3 ways:



**BUILD
RELATIONSHIPS
WITH**

Groups of like-minded
younger voters



Reaching out to organizations of college-age voters is useful because there is strength in numbers. Also, new perspectives will keep our work fun and interesting.

Examples of groups include, but are not limited to ...



Greek organizations at a nearby college.

Reach out, introduce yourself and figure out ways you can help each other.

Are you having trouble using social media to contact your elected representatives? Maybe they can help.

Are they planning a voter registration drive? Maybe you can help.



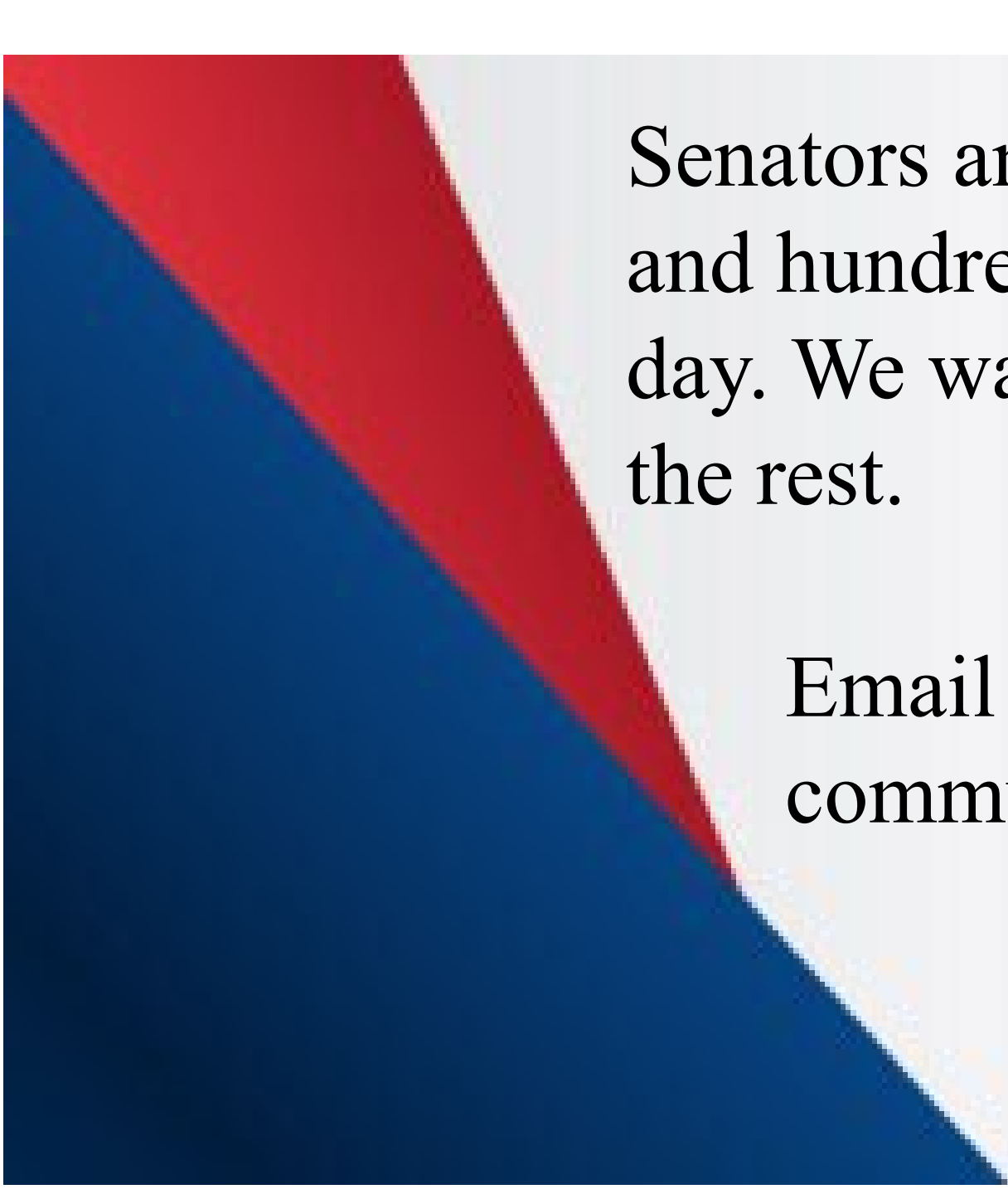
They hang out with you.
You hang out with them.
Everybody has fun.





GET

CREATIVE



Senators and congressmen get hundreds and hundreds of communications every day. We want ours' to stand apart from the rest.

Email is the most efficient way to communicate so have fun with it.

Use a photo
to get your
point across
in a simple
and
effective
way.

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TO: John.Doe@Mail.House.Gov

FROM: AuxiliaryMember@Gmail.com

Re: H.R. 67, Veteran Overmedication and Suicide Act of 2021

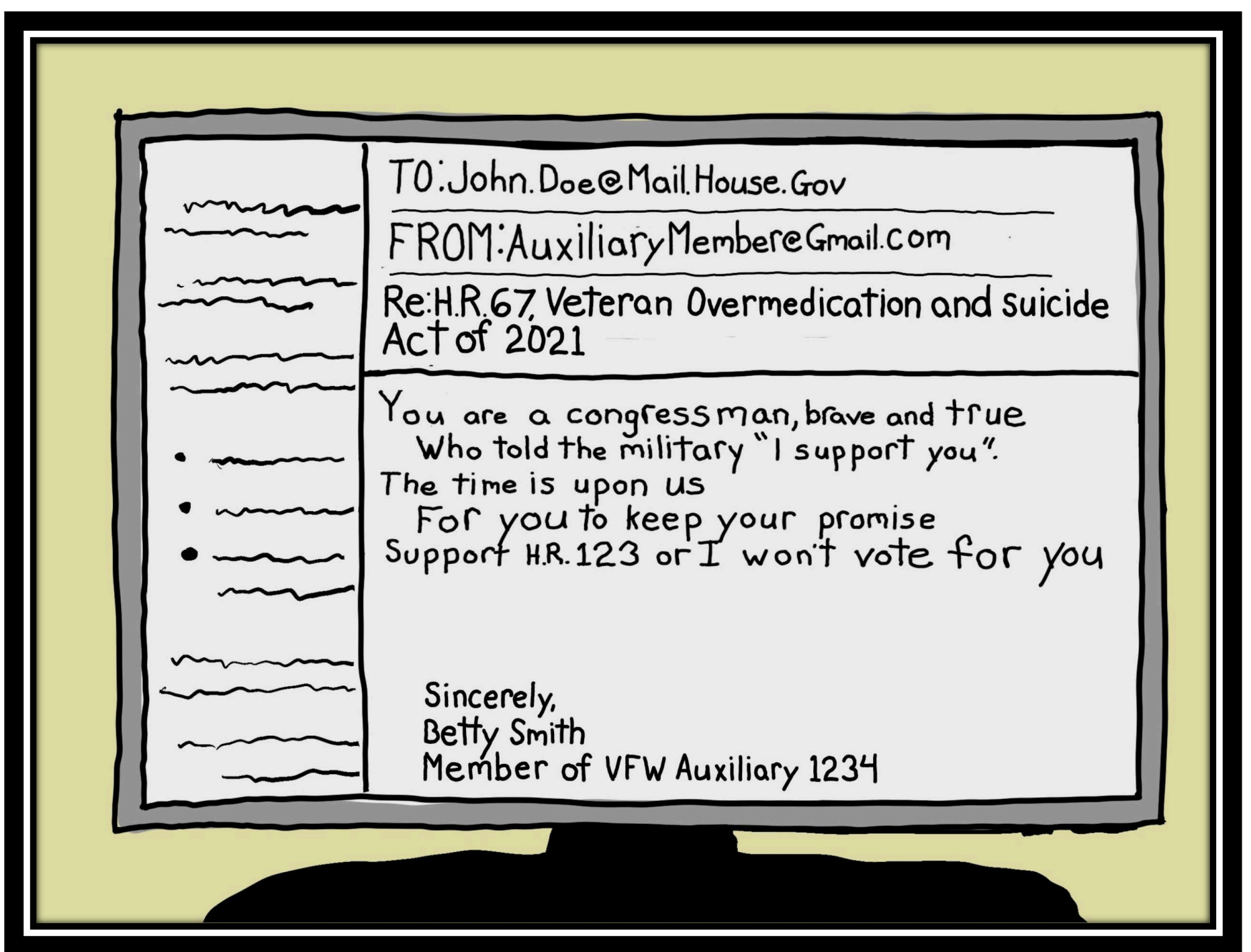
20 veterans kill themselves everyday. That's a lot of tears.

Support H.R. 67.

Sincerely,
Betty Smith
Member of VFW Auxiliary 1234

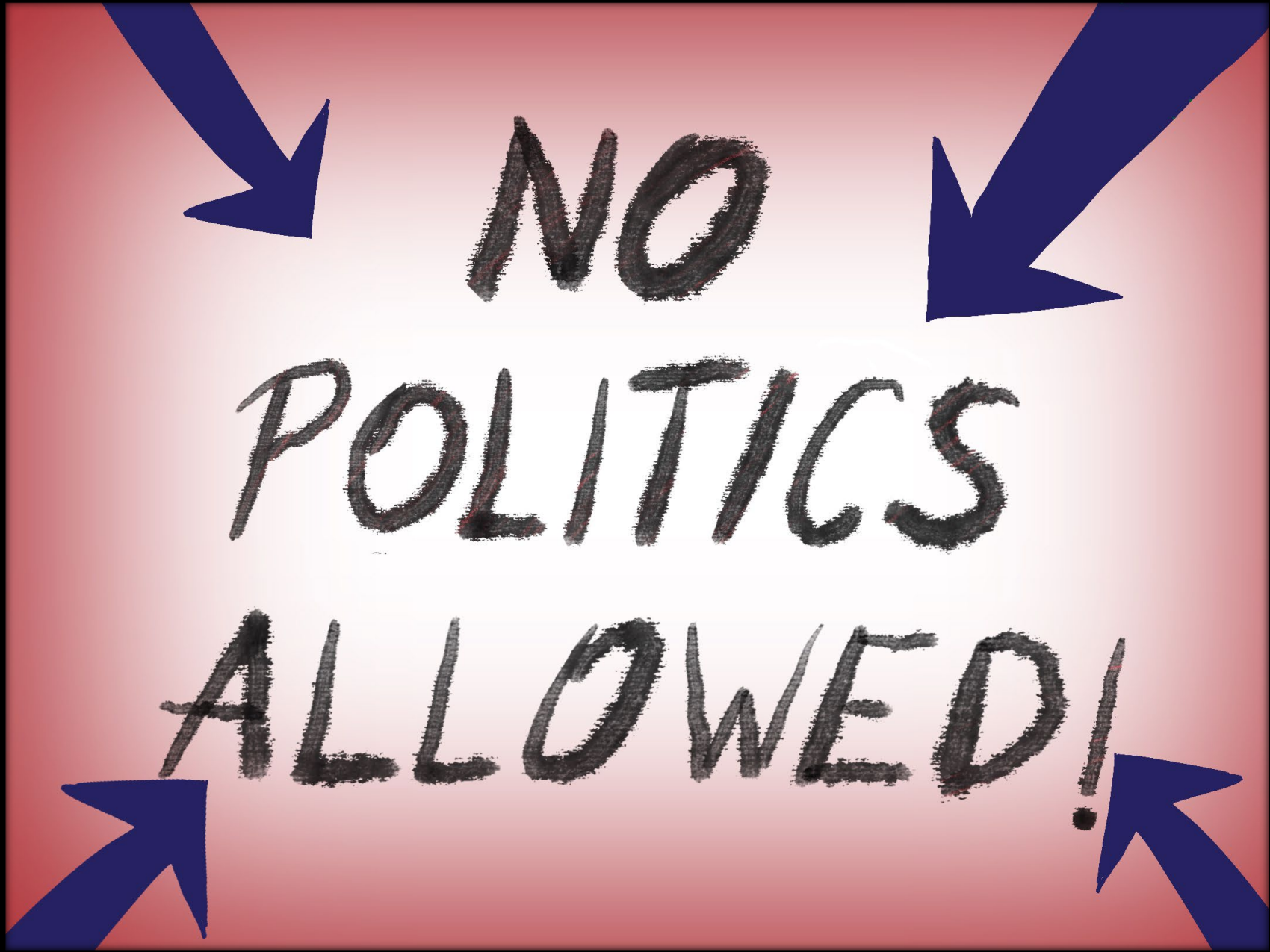


Why not
come up
with a fun
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This next part is
very important so
memorize it.

NO
POLITICS
ALLOWED!

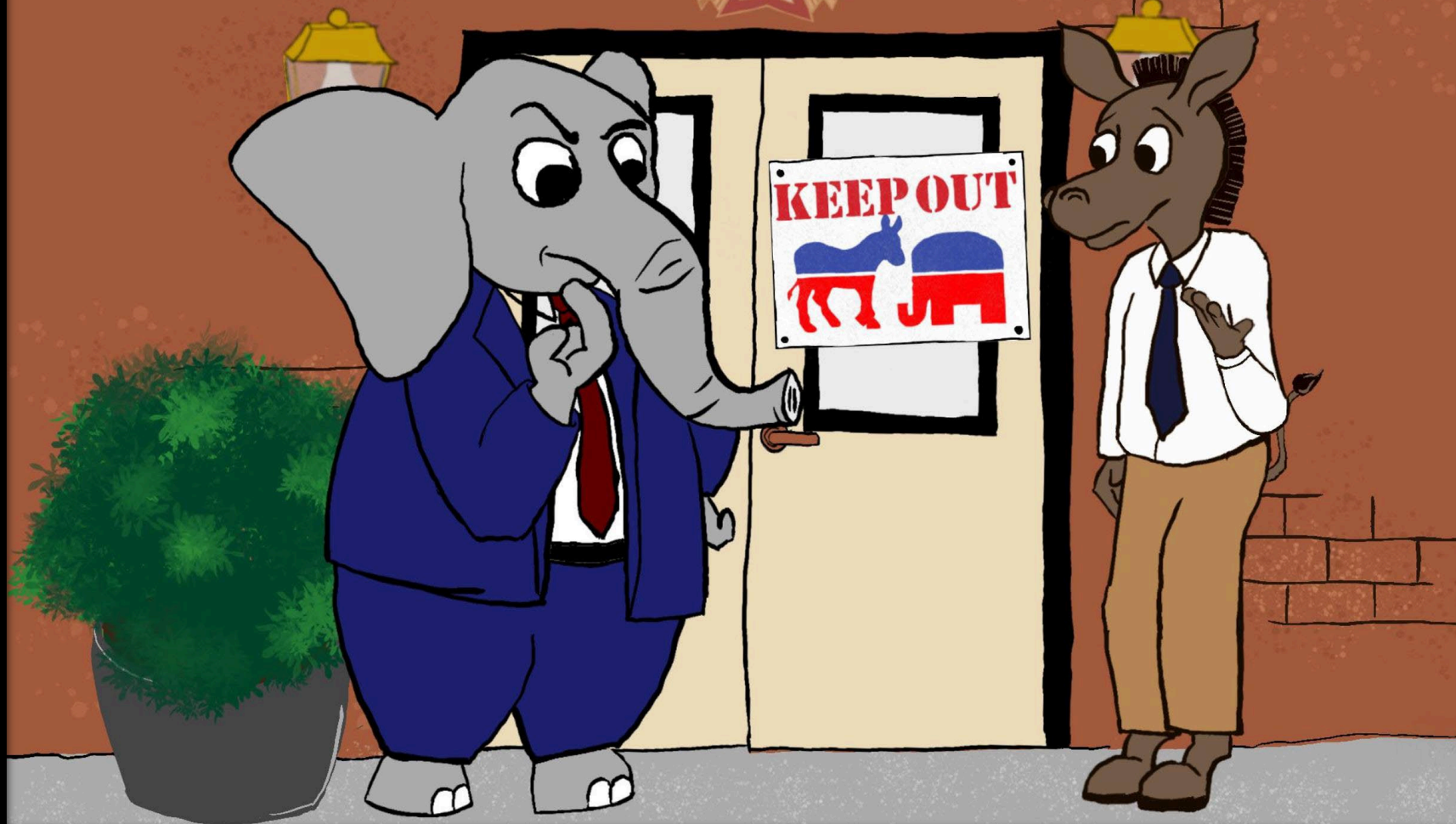


The VFW Auxiliary is not, I repeat,
NOT a conservative or liberal
organization. We have no official
opinion about parties or politicians.

Say what you want about who you want in the canteen before the meeting, but once the meeting starts ...



Partisanship is left at the door.



You can read more about this at the VFW website under advocacy.

The image is a screenshot of the VFW website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the VFW logo and the text "VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS." To the right of the logo are links for "Find a Post", "Join", "Assistance", "Advocacy", "Media & Events", "Community", "VFW Store", "Renew", "Login", and a "Donate" button. A magnifying glass is positioned over the address bar, which shows "vfw.org". Below the navigation bar, there is a list of "More Advocacy Resources" including "VFW Legislative Victories", "Being a Veterans' Advocate", "Do's and Don'ts of VFW Involvement", and "veterans Vote". The "Do's and Don'ts of VFW Involvement" link is circled in red. The main content area on the left contains text about postpartum needs of women veterans, the VAWS for Veterans Therapy Act, and the Deborah Sampson Act.

This is important for 3 reasons

1. We don't want to alienate potential allies.
2. It doesn't matter if you hate or love your elected leaders. We need their signature to get VFW-endorsed bills passed.
3. Most importantly ...

This is our military.

Liberal and conservative.

Gay and straight.

Religious and atheist.

Black, white, brown, and
indigenous.

Every one of them
deserves legislation that
makes their lives easier.
Every one of them needs
to know that the VFW
Auxiliary is for them.





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