



Neighborhood Democrats
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Welcome, Pledge

Special Introduction

The Honorable Lloyd Criss



Club business

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer

Passing the hat/Act Blue/Sustaining, Be The Change

Reading/approval of June 8 minutes

Web and Twitter Update Report

Club Leadership Vacancies: Membership/Events

Electing Democrats: Club Committee Chairs Needed

Joint ND/BGTX Republican Debate Watch Party, August 6

Battleground Texas Update

Guest Speaker

April Rosenbaum (Martin), 2015 Texas Legislature - Action/Inaction Review

[Top 10 Issues From the 2015 Texas Legislature](#)

Q&A

Director Closing Comments (Time permitting)

New Faces at the meeting?

Quarterly gathering for all county clubs

August meeting at Spring Creek BBQ, Monday, 8/10

Page 2 Thinking Point - The systemic causation concept is missing
from extreme conservative worldview

Future Guest Speakers:

Aug 6 - ND/BGTX Republican Watch Party

Aug 10 - Sonia Hernandez, The Making of Movies

Sep 14 - J. Rine, An Economic Approach to Mitigating Climate Change

Oct 12 - Cathy C Courtney, Health Care for All Texans

Dec 6 - Christmas Lunch, Clear Lake Shores Community Center

Jan 11 - Jackie Young, Local Environmental Activist

Feb 8 - Candidates/Primary

Opportunities to make a difference:

Register voters: Contact Dana Hickey, dana.hickey@aol.com

Food for Thought - Thinking Points:

Most hardcore conservatives don't understand systemic causation: **Systemic Causation** contributes to individual success or failure. It's not just about 'for every action there is an equal and opposite reaction.' That is direct causation and it focuses attention on the obvious and ignores all that went on before the action. Systemic causation, or in engineering terms root cause analysis, identifies all the remote actions that culminated in the final direct action and resultant reaction. Systemic causation identifies all the root causes for a given system result.

Alternative Word/Phrase:

Hypocognition is the inability of the far right to understand the far left and vice versa - Understanding complex concepts requires a foundation of many simpler concepts and those simpler concepts depend on what you were taught early in life and how often those simple concepts were repeated throughout one's life.

Profit-free article/video:

[The Next System Project](#) (video) - Growing inequality, political stalemate, and climate disruption prompt an important insight.

[Systemic Causation and Syria: Obama's Framing Problem](#) -

Profit-free Media:

[The Next System](#) - TIME TO FACE THE DEPTH OF THE SYSTEMIC CRISIS