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As The Left Attacks Trump, This PAC Is Mobilizing The Next Generation Of Conservative Leaders

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The Left is winning the generation war. The millennial generation is one of the most liberal and Democratic-driven voter demographics ever. Nearly half view socialism in a favorable light. Demography is destiny, except that it's not. The media today is inundated with this narrative, surmising that a "blue wave" is inevitable for the 2018 midterms and beyond. But is Republicans' future really as dim as many in the media would have you think? No. It's not. It's never over, something Democrats and Republicans should keep in mind concerning elections. Everything is based on public opinion and in the words of columnist George Will—it's all shiftable sand.

While Democrats seem to focus their energy and resources at the top, mainly attacking our current president, Republican groups are mobilizing and preparing the next generation of leaders. The Maverick PAC is one such group.

Maverick PAC, or "MavPAC" as the group has been coined, brings together young professionals from the private, public and political sectors. In its 15 years of existence, MavPAC has developed over 20 chapters across the country. These chapters are charged with developing local business and political leaders who want to begin getting engaged in the political process by raising and bundling funds for up-and-coming, business-friendly candidates. It's clear MavPAC is developing a serious infrastructure, provided they contributed \$140,000 in the 2016 election and are projected to give around \$200,000 to candidates in this cycle.

In addition to the infrastructure-building, MavPAC also facilitates opportunities for these future leaders to meet with current leaders of today. Vice President Mike Pence, former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, former Governor Jeb Bush, and Karl Rove are just a few of the names MavPAC has hosted at their events. Their premier, annual event, The Mavericks Conference, takes place this weekend in Austin, Texas. Senator Ted Cruz and Governor Greg Abbott are set to address the attendees, along with Representatives Michael McCaul (R-TX), Will Hurd (R-TX), Elise Stefanik (R-NY), Carlos Curbelo (R-FL), Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, and Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush.

It'll also be a time to honor and recognize MavPAC's 2018 "Future 40" honorees, a group of individuals under the age of 40 who have impacted and made significant achievements in their respective sectors and communities:

Allie Brandenburger, Washington, DC

De'On Collins, Texas

Roy Milan Schultheis, Florida
Audrey Henson, Florida
Elijah Haahr, Missouri
Kevin Levelle, Texas
Bettina Inclan, Florida
John Callahan, Texas
Katie Behnke, Colorado
Coco Pannell, Tennessee
Jon Adams, Washington, DC
Jessica Renier, California
Deanna Ballard, North Carolina
Jose Gonzales, Florida
Gail Wilson, Washington, DC
Emily Brewer, Virginia
Juan Carlos Flores, Florida
Ryan Williams, Washington, DC
Kasdin Mitchell, Alabama
Omar Qudrat, California
Shannon Kendrick, Virginia
Adam Jones, New York
Shoshana Weissmann, New York
Steven Llanes, New Jersey
Chester Spellman, Florida
Maralyn Beck, New Mexico
Will Ritter, Virginia
Dan Crenshaw, Texas
Omari Faulkner, Virginia
Nicole Gomez, Florida
James Lloyd, Texas
Ellen Troxclair, Texas

Anand Shah, Washington, DC

Alexander Gray, Florida

Annie Lewis, Massachusetts

MacKay Jameson, Connecticut

Gina Barr, Michigan

Mike Huffstetler, New York

Emma Nelson, Missouri

Kathryn Ciano, Virginia

“Since its inception 15 years ago, Maverick PAC has built a network of successful young professionals who are focused on making a difference in business and politics. Our network has grown to more than 20 chapters and hundreds of members nationwide,” said Maverick PAC National Co-Chair Morgan Ortagus in a press release.

“As Maverick PAC continues to grow and become more influential, so too does our responsibility to provide a platform for the young professionals who are making a huge impact on business, government (local and federal), and their local community,” added Maverick PAC National Co-Chair Fritz Brogan.

Past class members include Turning Point USA's Charlie Kirk, Department of Justice Spokesperson Sarah Isgur Flores, The Washington Free Beacon's Sonny Bunch, Rep. Jamie Herrera Beutler (R-WA), Rachel Hoff, who was the GOP's first openly gay delegate on the platform committee, Ohio Treasurer and 2012 Senate candidate Josh Mandel, Cato Fellow Ilya Shapiro, and Fox News Contributor and U.S. News and World Report columnist Ashley Pratte.

Maverick PAC's conference begins on June 1.