

FRONT LINE

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."
- Hosea 4:6

SPRING 2021

Vol. XLII, No. 1

March 19, 2021 \$2.50

IN THIS ISSUE

1 A Polite Society cont'd
page 3

10 Missouri Legislation

13 Local Elections

**14 U.S. Congress H.R. 1 &
H.R. 5**

15 Election Integrity

The Constitutional Coalition:
**Dedicated to inform,
engage and enable
Americans to restore
truth, morality and
rule of law locally and
nationally.**



As a society, many think we have arrived! But, where exactly are we?

In view of history, we have made gigantic advances in science, such as the exploration of space, landing on Mars for example; we've had great achievements in medical science; and seen amazing advances in technology. However, where do we stand with each other? How do we define relationships? And, what is acceptable and not acceptable in **polite society**?

What does "**polite**" really mean? Dictionaries define polite as:

po·lite: /pə'liːt/ adj.

1. cultured; refined
2. having good manners, courteous
3. having or showing behavior that is respectful and considerate of other people
4. having the characteristics of advanced culture

In general, the society we live in today, and especially the political society of 2020/2021, contains very few of the characteristics found in the definitions of polite. We have lost our manners; our respect for others; and the ability to be gracious toward those with whom we disagree. We no longer have the "characteristics of an advanced culture."

Social media has taken over as the method to communicate in our present day's UNpolite society. blogs, *Facebook*, *Twitter*, *Instagram*, *YouTube*, *TikTok*, *Snapchat*, *Pinterest*, and *Google Plus* are the most

popular methods of communication, and people do not think twice about what they post. It is sad to say that oftentimes individuals post statements on these platforms that their mothers (or grandmothers) would be appalled to read while they offered the consequence of a mouthwash of soap if those comments were repeated. Even well respected news sources are now given to off-colored comments, cursing, harangues and aggressiveness.

What can we do? How can we return to a **polite society**—one that is civil, courteous, genteel, gracious, mannerly and well bred? And, does it matter?

As we look forward to what may be years of an UNpolite society, let us reflect on the words of a man who epitomized a polite society, our 40th president Ronald Reagan. Reagan's radio addresses¹ were broadcast from 1975-1979 (with one interruption). He discussed almost every national policy issue of the 1970s with accuracy, as a statesman, and with compassion. An important lesson to learn from him is that we don't have to be obnoxious and vulgar to be influential and successful in our argumentation. Many of the topics that he addressed are still relevant today. Ronald Reagan lived and spoke as a member of a **polite society**.

We can win with truth, with wit, and with politeness!

Nothing New Under the Sun

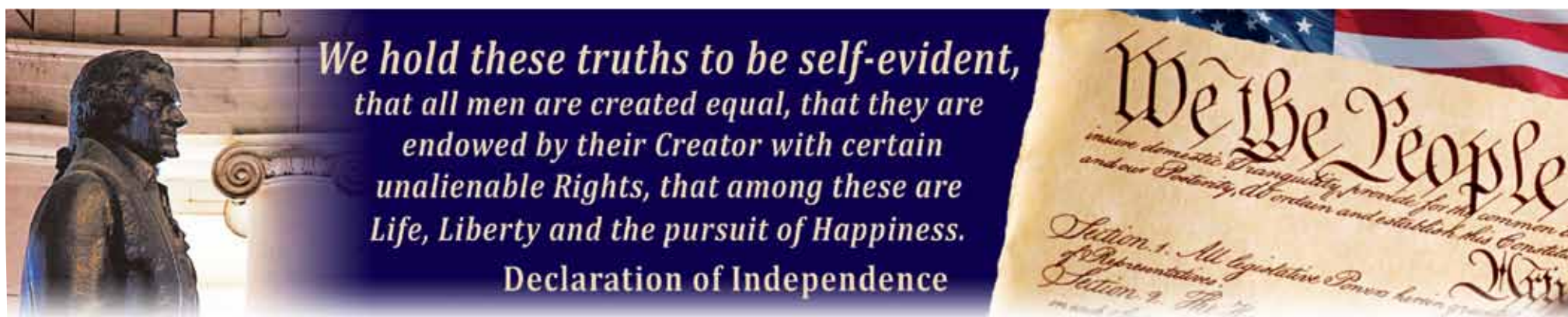
Electoral College (April 13, 1977)

If the electoral college isn't on the endangered species list, it should be. At least it should be

cont'd p 3

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
St. Louis, MO
Permit No. 335

The Constitutional Coalition
FRONT LINE Voter's Guide
P. O. Box 37054
St. Louis, MO 63141
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



FRONT LINE

is published periodically throughout the year.

Information on issues of interest to Missourians is provided in *Front Line*, and it is not intended to influence or dictate how someone should vote. It is non-partisan. *Front Line* focuses on those issues, events and news that do not always receive full discussion. It is our hope that it can be used to help neighbor talk with neighbor about the issues in a rational and intelligent manner as well as to encourage better citizenship. Thanks to the many of you who faithfully send us ideas, clippings, emails, and stories. Keep them coming!

FRONT LINE

PO Box 37054
15820 Clayton Road
St. Louis, MO 63141
Phone: 636-386-1789

Editor

Landreth Johnson &
The Board of
The Constitutional Coalition

Senior Staff

Susan Merrick, Chriss White

Advisors/Contributors

Bev Ehlen, Mark Hearne, Thor Hearne, Stanley Reahard, Libby Wilkinson

Photos

iStockphoto.com, 123rd Images

Technical Assistance

David Bradsher, Ken Johnson

Distribution:

Our thanks to the generous volunteers who give of their time to make mailing and distribution of this publication possible.

Digital design by
Gerald E. Coleman

FRONT LINE

wishes to acknowledge the ongoing, generous support contributions of its readers. To contribute to our support and continuation, please see the

RETURN COUPON ON BACK.

Letter from the Board

Spring 2021

Dear friend of *FRONT LINE*,

Greetings to you, our faithful readers! Thank you for reading this edition, after which, please pass it on to others who might benefit, or contact us for additional copies.

The last year was filled with surprising trials, one after another, mixed with new challenges. We endured, and still endure, the COVID-19 pandemic. This challenge is unlike any pandemic seen since the 14th century. To this challenge was added violent protests and looting in several of our major cities. Intermingled with these were actions of the “cancel culture” that defaced and removed statues, artifacts of our history. This attempt was designed to erase painful segments of our history. Painful or not, all elements of a people’s history, both physical and written, are necessary for knowledge and for transmission to future generations. The words of Spanish philosopher George Santayana are instructive: “Those who cannot remember (or do not know) the past are condemned to repeat it.”

From some of the responses to the pandemic, we can take heart. Several pharmaceutical companies made large investments in efforts to develop an effective vaccine. Pfizer and Moderna were the first to be successful, followed recently by Johnson & Johnson. Such record-time responses point to America’s ingenuity and resourcefulness. From the lock-down and school closures, we witnessed many parents assuming their rightful role in leading and teaching their children. As schools re-open, we pray that these parents will continue their critical involvement in the education of their children.

The pandemic arrived in a Presidential Election Year. The election campaign was waged with millions of dollars and heightened bitterness. Sadly for many, one take-away from the election was a reduced confidence in our election process, particularly with its inclusion of massive mail-in-voting.

Our nation is structured on order and laws. Our Founders taught that we must remain well informed and engaged with our representatives to maintain and advance our nation. There is much work ahead for us as voters and for our elected representatives. In this *FRONT LINE* edition, Bev Ehlen has provided an informative review of Missouri legislation. We, the Board, continue our commitment to presenting relevant updates of key issues we face.

Notwithstanding the pain and challenges of this past year, we remain steadfast, optimistic, and joyful. Though *Ole Glory* flies “tattered, blown, and torn,” it forever waves and remains our cherished symbol. We will continue to work to preserve and strengthen our beloved republic for ourselves and our posterity. God grant us strength to persevere. God Bless America!

For the board of
The Constitutional Coalition,

John Myer



SHORT LINES

“Talent on Loan from God”

Rush Limbaugh finished his work here on earth on February 17, 2021, after a courageous battle against lung cancer. Limbaugh’s wife, Kathryn, provided information for his death certificate that now lists him as the “greatest radio host of all time.” Limbaugh was considered one of the most influential media figures in American history and played a consequential role in conservative politics, spending over three decades as the most beloved but polarizing person in American media. He lovingly referred to his listeners as “Dittoheads,” because of the often said “ditto” when agreeing with him.



He outlived his prognosis, saying in his final broadcast of 2020, “I wasn’t expected to be alive today. I wasn’t expected to make it to October, and then to November, and then to December. And yet, here I am, and today, got some problems, but I’m feeling pretty good today.”

Rush believed that “American exceptionalism” shouldn’t be frowned upon, and his conservative views became more prominent after a trip to Europe. He became enamored with the fact that America was such a young nation, but was ahead of “the world in manufacturing, technology, innovation, invention, creation, and it all led back to liberty and freedom and the pursuit of happiness and dreams coming true and working hard for whatever you want and being able to do what you love, not just have to dream about it. We stood for the concepts that are in our Declaration of Independence: right to life, liberty, pursuit of happiness. We stood for that, and we were the beacon for it, and to this day that is why the oppressed of the world still seek to come into this country.”

In 2003, President Ronald Reagan wrote a letter to him thanking him for all he was doing to “promote ... conservative principles” and letting him know that he “didn’t mind that [Rush had] become the Number One voice for conservatism in our country. ... America needs to hear the way things ought to be.”

Thank you Rush, for your dedication to the greatest country in the world!

A Polite Society cont'd from p 1

declared a game bird and given a few months a year when it couldn't be shot at. (I'll be right back.)²

The move is on to revise the elections laws. Again! High on the list of changes which Vice President Mondale has proposed is elimination of the Electoral College. Now I doubt if very many of us could find an excuse for continuing the ceremony after each presidential election in which electors in each state (one for each senator and congressman) go to the state capitol and re-elect the already elected president. And maybe some of you think that's all they are talking about doing.



©iStock.com/atakan

Unfortunately, there is more to it than that. The very basis for our freedom is that we are a Federation of Sovereign States. Our constitution recognizes that certain rights belong to the state and cannot be infringed upon by the national government. This is the

guarantee that small states or rural, sparsely populated areas will have a proportionate voice in national affairs.

Those who want to do away with the electoral college really mean they want the president elected in a national referendum with no reference as to how each state votes. Thus, half-dozen rural states could show a majority for one candidate and be outvoted by one big industrial state opting for his opponent. Presidential candidates would be tempted to aim their campaigns and their promises at a cluster of metropolitan areas in a few states, and the smaller states would be without a voice.

If the would-be executioners of the electoral college are sincere, let them eliminate the college but continue to tot[al] up the vote by states. Based on majority rule within each state, that states electoral votes, one for each congressman and senator, would be given to the winner of the majority vote. The possibility of an appointed electoral college member voting on his own would be eliminated, but everything else would remain the same. Yes, it is possible under this system to have a president elected with a smaller total vote than his opponent, but it has only happened three times in 200 years. Is that worse than have a president who only carried a dozen out of our 50 states and got all his votes from big urban areas? Would his programs in agriculture be fair to farmers, or would they be aimed at helping consumers in big city markets?

The other proposed election law changes are equally flawed. The Hatch Act would be liberalized so as to allow increased participations in campaigns by public employees. There are roughly 15 million government employees. Grant they each influence one additional vote, and you have a voting block of 30 million with a vested interest in high taxes, big government and more government programs. A congressman or senator would think twice before launching a crusade to reduce bureaucracy or government revenues.

Then there is a part of the reform calling for easy voter registration. Let the voters walk into the polls on election day and sign up and vote. The idea being that low voter turnouts are due to the present registration rules. Somehow they skip over the fact that millions of already registered voters don't vote. What's their excuse?

And of course, they pooh, pooh the idea that voter fraud might be encouraged. Well, in one state right now where they have such easy registration, the count in the last election of a congressman has been challenged. So far, they've found a half dozen oil stations, several warehouses and empty lots, a cemetery and two public parks that voted for him.

This is Ronald Reagan. Thanks for listening.

Postcard Registration (January 19, 1977)

Is a postcard really the answer to voter apathy or have we opened the door to wholesale voting by tombstones and empty lots. (I'll be right back.)

Everyone talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it – or so the saying goes. For the last few years maybe not everyone, but quite a few, have been talking about the number of Americans who don't take advantage of their hard fought right to vote. Unfortunately, some decided to do something about it.

In my own state (California), the legislature, with great fanfare, adopted postcard registration. There are now 14 out of the 50 states in which voter registration can be accomplished by mailing in a postcard. The reasoning behind this is that the low voter turnout is due to the slight difficulty involved in going to a registrar of voters. Of course, no one has pointed out that the same individual who finds this an insurmountable obstacle might also find going to the polls too inconvenient.

In California, now that you can register by postcard, we had 469,301 fewer eligible voters register than in 1972 and 1,005,716 fewer actually voting. In the 14 states that have adopted this method of registering, eight had decreases in registration – six had a slight increase. But 12 reported a decline in the number who actually voted. In Texas, one of the two showing an increase, registration went up by over a million, but there was no appreciable gain in the number of people who voted.

In spite of these questionable benefits, you can bet that Congress is going to try and pass a national postcard registration plan. The argument, of course, will be that citizens yearning to vote are prevented from doing so by the horrendous barrier of having to appear before a registrar. The answer to that is the one the American general gave to the German demand for surrender at the battle of Bastogne in WWII – "Nuts."

It is true that a great many citizens don't register and many who are registered, don't vote. Some just can't be bothered, but too many are disenchanting with the political process. There is a disillusionment with government; a feeling that government has failed us and that the political parties no longer have meaning. Too many Americans feel government has grown so big that they as individuals can have no effect on it.

cont'd p 4



©iStock.com/blzoo_n

A Polite Society cont'd from p 3

The answer to this and the responsibility of both parties is to show that only by participating can they help change the things that are wrong. Government by the people won't work if the people won't work at it.

When Congress tries to present postcard registration as the great solution, will they tell us it will also be a nightmare leading to another bureaucratic monster with a cost estimated at \$100 million and up? I'm sure they won't tell us how much it will open the door to massive vote fraud, always a threat to the democratic process.

The experience in the states where postcard registration is already in effect gives proof that fraud will be attempted and that there is virtually no protection against it under this system. In one of the 14 states, one individual sent in 108 applications, and only by accident was the fraud uncovered, but he or she was never identified. One application turned out to be a city park, hardly a qualified voter. Another was a gas station. There was a boarded up warehouse, a power company, vacant lots and a playground among others.

Why don't we try reverse psychology and make it harder to vote? That might also make it more desirable and attractive.

This is Ronald Reagan. Thanks for listening.

Abortion

I call America – a good nation, a moral people – to charitable but realistic consideration of the terrible cost of abortion on demand. To those who say this violates a woman's right to control of her own body: Can they deny that now medical evidence confirms the unborn child is a living human being entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Let us unite as a nation and protect the unborn with legislation that would stop all Federal funding for abortion and with a human life amendment making, of course, an exception where the unborn child threatens the life of the mother. Our Judeo-Christian tradition recognizes the right of taking a life in self-defense. But with that one exception, let us look to those others in our land who cry out for children to adopt. I pledge to you tonight I will work to remove barriers to adoption and extend full sharing in family life to millions of Americans, so that children who need homes can be welcomed to families who want them and love them.³

[In 1984, President Reagan announced "The Mexico City Policy" which required that nongovernmental organizations agree, as a condition of receiving any federal funding, that they "would neither perform nor actively promote abortion as a method of family planning in other nations." The Reagan-era policy was named for the location of the U.N. conference on population in Mexico City.]

ABORTION

President Donald Trump signed into law a resolution that allowed states to withhold federal funding for health care providers that perform abortions and proposed modifying the Title X family planning program making family planning clinics that refer patients or resources with abortion providers ineligible to receive funding. Additionally, healthcare providers would not be required to provide abortion counseling if it violated their moral or religious beliefs. President Biden revoked Executive Order 13765 and 13713 related to the Affordable Care Act.

President Trump signed an executive order to reinstate the 1984 Mexico City Policy, a policy regarding NGO funding and abortion established by President Reagan in 1984. Newly elected President Joe Biden rescinded the policy on January 28, 2021.¹

ECONOMY

Trump established the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act – the first major tax reform signed in 30 years, which provided tax relief for 82% of middle-class families; doubled the Child Tax Credit; nearly doubled the standard deduction, cut taxes and provided tax relief for small businesses; and lowered the corporate tax rate. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the U.S. labor market remained strong in 2019, as the unemployment rate fell to 3.5 percent, the lowest rate since 1969.

Biden wants federal minimum wage raised to \$15 an hour.

Economy

Youth Employment (September 6, 1977)

A few broadcasts back, I made reference to the looting in the New York blackout and the variety of excuses offered by some as explanation. (I'll be right back.)

Some have said the looting last July in New York was aggravated by not enough welfare. Others said it was the direct result of four decades of too much welfare. I, myself, have deplored a tendency in education to ignore teaching moral precepts. Columnist John Chamberlain recognized all these differing views in a recent column, but then came up with what might very well be the best explanation.

Idle hands can get into mischief. Juveniles who can't find summer jobs to keep them busy and to provide pocket money cannot only become bored, they can become resentful toward a society that seemingly doesn't need them.

John called attention to the fact that George Meany [President of the AFL-CIO] and President Carter were getting together on the minimum wage. Meany says it should be \$3 an hour, the President wanted to go to \$2.50. They finally settled on \$2.65. How many jobs that teenagers with no experience in the labor market can do have disappeared, because possible employers don't think the jobs they can do are worth \$2.65 an hour?

I remember a meeting I had with a group of youngsters from one of our minority neighborhoods while I was governor. These young people earnestly wanted an opportunity to work and earn. I expressed the view (backed by some available statistics) that jobs had been eliminated by the minimum wage, and that we needed a waiver for young people like themselves. I had thought they might possibly resent the suggestion that they should work below the prescribed pay level. I was wrong. They asked if I would help in trying to get the law changed. I've been trying ever since.

John Chamberlain's column reported the findings of the University of Chicago economist, Yale Brozen, in two masterful studies that prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that every time the minimum wage goes up, teenage unemployment goes right up with it.

Four Congressmen, Senators [James] McClure & [Orrin] Hatch and Representatives Clarence Brown and John Rousselot, were impressed enough by Brozen's figures to sponsor an independent study by Professor Williams of Temple University. That is now before the joint economic committee of Congress.

Teenage unemployment averages five times that of the civilian labor force over age 25. And youths between 20 and 24 average two and one-half times as much. Young people 16 to 24 are only one-fourth of the workforce; they are one-half of all the unemployed. And young blacks have an unemployment rate almost double that of their white contemporaries.

A Polite Society cont'd from p 4

Everyone must feel needed. I've never forgotten an episode a few years ago when one of our winter storms had churned up a high tide and rough surf, which threatened to undermine and destroy dozens of beautiful beach homes. All day and into the night, volunteers filled sandbags and built barricades.

It was sometime after midnight when a TV reporter stopped a young man in swimming trunks. It was so cold you could see his breath. Yes, he'd been at it all day. Yes, he was cold and tired. Did he live in one of those houses? No. Then, why? He was stopped for a second, then he said something so poignant, this average teenager, that it should be printed on a billboard. "I guess it's the first time we've ever felt needed."

This is Ronald Reagan. Thanks for listening.

Education

Schools (April 16, 1979)

If you believe your local school district is better qualified to run your schools than is the federal government, you'd better get ready to do battle. (I'll be right back.)

I believe a case can be made that the decline in the quality of public school education began when federal aid to education became federal interference in education.

Some years back when federal aid was first proposed, it was offered only on the basis that local governments were hard pressed to meet increasing school costs. At the time, many educators were fearful that control of the purse strings might mean control—period, and therefore, academic freedom would be lost.

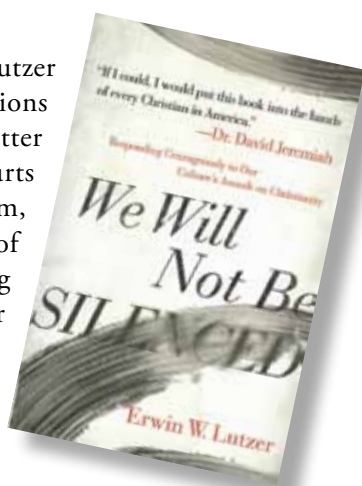
Of course, the proponents of federal aid denied they had any intention of interfering with school matters—they just wanted to help meet financial needs. Taking them at their word, Senator Norris Cotton of New Hampshire made a very common sense suggestion. He said if the problem was one of finance alone, then why not give to the states a tax source, which would be theirs to control and spend. He introduced a bill to turn over to the states the tobacco tax. There would be only one string attached: the proceeds were to be used for education. Of course, his bill was defeated, which should tell us something about what the proponents of federal aid really had in mind.

Last year, the National Education Association, which has favored a national school system for a long time, was defeated in its effort to get a bill passed creating a Federal Department of Education. The White House is pledged to such a department and has gone out of its way to tell the NEA (now one of the most potent lobbying forces in Washington) that it will continue to support the idea.

The question is, will we who oppose the plan do as we so often do and sit back thinking that last year's victory was the end of the war? If we do, we'll have—before the year is out—a bill creating a Department of Education. And that will mean the end of local control of our schools.

A MUST READ

In *We Will Not Be Silenced*, Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer prepares you to live out your convictions against a growing tide of hostility. Gain a better understanding of nonbelievers' legitimate hurts and concerns regarding issues like racism, sexism, and poverty. Identify the form of manipulation called "gaslighting" that is being used to destabilize you and question your judgement. In the process, you'll see how you can show compassion and gentleness to those outside of the faith without affirming their beliefs. (See back page to order your copy.)



EDUCATION

The President's FY2018 Budget Request included \$1 billion in funding grants for public school choice and \$250 million to promote private school choice. In his FY2019, budget President Trump proposed a \$5 billion federal tax credit for donations that fund scholarships to private and vocational schools, apprenticeship programs and other educational opportunities. His administration successfully implemented the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) to empower states to better educate their students.

Biden's Executive Order 14000 addressed the issues for schools relating to COVID-19 issues.²

The plan is to move fast before opposition can develop. The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee just recently passed out to the Senate floor by a 16 to 1 vote, a bill patterned after the one that was defeated last year. It seems likely that the Senate will pass it.

If it is to be defeated, it will have to be in the House. This won't be easy. Last year, the lobbying forces marshaled by H.E.W. were busy fending off tuition tax credits among other things. This year, nearly 100 organizations have lined up behind the NEA to flood Congress with letters and postcards. A meeting was held in January to plan strategy with top administration officials led by the vice president. One of the strategies is to nail down with new freshman congressmen before the opposition can get to them. Incidentally, samples of the letters and postcards were displayed at the meeting. They hope to put a half million of these in the mailboxes of Congress.

One congressman said: "What they want is a central national voice for establishing education policy." All of us should be aware that the new department will be of cabinet level. We'll be adding a new cabinet officer and creating a new bureaucracy of gigantic size to oversee the thousands and thousands of public schools now administered by local school districts.

When will we learn the wisdom of the old saying: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

This is Ronald Reagan. Thanks for listening.

cont'd p 6

SHORT LINES

WORDS OF LOVE

"Please don't kill the child. I want the child. Please give me the child. I am willing to accept any child who would be aborted, and to give that child to a married couple who will love the child, and be loved by the child. From our children's home in Calcutta alone, we have saved over 3,000 children from abortions. These children have brought such love and joy to their adopting parents, and have grown up so full of love and joy!"

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

"What is taking place in America," she said, "is a war against the child. And if we accept that the mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another."

— Mother Theresa 1910-1997

A Polite Society cont'd from p 5

HEALTHCARE

Offered, but not passed, during the Trump Administration was a proposal which recommended that reforms include full deductions of premiums for individual health plans on federal tax returns, provide block grants to finance state Medicaid programs, and allow insurers to sell insurance across state lines.

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a public health emergency of international concern over the COVID-19 outbreak. The following day, President Trump introduced a temporary ban on the admission of travelers from China 14 days prior to their travel to the U.S. The CARES Act was passed by Congress with overwhelming, bipartisan support and signed into law by President Trump on March 27, 2020.

Among other things, Biden's healthcare plan would bring back the penalty for not being covered under health insurance; allow undocumented immigrants to buy into the public option; and calls for the end of the Hyde Amendment, a provision that prevents federal funding for abortions unless a child is conceived through rape or incest or the mother's health is in jeopardy.³

Healthcare

Assembly Line Medicine II (July 9, 1979)

This is more about conveyor-belt medical care offered by government and why it can't compare with our own system of free choice. (I'll be right back.)

A former British cabinet minister once said of government medicine, "the demand for free medical care quickly outruns any possible provision for it."

On the last broadcast, I was talking about the Canadian healthcare system as described in "The American Spectator" by a Canadian journalist, F.S. Manor. Mr. Manor also touched on a report from Sweden where socialized medicine has been in effect a long time.

In this report, an official in the Swedish health service said he was very much against physical check ups. He declared they were "expensive and wasteful, since only seldom would a doctor find any pathological condition." But then, he went on to say that if any incipient disease is discovered—"it prompts the patient to insist on expensive modern treatment that will often prolong life for as many as 20 years, during which time, the patient will continue to make demands upon the state health services."

It is hard to believe that this man—part of the officialdom of governmental healthcare in Sweden—is saying the state prefers that you die young if the alternative is costly ongoing care at state expense.

I have seen other reports from other countries bearing out this same idea that some patients should be left to die if their treatment would be too prolonged and costly to the taxpayers.

This is done by simply putting them on a waiting list until nature takes its course.

Getting back to Canada, Mr. Manor cites the increasing number of doctors who leave Canada to practice in the U.S. In Canada, a moderately skilled doctor has to see three times as many patients each day to earn as much as his American counterpart. But, it isn't just pay that prompts his move. His schedule is so heavy that he can only spend an average of 10 to 11 minutes with each patient—that is, if they are all on time and passing

each other on the way in and out of his office. Recently, the Canadian government put pressure on our government to halt this migration of doctors to the U.S., and our government has now made it difficult for Canadian physicians to move across the border.

Mr. Manor speaks from some personal experience. One third of every tax dollar in Canada goes to pay for that "free" medical care. He estimates that he has paid about \$12,000 over the last five years for his so-called medical insurance.

Last year, he was knocked down by a hit and run driver. He woke up in a hospital where it was decided, without benefit of x-rays, that he only had swollen legs and multiple abrasions, and that he could go home.

Fortunately, he has a personal physician who happens to be associated with that hospital. X-rays were taken, and a more thorough examination given. He had suffered a concussion, an injured eye and a broken back. Even so, there was no room or hospital bed available, so he remained on a stretcher in the emergency room. His \$12,000 over five years hadn't bought him much of an insurance policy.

This is Ronald Reagan. Thanks for listening.

National Defense

A Cuba Documentary (February 14, 1975)

Documentaries are supposed to be fact, not fiction. (I'll be right back.)

The very word documentary invokes an image of research and a painstaking collecting of factual material for presentation. Those who read or see a documentary are entitled to believe they've been given an objective, thoroughly documented treatise on whatever the subject might be.

Not too long ago on this program, I discussed Cuba and gave some requirements I thought should be met before Uncle Sam welcomed that unhappy island back into the family of American nations. Now that was an editorial—an expression of opinion with which you could agree or disagree. Since then, one of our TV networks has presented (with a certain amount of fanfare) a quote, documentary, unquote and question mark. It was called, "Cuba—The People." Was it really a documentary, or was it an editorial effort—an expression of opinion, or was it just plain propaganda?

cont'd next page

IMMIGRATION

Trump enacted Executive Order 13780 (March 6, 2017) to develop a uniform baseline for screening and vetting standards and procedures applicable to all travelers who seek to enter the United States. It directed a review to strengthen the vetting process for the United States Refugee Admissions Program and also instructed the Secretary of State to suspend the travel of refugees into the United States under that program, and the Secretary of Homeland Security to suspend decisions on applications for refugee status, subject to certain exceptions. ... in order to determine, and implement, additional procedures to ensure that individuals seeking admission as refugees do not pose a threat to the security and welfare of the United States.

BIDEN: Executive Order 14013 (2-4-2021) revokes The Presidential Memorandum of March 6, 2017 (13780). He repealed the travel ban on Iran and 12 other nations within hours of taking office.⁴

A Polite Society cont'd from p 6

Basically, the message was that soon Cuba will no longer be an “underdeveloped” country, thanks to the success of socialism. The question is—how and when did Cuba become an underdeveloped country? Prior to Castro, Cuba led all her Latin neighbors in standard of living, literacy and any number of other desirable indices. For example, Cuba had more doctors in proportion to population; more automobiles; higher per capita income; more TV broadcasting and ownership of TV sets; more newspaper circulation; and even greater attendance at movies. In movie going, they were second only to us, which means they were second in the world.

The so-called documentary was of Cuba now and showed scenes of Cuban farmers plowing with oxen. I don’t know how widespread that is, but mechanized farming had reached a pretty high level back in Cuba, B.C.: Before Castro.

Let me read some lines from what has to be considered a real documentary – a report issued in May of 1962 by the Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The report was entitled, “Agriculture and Food Situation in Cuba.” “In 1958, Cuba was self-supporting in many foodstuffs such as meat, poultry, fish, eggs, milk, butter and cheese, tubers, vegetables, coffee and fruits of which there was a great variety and abundance. In the season, oranges were sold in pushcarts, in Havana, peeled, iced and ready to eat—at three, four or five for a nickel. “Under communism, food ration cards were introduced before the third year of the revolution expired. Oranges have become so scarce that they can only be purchased in pharmacies with a doctor’s prescription.”

I don’t know whether the makers of the documentary intended selling us socialism, or whether they were just set up by their Cuban hosts, but a truly objective documentary would have made it plain that the Cuba of today is not anywhere near as well off or economically sound as it was before Castro imposed communism on the people. Indeed, there is every

reason to believe Cuba would be in real trouble without the sizeable subsidy it gets from the Soviet Union.

In this day, when we are flooded with so many words on every subject, it behooves us to check some of those words out before we accept them as gospel. And that goes for my words, too. Make sure you’ve heard all the facts before you make up your mind.⁴

Korea (August 15, 1977)

Is relief that we didn’t have a nasty confrontation with North Korea over the murder of three young Americans the only emotion we should feel? (I’ll be right back.)

In the weeks that have elapsed since North Korea shot down one of our helicopters, killing three young soldiers, the principal editorial reaction has been one of praise for our forbearance, gratitude to North Korea for accepting our apology and relief that nothing really nasty came of the incident. Of course, this mutual conciliation was predicated upon completely forgetting how tragically final the incident was for three families; how drastic was the punishment for a simple error in navigation.

Unlike the seizure of the U.S.S. Pueblo nine years ago in international waters or the shooting down a year later of one of our planes with loss of 31 American lives (again over international waters)—our aircraft, this time, was at fault. It had strayed across the demilitarized zone into North Korean territory. This, we had to acknowledge, and [we] did.

It was proper also that we should choose our words carefully until we had return of the lone survivor and the bodies of the murdered men. In 1965, the North Koreans shot down an off course fighter plane, and it took a week to get return of the one survivor and the body of the man who was killed. In the case of the Pueblo, they held the crew for almost a year, and even though we were completely in the right, our government’s conduct shamed us before the world.

In this latest incident, the North Koreans, after a single day’s delay, accepted our apology, and we saw the return of our living and dead on the TV news. All across America, there was heard an editorial sigh of relief, and it went on for days. “The Los Angeles Times” referred to the three fatalities as “the servicemen who died.” As for the “handling of the matter,” the Times said, “the tone of the responses on both sides of the line appear to measure a more moderate relationship.”

Well, in the first place, the three young men didn’t die, they were killed. In the second place, why shouldn’t the North Koreans be moderate? They had shot down the inadvertent intruders, and we apologized. Again, let me say, it was proper for our government, since we were technically in the wrong, to be circumspect until our men living and dead were back in our hands. But enough already of this continued self-congratulation, as if we’d come through some terrible danger and were safe at last.

It’s time to remind ourselves and others of the difference in culture, in morals and in the levels of civilization between the free world and the communist ant heap. In the years since WWII, the Russians have killed more than 100 American servicemen in incidents similar to this. During

cont’d p 8

NATIONAL SECURITY

During the Trump administration, a deal was brokered between the United Arab Emirates and Israel and then another with Israel and Bahrain, uniting the countries in peace and diplomatic relations. Maximum pressure was put on North Korea to denuclearize. The president confronted Iran’s aggression by withdrawing from Obama’s flawed Iranian nuclear deal and ordered missile strikes against a Syrian airbase after the Assad regime used it to launch chemical weapons attacks against civilians. He placed sanctions on North Korea and directly confronted Russia for its threatening behavior, bolstering allies in the region. He signed into law The National Defense Authorization Act established the United States Space Force (a new branch of the military), ensuring American dominance in space, and modernizing the U.S. military to meet the security needs of the 21st century.

Biden has urged Vice President Kamala Harris “to engage with foreign leaders directly and develop her own rapport with key U.S. partners. ... the day after the inauguration, Harris called the director-general of the World Health Organization to discuss the U.S. role in the global Covid-19 response. Since then, she has held solo calls with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and French President Emmanuel Macron, given a speech at the State Department and ... participated in the first bilateral meeting of the new administration between the U.S. and Canada—an opportunity Biden himself was not afforded when he was vice president.⁵

SHORT LINES

Women’s Sports for Women

South Dakota is the first state to pass legislation this year protecting the rights of women to play sports with women. S. Dakota Gov. Noem will sign a bill defending women’s sports saying, “In South Dakota, we’re celebrating #InternationalWomensDay by defending women’s sports!” Backers of the bill say it promotes “fairness in women’s sports.” Legislatures in Alabama and Mississippi have also passed bills this month banning teen transgender athletes from participating in female sports.

A Polite Society cont'd from p 7

those years, they have violated our air space on occasion. We've kept them under surveillance until they departed, giving them the benefit of the doubt that they were accidentally off course. We never shot them down.

Since 1953, there have been more than 2,000 shooting incidents across the zone in Korea. Eighty Americans and almost 500 South Koreans have been killed. Last year, they attacked an American work detail in neutral territory and chopped two of our officers to death with axes. Now four young servicemen in an unarmed helicopter get off course and are shot down, three lose their lives and the fourth is saved. The "Times" says our apology and the North Koreans acceptance of our apology shows we are getting along better.

It is time to weep for the men who were murdered. Time to offer our sympathy to their bereaved families, but most of all, express our outrage at a nation so paranoid it behaves like a homicidal maniac.

Human rights include the right of young boys to make an innocent mistake without having to forfeit their lives.

This is Ronald Reagan. Thanks for listening.

A Member of a Polite Society

In his book, "The New Reagan Revolution," Reagan's son, Michael, encourages readers to listen to his father's messages, because "the values he communicated are as fresh and vital today as they ever were. ... He always talked about 'us' and 'we.' He said 'we will work together,' 'we will meet these challenges,' 'we will never forget'."⁵

Regardless of the challenges that faced him, Ronald Reagan was polite, courteous, tactful, and respectful. Even when he addressed the most critical issues, he did it without shaming, humiliating or degrading. He spoke the honest truth and did not waiver from confronting the wrong. He left his beloved country with a wonderful legacy; his principles are timeless; and he had the answers to the problems that plague our world today. In his speech before the Republican National Convention in 1976, he said, "... We've got to quit talking to each other and about each other and go out and communicate to the world that—though we may be fewer in numbers than we've ever been—we carry the message they are waiting for."⁶

Our goal today must be to find a leader with "Reagan" attributes. **We need to find someone who can lead us in his footsteps.**



In This Time of moral and political crisis, it is the responsibility of the youth of America to affirm certain eternal truths.

Established in the 1960s by William F. Buckley, Jr., Young America's Foundation is committed to training the next generation of freedom fighters. In 1979, Ronald Reagan appropriately declared, "America is better off with leadership that reflects the philosophy, the principles, and the aspirations of Young Americans for Freedom. YAF's mission is to ensure that increasing numbers of young Americans understand and are inspired by the ideas of individual freedom, a strong national defense, free enterprise, and traditional values. The Foundation's programs include lectures on college and high school campuses, conferences throughout the U.S., campus activism initiatives and digital programs. Young America's Foundation also preserves the Ronald Reagan Ranch, runs the National Journalism Center (NJC), oversees Young Americans for Freedom, and publishes *Libertas* magazine.

Young America's Foundation
11480 Commerce Park Drive
Sixth Floor
Reston, VA 20191-9813
800-USA-1776

Encouragement for Today

Looking Out a Window (January 27, 1978)

It's nightfall in a strange town a long way from home. I'm watching the lights come on from my hotel room window on the 35th floor. (I'll be right back.)

I'm afraid you are in for a little bit of philosophizing, if you don't mind. Some of these broadcasts have to be put together while I'm out on the road traveling what I call the mashed potato circuit. In a little while, I'll be speaking to a group of very nice people in a banquet hall.

Right now, however, I'm looking down on a busy city at rush hour. The streets below are twin ribbons of sparkling red and white. Taillights on the cars moving away from my vantage point provide the red, and the headlights of those coming toward me, the white. It's logical to assume all or most are homeward bound at the end of a day's work.

I wonder why some social engineer hasn't tried to get them to trade homes. The traffic is equally heavy in both directions, so if they all lived in the end of town where they worked, it would save a lot of travel time. Forget I said that, and don't even think it, or some bureaucrat will try and do it.

But I wonder about the people in those cars: who they are, what they do, what they are thinking about as they head for the warmth of home and family. Come to think of it, I've met them. Oh, maybe not those particular individuals, but still I feel I know them. Some of our social planners refer to them as "the masses," which only proves they don't know them. I've been privileged to meet people all over this land in the special kind of way you meet them when you are campaigning. They are not "the masses," or as the elitists would have it, "the common man." They are very uncommon. Individuals, each with his or her own hopes and dreams, plans and problems, and the kind of quiet courage that makes this whole country run better than just about any other place on earth.

By now, thinking of their home coming, I'm counting how many more hotel room windows I'll be looking out of before I'm in the rush hour traffic heading home. And, yes, I'm feeling a little sorry for myself and envious of the people in those cars down below. It seems I've said a thousand goodbyes, each one harder than the one before.

Someone very wise once wrote that if we were all told one day that the end was coming, that we were living our last day, every road, every street and all the telephone lines would be jammed with people trying to reach someone to whom we wanted simply to say, "I love you."

But doesn't it seem kind of foolish to wait for such a final day and take the chance of not getting there in time? And speaking of time, I'll have to stop now!

OPERATOR, I'D LIKE TO MAKE A PHONE CALL – LONG DISTANCE.

This is Ronald Reagan. Thanks for listening.

Where Do We Go from Here?

Make a commitment to get involved! Run for school board member, mayor, Congress or even President of the United States. Michael Reagan lists these suggestions in his book, "The New Reagan Revolution":

1. **"Think grass roots—think local.** Success begins at the local level. ... go out and meet people, listen to them, and sell your conservative message on a retail basis, one voter at a time.
2. **"Build the party.** Ronald Reagan built the party. He gave speeches in support of candidates for governor, for Congress, for the state house, for mayor, and so forth. ... Start at the grass roots and build the party from the bottom up. If you want to win elections, listen to the people at the grass roots.

A Polite Society cont'd from p 8

3. **“Wave a banner of bold colors, no pale pastels.** Tell the world not only what you are against, but also what you are for. ... Keep pounding home a simple three-point Reaganesque theme: Lower taxes! Less government! A strong defense!
4. **“Be yourself.** To succeed in politics, you must relax and let your true, likable self come through. You must be yourself. When you speak, be authentic. Your message should be **we**, not I.
5. **“Win with optimism.** One of Ronald Reagan’s great strengths was his unconquerable optimism. ... [he] communicated hope and optimism even in hard times. ... Ronald Reagan always lifted America up. ... he never tired of telling people how wonderful America is.
6. **“Be a storyteller—and become a great communicator, like Ronald Reagan.** He always talked to you in parables. At the end of the parable, he hoped you’d draw the right conclusion—but if you didn’t get the point, he didn’t spell it out. He just hoped you’d think about it, and it would dawn on you later.
7. **“Guard your integrity.** [Be] an honest man [or woman] in politics.”⁷



©iStock.com/nzphotonz

If you are not ready to run for an office, here are some suggestions for being a part of Michael Reagan’s “New Reagan Revolution” in order to “carry the message to a waiting world”:

1. **Become a grassroots activist.** Use every means possible to spread the conservative message to friends, family, and neighbors. Have them over for dinner or a backyard barbecue. Start a conversation about the issues that affect our nation. Avoid arguing. Be a good listener! Share your convictions; start a book club; be vocal; support conservative candidates; volunteer; call your elected representatives; and hold them accountable for their records.
2. **Cut your candidate a little slack.** Don’t demand that a candidate agree with you on every issue. Hold candidates accountable, but also give them a chance to learn and grow in office.
3. **Be unified.** We have to maintain our unity as conservatives. That’s what Ronald Reagan preached—and that’s what he practiced. Attacking political opponents, mocking and satirizing, getting people angry and worked up—that’s all grist for talk radio, because talk radio is theater. ... elections are about people’s lives. ... Personal attacks poison the political well.

4. **Communicate compassion.** People could tell [Ronald Reagan] was compassionate by the way he spoke, the way he related to people, and the way he lived his life. Volunteer compassionate time and energy, sweat and tears.⁸

“Go out and communicate to the world a message of bold colors and bold integrity. Be the person who never compromises ethics and principles. Be the person who won’t take the money. Be the person who delivers the kind of honest government that *We the People* deserve.”⁹

In one of the last things that Donna Hearne wrote, she encouraged us to **pray** and reminded us that, “we can draw on a look forward to HOPE. *Count it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.* (James 1:2-8) With these attitudes, we can **SEIZE THE DAY**, for the good of our nation.” She ALWAYS encouraged us to **pray**.

Let us also endeavor to return America to a “polite society,” and be encouraged and emboldened by these words of Ronald Reagan:

“You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness. ... you and I have the ability and the dignity and the right to make our own decisions and determine our own destiny.”¹⁰

(Endnotes)

¹ Skinner, Kiron, Annelise and Martin Anderson, “Reagan, In His Own Hand,” The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, 2002, multiple pages.

² Reagan’s radio addresses always began with a “teaser,” followed by the statement “I’ll be right back” and a radio break. The close of his addresses were signed off, “This is Ronald Reagan. Thanks for listening.”

³ Reagan, President Ronald, “1988 State of the Union Message to Congress,” January 25, 1988.

⁴ Skinner, Kiron, Annelise and Martin Anderson, “Reagan’s Path to Victory,” FREE PRESS, A Division of Simon & Schuster, 2004, p. 5.

⁵ Reagan, Michael, “The New Reagan Revolution,” Thomas Dunne Books, an imprint of St. Martin’s Press, 2010, p. 295.

⁶ Ibid., p. 292.

⁷ Ibid., pp. 299-307.

⁸ Ibid., pp. 319-325.

⁹ Ibid., p. 307.

¹⁰ Reagan, Ronald Wilson, “A Time for Choosing, aka The Speech,” Rendezvous with Destiny, October 27, 1964.

(Endnotes for Call-outs)

¹ Memorandum on Protecting Women’s Health at Home and Abroad, January 28, 2021, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/28/memorandum-on-protecting-womens-health-at-home-and-abroad/>, accessed March 8, 2021.

² Executive Order 14,000, “Supporting the Reopening and Continuing Operation of Schools and Early Childhood Education Providers,” Federal Register, <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/01/26/2021-01864/supporting-the-reopening-and-continuing-operation-of-schools-and-early-childhood-education-providers>, accessed March 8, 2020.

³ Sotomayor, Marianna, “What’s in, and out, of Biden’s Health care plan,” Meet the Press Blog, March 8, 2021, <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/meet-the-press/blog>, accessed March 8, 2021.

⁴ Lipin, Michael, Nike Ching, Shahala Arasteh, “Biden’s Iran Travel Ban Repeal Reignites Debate about Whether US Can Effectively Vet Iranians,” VOA News on Iran, March 2, 2021, <https://www.voanews.com/middle-east/voa-news-iran/>, accessed March 8, 2021.

⁵ Daniels, Eugene and Natasha Bertrand, “Harris gets a crash course on foreign policy,” Politico, <https://www.politico.com/news/kamala-harris>, February 26, 2021, accessed March 8, 2021.



101st General Assembly, First Regular Session

The COVID-19 pandemic caused many changes regarding work in the Missouri Capitol. It is even more important that we are aware of what is happening as far as the bills presented and passed.

As citizens visiting the capitol, many changes have taken place. Access to the capitol and our legislators, has been relaxed since 2020, but many restrictions are still in place. For instance, a visitor does not have to wear a mask. Both the house and senate have passed rules for their employees dictating masks usage while working. The majority of Republican members do not require wearing masks to enter their offices, but most of the Democrat members do. Individual members of the general assembly are able to decide for themselves what policy will be in their offices.

For those visiting the capitol as lobbyist or concerned citizens, there have not been any problems meeting in person with Republican members to discuss legislation. Many of the appointments with Democrat members are via phone or ZOOM (even when in the same building). While attending an in-person appointment with a Democrat member, masks are usually worn to honor the rules of the office. Paid lobbyists wear masks. Members of the public who are at the capitol to “lobby” for liberty do not usually wear masks.

To reinforce the capitol police, there are usually two Missouri State Patrol troopers on each floor of the capitol, and at least six places are reserved for their vehicles on the circle in front of the capitol.

Hearing rooms, which could be reserved in the past, are no longer

available, and neither are the alcoves, which have always been accessible to the public for special events in the capitol.

The Legislative Library, having ALWAYS been open to the public, is now closed. The library has been a great place for citizens who are there without an office to make emergency copies (documents to be delivered to members of a committee or copies of the bills); print out information as needed on a day by day basis; use one of the two computer terminals; sit at the tables to work; or sit in one of the many chairs to chat with others. When everything else seems to be starting to “open up,” it makes no sense to close the Legislative Library.

Elected officials need to know that we support them and understand their challenges. They also need to know that we want them to support strong healthy conservative principles and make government smaller and less intrusive in our lives.

Stay informed and let your legislators know which bills you want them to support or oppose. You can use these links <https://house.mo.gov> and <https://senate.mo.gov> to find out who your state representative or senator is and their contact information. You may also use these links to find their webpages, to find information on specific bills, to see the hearing schedules, and more.

Our senators and representatives also need to know that we are behind them and that we recognize the challenges under which they are working. Why don't you contact yours even if it's just to say, **“Thank you for your dedication.”**

ABORTION/RIGHT TO LIFE

SB168 sponsored by Sen. Eric **Burlison** (R-20). Under this act, a child born alive during or after an abortion or attempted abortion shall have the same rights, privileges, and immunities as any other person, citizen, and resident of Missouri, including any other live-born child.

Any licensed, registered, or certified health care provider present at the time a child is born alive during or after an abortion or attempted abortion shall exercise the same degree of professional skill, care, and diligence to preserve the life and health of the child as a reasonably diligent and

conscientious provider would render to any other child born alive at the same gestational age, as well as ensure that the child is transported and admitted to a hospital following such care. **Last Action:** Heard in the Senate Health and Pensions Committee 3/3/2021.

SB398 sponsored by Sen. Bill **Eigel** (R-23). Under this act, no public funds shall be paid, granted, or expended, directly or indirectly, to an abortion facility or any affiliate of an abortion facility, or for abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research. **Last action:** Heard in the Senate Health and Pensions Committee 3/3/2021.

SB443 sponsored by Sen. Mike **Moon** (R-29). This act establishes the “Right to Due Process Act.” Under this act, the General Assembly finds that the life of each human being begins at fertilization and each person is deemed a person beginning at the time of fertilization. Children in women's wombs and their parents have protectable interests in the life, health, and well-being of such children.

Law enforcement officers, officers of the court, and any licensed or state-regulated entities shall affirmatively enforce the provision of the Missouri Constitution that states no person shall be deprived of life,

MO Legislation cont'd from p 10

liberty, or property without due process of law. **Last action:** Second Read and referred to Senate Health and Pensions Committee 2/25/2021.

CHILDREN AND MINORS

HB33 sponsored by Rep. Suzie **Pollock** (R-123). Prohibits medical providers from administering any medical or surgical treatment for the purpose of gender reassignment for anyone under the age of eighteen. Any licensed health professional who assists in prohibited actions will be subject to license revocation and any parent who obtains such treatment for a child shall be reported to the Department of Social Services Children's Division for child abuse. **Last Action:** Public Hearing Completed 3/10/2021.

HJR53 sponsored by Rep. Chuck **Basye** (R-47). Upon voter approval this proposed Constitutional amendment requires that students who participate in sex-separated athletic contests only be allowed to participate in those for the biological sex found on the student's birth certificate. **Last action:** Heard in the House Emerging Issues Committee on 3/3/2021.

SB442 sponsored by Sen. Mike **Moon** (R-29). Under this act, any physician, surgeon, nurse, or other health personnel shall be prohibited from administering any hormonal treatment or performing any surgical treatment for the purpose of gender reassignment for a child under 18. Any physician, surgeon, nurse, or other health personnel willfully and knowingly violating or assisting in the violation of this provision shall be subject to having his or her professional license, application for a license, or authority to practice his or her profession rejected or revoked. Under this act, a person commits the offense of abuse or neglect of a child if such person coerces a child who is under 18 to undergo any surgical or hormonal treatment for the purpose of gender reassignment. **Last action:** Hearing Conducted S Seniors, Families, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee 3/10/2021.

SB335 sponsored by Sen. Rick **Brattin** (R-31). This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Protect Young Minds Online Act." Under this act, an internet service provider shall authenticate access to obscene websites and redirect an obscene website to a web page that provides the subscriber, as such term is defined in the act, the ability to enter an authentication in order to gain access to the obscene website. **Last action:** Voted Do Pass S Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee 3/3/2021.

HB919 sponsored by Rep. Doug **Richey** (R-38). Requires internet companies who want to do business in Missouri to provide filter on service with ability for subscriber to create password to enable authentication to continue to flagged site. Subscriber is not to share said password with minor. **Last action:** Referred to House General Laws Committee on 3/4/2021.

CONSTITUTION

Article V Convention to Propose Amendments to the Constitution

SCR1 sponsored by Sen. Bill **White** (R-32). This concurrent resolution applies to the United States Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution, for the calling of a convention of the states for the limited purpose of proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution to give states the authority to repeal a Federal rule, regulation, or statute, or a federal court ruling relating to such Federal action. The application shall expire five years after the passage of this resolution. **Last action:** Hearing Conducted S Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee 2/23/2021.

SCR4 sponsored by Sen. Eric **Burlison** (R-20). This concurrent resolution applies to the United States Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution, for the calling of a convention of the states for the limited purpose of proposing amendments to the U.S. Constitution that impose fiscal restraint on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for federal officials and members of Congress. This application repeals and supercedes the application for an Article V Convention adopted by the General Assembly in **SCR4** (2017) with no sunset clause. **Last action:** Hearing Conducted S Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics Committee 2/23/2021.

HCR17 sponsored by Rep. Curtis **Trent** (R-133). This concurrent resolution calls for a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States for the purpose of amending the Constitution to impose fiscal restraint on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and create term limits for federal officials and members of Congress. This application repeals the application for an Article V convention adopted by the General Assembly in **SCR4** and has no sunset clause in it. **Last action:** Voted Do Pass in House General Laws committee on 3/9/2021.

COVID LIABILITY

SS#2/SCS/SBs 51 & 42 sponsored by Sen. Tony **Leutkemeyer** (R-34). This act establishes provisions of law relating to liability in COVID-19 related actions. No individual or entity engaged in businesses, services, activities, or accommodations shall be liable in any COVID-19 exposure action, as defined in the act, unless the plaintiff can prove by clear and convincing evidence that: (1) The individual or entity engaged in recklessness or willful misconduct that caused an actual exposure to COVID-19; and (2) The actual exposure caused personal injury to the plaintiff. **Last action:** Heard in House Special Committee on Litigation Reform on 3/9/2021.

EDUCATION CHOICE

HB349 sponsored by Rep. Phil **Christofanelli** (R-105). Establishes the "Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program." **Last action:** Reported to and First Read in the Senate on 3/1/2021.

SCS SB55 sponsored by Sen. Cindy **O'Laughlin** (R-18). This act establishes the "Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Board" to administer the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program; expands charter schools to any school district located within a charter county as well as in any municipality with a population greater than 30,000; this act modifies the calculation of the amount a school district with one or more pupils attending a charter school shall pay to the charter school; modifies public school accreditation, expands gifted education; modifies weighted average attendance; adds reading success effort, includes homeschool students in school sports; allows a school district to offer an elective social studies unit on the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament of the Bible, or the New Testament of the Bible; modifies in-school attendance. **Last action:** Placed on Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection 3/18/2021.

ELECTION INTEGRITY

HCS HB738 sponsored by Rep. Bill **Rone** (R-149) This bill changes election laws. In its main provisions are voter roll cleanup, establish the use of paper ballots only, except for one electronic machine per polling place for the handicapped, establish no excuse absentee voting three weeks prior to election in designated places, establishes photo ID, repeals a provision allowing challengers to presidential primary elections to collect information about party

MO Legislation cont'd from p 11

ballots and disclose such information after polls close, allows candidates to select poll watchers at their own expense to monitor an election, prohibits the payment of persons for soliciting voter registration applications and requires registration of any person soliciting more than 10 voter registration applications, authorizes the counting of absentee ballots received in person prior to election day and those received by mail or authorized drop box prior to the closing of polls on election day, prohibits the use of mail-in ballots, with the exception of current absentee ballot use as allowed by law. **Last action:** Reported Do Pass by the House Rules - Administrative Oversight Committee on 3/8/2021.

HB920 sponsored by Rep. Ben **Baker** (R-160). Changes the election day for the election of political subdivision and special district officers to the first Tuesday after the first Monday from April to November each year. **Last action:** Placed on the informal perfection calendar on 3/8/2021.

GOVERNMENT

Limiting Power of Civil Government during Declarations of Emergency

SCS SB12 sponsored by Sen. Bob **Onder** (R-2). This act modifies several provisions relating to public health. This act provides that the state, any state agency, political subdivision, county commission, county health center board, or person is prohibited from enacting, adopting, maintaining, or enforcing measures during a declared state of emergency that would restrict, directly or indirectly, the free exercise of religion. **Last action:** Placed on the Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection on 3/9/2021.

HB75 sponsored by Rep. **Jim Murphy** (R-94). This bill provides time limited authority for political subdivisions to order closures of businesses, churches, schools, or other public gatherings for reasons of

public health or safety. A public official is authorized to order closure for up to 15 days, then for a second period of up to 15 days upon approval of the government entity's legislative body. **Last action:** Perfected in the House on 3/3/2021.

MARRIAGE

HB1282 sponsored by Rep. Adam **Schnelting** (R-104). Changes the laws regarding marriage and replaces marriage licenses with contracts of domestic union. **Last action:** Heard in the House Downsizing State Government Committee on 3/3/2021.

HB1207 sponsored by Rep. Mitch **Boggs** (R-157). This bill establishes the "Missouri Covenant Marriage Act," which shall allow interested parties intent on marriage to apply for a covenant marriage license, the covenant marriage license will be considered the equivalent of a standard marriage license for state purposes. **Last action:** Second Read in House 2/23/2021.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

HB61 sponsored by Rep. Adam **Schnelting** (R-104). This bill establishes the "Missouri Religious Liberty Act." The bill specifies that during a state of emergency declared by the governor or through orders issued by the Department of Health and Senior Services regarding infectious, contagious, communicable, or dangerous diseases, neither the state nor any political subdivision can impose restrictions on a religious house of worship with the intent to make or the effect of making religious services impractical. Such orders cannot prohibit religious services that are held on private property. **Last action:** Referred to House Rules - Administrative Oversight Committee on 3/9/2021.

HB575 sponsored by Alex **Riley** (R-134). This bill establishes the "Missouri Religious Freedom Protection Act," which prohibits a public official, as defined in the bill, from issuing an order that has the effect of limiting or prohibiting religious groups from holding religious services or meetings. The bill also prohibits a public official from issuing an order that has the effect

of limiting or prohibiting places of worship from holding religious services or meetings. **Last action:** Referred to House Rules - Administrative Oversight Committee on 3/9/2021.

SCS SB12 sponsored by Sen. Bob **Onder** (R-2). This act modifies several provisions relating to public health. This act provides that the state, any state agency, political subdivision, county commission, county health center board, or person is prohibited from enacting, adopting, maintaining, or enforcing measures during a declared state of emergency that would restrict, directly or indirectly, the free exercise of religion. **Last action:** Placed on the Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection on 3/9/2021.

SECOND AMENDMENT

HB85 sponsored by Rep. Jered **Taylor** (R-139). Establishes the "Second Amendment Preservation Act," which creates additional protections to the right to bear arms. **Last actions:** Passed in House on 2/4/2021 and first read in the Senate on 2/8/2021.

SB39 sponsored by Sen. Eric **Burlison** (R-20). This act creates the "Second Amendment Preservation Act," and lists various declarations of the Missouri General Assembly regarding the United States Constitution and the scope of the federal government's authority. In addition, the act declares that federal supremacy does not apply to federal laws that restrict or prohibit the manufacture, ownership, and use of firearms, firearm accessories, or ammunition within the state because such laws exceed the scope of the federal government's authority. Laws necessary for the regulation of the land and the United States Armed Forces are excluded from the types of federal firearms laws that exceed federal authority. **Last action:** Voted Do Pass in Senate General Laws Committee on 1/26/2021.

HB52 sponsored by Rep. Adam **Schnelting** (R-104) Allows concealed carrying of firearms on public transportation systems and transporting nonfunctional or unloaded firearms on public buses. **Last actions:** Third read and passed in the House of Representatives and reported to the Senate and First Read on 3/8/2021.

TAXES

SB 24 sponsored by Sen. Bill **Eigel** (R-23). Reduces the personal property assessment rate from 33.3% to 0.001% over five years. Current law requires that personal

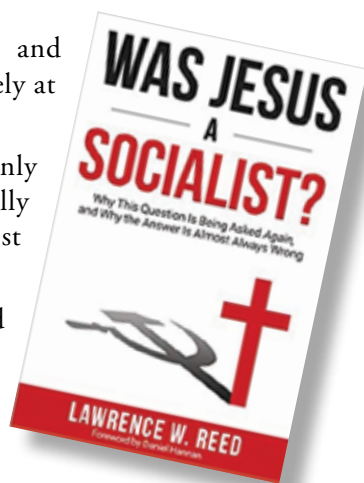
A MUST READ

"Mr. Reed demonstrates how Christianity and socialism, far from being in sync, are ultimately at odds with each other." — *Washington Times*

"Here's an entire book that explains not only how that isn't true but also how we can really know it isn't true." — Eric Metaxas, radio host and #1 New York Times bestselling author

"A timely, lively, learned and well-argued masterpiece that deftly demolishes the claims that Jesus was at heart a Marxist." — Steve Forbes

(See back page to order your copy.)



MO Legislation cont'd from p 12

property be assessed at 33.3% of its true value in money. This act requires political subdivisions to annually reduce such percentage such that the amount by which the revenue generated by taxes levied on such personal property is substantially equal to any growth in revenue generated by real property assessment growth, as defined in the act. Annual reductions shall be made until the percentage of true value in money at which personal property is assessed is equal to one-thousandth of one percent.

SB 24 also authorizes a tax deduction for taxpayers with a qualifying child dependent who is attending elementary or secondary school remotely due to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2. The tax deduction shall be equal to the lesser of \$1,500 or the amount of expenses incurred during the 2020 or 2021 calendar year for personal computers and school supplies, as defined in the act, digital subscriptions required by the qualifying child's school district, tutoring services, and internet access. **Last Actions:** Defeated on Perfection Vote, 3/8/2021.

LOCAL ELECTIONS

In Missouri on the first Tuesday in April (April 6, 2021), elections are held for local school boards and municipal governments. Because this involves thousands of candidates, it is beyond **FRONT LINE's** scope to survey all of them and then report their policy preferences. Therefore, it falls upon you, the citizen, to find out *who* they are, and then contact them about *why* they are running and *what* they believe are the important issues to address. To help your conversations with them, here are just a few suggestions. Obviously, there will be more local issues to discuss. Check your local community newspaper to get up to speed.

Be sure to keep thorough notes on your conversation with candidates, including their name, date and time you talked to them for accuracy, so you can follow up with those elected and help keep them accountable.

SCHOOL BOARD

1. If you were provided with reputable statistics showing gun-free zones attract more gun shootings, would you favor training qualified and interested teachers in gun safety and defense of the classrooms and posting signs around the school informing the public that some teachers and administrators were trained and armed?
2. Are you familiar with the actual teaching materials, resources and teacher's materials of the "Sexual Health Curriculum" (or comparable curricula) and do you support them?
3. Would you favor requiring an Opt-In for controversial curricula such as the Sexual Health instead of an Opt-Out?
4. Are you familiar with the actual content of the American history curriculum at all grade levels? and can you share how much tells the positive stories and achievements of America versus teaching its faults? Comments
5. Have you checked out whether the schools present Islam and Christianity fairly and equally?

6. Is Sharia Law fairly and accurately contrasted with the Constitution?
7. Do you know who paid for and had input into the curriculum on Islam?
8. Would you favor removing state and federal assessments and replacing it with classroom-generated tests? (State and Federal assessments are ONLY for the purpose of data collection and control by those entities of the classroom – they are never useful for teacher feedback on the individual student. Classroom tests are. Tests measure knowledge acquisition where assessments are primarily to gauge students against other students.)
9. What guarantee do you have that no data can be traced back to the individual students once it leaves the school premises?

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

1. Do you know how much local funding goes to fulfilling international agreements such as the UN's efforts on sustainability?
2. Do you think zoning should be used for health and safety issues alone?
3. Should zoning be used to force aesthetics on the private property owner?
4. Should a zoning infraction be criminalized?
5. Do you believe the local citizen knows best how to take care of his own home or business?
6. Would you favor encouraging local citizens to individually step up and help a neighbor who is having trouble maintaining his property instead of using the threat of fines?
7. Is your municipality involved in the Smart Cities movement?
8. Do you favor comprehensive camera coverage of all areas of your community: residential as well as business?
9. Do you favor using eminent domain on homeowners to build a dense fabric of walking and bike paths through their yards?

SHORT LINES

CANCEL CULTURE OR CAPITAL GAIN?



Alas, they've come for Dr. SEUSS.
They wish to hang him with a noose.
They claim his tales were racist bent.
They judged him fast, missed what he meant.

But if we look inside his tales,
We'll find the balance of the scales.
Remember Horton heard a Who,
And wisdom of the Lorax, too.

The lesson behind Green Eggs and Ham,
That changed the mind of Sam, I Am.
Remember too, the rotten Grinch,
Who once would never give an inch.

He taught us lessons, one and all,
Boys and girls, big and small.
His impact was beyond compare,
He taught us it was good to care.

So if you've judged his works as poor,
You should re-read them, I implore.
The man we know as Dr. Seuss,
Turned our imaginations loose.

His impact was beyond compare,
He taught us it was good to care.
To accept the red, blue, green,
And on each other we can lean.

So if you still won't give an inch,
Your heart has hardened like the Grinch.
Release the grudge, the hate, the rue,
Embrace the hope of Cindy Lou.

— Poem copied from Facebook post.

Dr. Seuss Enterprises explains on their website that six of Dr. Seuss's books (out of 40+ titles) are being cancelled for publication. They explain that, "working with a panel of experts, including educators, [we] reviewed our catalog of titles and made the decision last year to cease publication and licensing of the following titles [all "non-sellers"]: *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street* [5,000 copies sold last year], *If I Ran the Zoo*, *McElligot's Pool* [not sold in years], *On Beyond Zebra!*, *Scrambled Eggs Super!*, and *The Cat's Quizzer* [not sold in years]. These books portray people in ways that are hurtful and wrong. ... Putting the merits of the books aside, removing *Green Eggs and Ham* [338,000] copies sold last year] would be a completely different business proposition from doing away with new printings of *McElligot's Pool*. *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* — always popular as a high school graduation gift — sold more than 513,000 copies. Regardless of the content, books go out of print every day if they don't sell, and indeed, some of the Seuss books would likely be in that category.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS

H.R. 1 — For the People Act of 2021

Every single Democrat in the House of Representatives sponsored **H.R. 1 – For the People Act of 2021**. This bill will completely shatter America's confidence in our election process. It oversteps constitutional limits by seeking to curtail the states' rights in an attempt to federalize election procedures and permanently alter the power balance to favor one political party.

H.R. 1 undermines the First Amendment. H.R. 1 undoes key Supreme Court cases that protect elections as fundamental to free speech. It would allow the Federal Election Commission to track and catalogue more of what Americans are saying, register even very small political donations, and make public those who donate to different charitable and nonprofit organizations. The legislation will subject private citizens to intimidation and harassment for their private and political beliefs, far broader than what was done in the IRS targeting scandal in 2013.

H.R. 1 yanks election authority away from the states. H.R. 1 reasserts the ability of the federal government to micromanage state elections through a process known as "preclearance." Preclearance, which was previously overturned by the Supreme Court, requires states to get permission from the federal government for changes as small as modifying the hours of an election office or moving a voting location from a school gym to the library. Critically, none of these practices would undo any fraud or corruption. Rather, these same practices result in incorrect registrations and inaccurate voter data, while failing to address actual corrupt practices like ballot harvesting. Moreover, they are all designed to eliminate the federalism that keeps elections transparent, local, and fair.

H.R. 1 attacks individual voter integrity. America was founded on the principle of "one person, one vote." H.R. 1 turns this on its head by weaponizing every aspect of the political regulatory system. The Federal Election Commission, which is currently a neutral body, would be given a 3-2 makeup, guaranteeing a partisan outcome with little accountability toward the actual votes which are cast. H.R. 1 also includes a 600 percent government match for political donations, and authorizes even more public dollars to campaigns. The bill also wants to make "Election Day" a new paid holiday for government workers, with additional paid vacation given to bureaucrats to oversee the polls. All of these changes are designed to distance the outcome of the election from those casting their votes.

H.R. 1 would implement the following changes:

- Forces states to implement mandatory voter registration, removing civic participation as a voluntary choice, and increasing chances for error.
- Mandates that states allow all felons to vote.
- Forces states to extend periods of early voting.
- Mandates same-day voter registration, which encourages voter fraud.
- Limits the ability of states to cooperate to see who is registered in multiple states at the same time.
- Prohibits election observers from cooperating with election officials to file formal challenges to suspicious voter registrations.
- Criminalizes protected political speech by making it a crime to "discourage" someone from voting.



- Bars states from making their own laws about voting by mail.
- Prohibits chief election officials in each state from participating in federal election campaigns.
- Mandates free mailing of absentee ballots.
- Mandates that states adopt new redistricting commissions.
- 16 year olds will be allowed to vote while in school (guided by unionized teachers).
- No photo ID will be required.
- Criminalizes an individual if an elected official is told they will be "primaried" if they vote or do not vote for particular bills.
- Criminalization if you ask an individual voting if they are an American citizen.
- Ballot harvesting is allowed.
- States not allowed to clear individuals off their voting roles if they move out of state.

H.R. 1 would cause sweeping and irrevocable damage to the free speech, privacy, and voting integrity that are central components to free and fair elections in America.

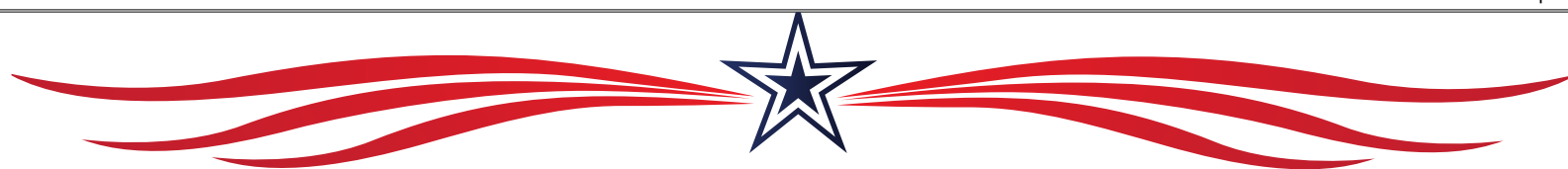
The bill has been passed out of the U.S. House of Representatives and is awaiting a vote in the U.S. Senate. Contact your legislators, especially your U.S. Senators, TODAY to express your opinion on this massive piece of legislation.

Your freedom depends on it.

H.R. 5 — U.S. Equality Act of 2021 Gaslighting Sexual Orientation

H.R. 5 has quickly come through the U.S. House and was passed on February 18, 2021, by a vote of 224-206 along party lines (with three Republicans joining Democrats to vote in favor of the legislation). It is now awaiting vote in the U.S. Senate, and they are expected to take up the bill very soon.

The proposed **Equality Act of 2021 (H.R. 5)** would make mainstream beliefs about marriage, biological facts about sex differences, and many sincerely held beliefs punishable under the law. The **Equality Act** makes discrimination the law of the land



RESTORING ELECTION INTEGRITY

How to Make It Easy to Vote and Tough to Cheat

Thor Hearne¹

Former Secretary of State James A. Baker, III observed that the winner of an election can always be persuaded they won in a fair and honest election. The challenge, Secretary Baker said, is to have an election (especially a very close election) in which the losing candidate (and that candidates' supporters) believe the election to have been fair and honest even though they did not win.

Secretary Baker co-chaired the Commission on Federal Election Reform with President Jimmy Carter. After considering the testimony of many experts and election officials from throughout the nation and across the political spectrum the Carter-Baker commission issued its highly praised report in 2005. The Carter-Baker Commission addressed the "crisis of confidence" many Americans had in our nations' election system after the 2000 presidential election and the *Bush v. Gore* litigation. The Carter-Baker Commission made a series of specific recommendations to increase public confidence in American elections.²

The bi-partisan Commission identified five central principles necessary for fair and honest elections.

- Current and accurate voter rolls.
- Requiring voters to provide photo ID to validate the persons eligibility to cast a ballot.
- Measures to achieve the greatest level of confidence and opportunity for all eligible voters to cast a ballot.
- Voting machines that tabulate ballots accurately and can be verified with a paper record.
- Fair, impartial election administration with transparency and provided observers a meaningful opportunity to view all aspects of the conduct of the election.

Among the specific recommendations to combat mail-in vote fraud and voter registration fraud was a prohibition "ballot harvesting." The Commission recommended "[a]ll states should prohibit a person from handling absentee ballots other than the voter, an acknowledged family member, the U.S. Postal service ... or election officials. The practice in some states of allowing candidates or party workers to pick up and deliver absentee ballots should be eliminated."

Indiana adopted the Carter-Baker Commission's recommendation and required voters to identify themselves with a photo ID that was provided to all eligible voters for free. Democrat activists and partisan operatives sued to have Indiana's photo ID law declared unconstitutional. The Supreme Court relied heavily upon the Carter-Baker Report in concluding that Indiana was justified in adopting a photo ID law as a means to prevent vote fraud and safeguard voters' confidence in the election. *Crawford v. Marion County Elec. Bd.* 553 U.S. 181 (2008). The Supreme Court wrote,

"There is no question about the legitimacy or importance of the State's interest in counting only the votes of eligible voters. Moreover, the interest in orderly administration and accurate recordkeeping provides a sufficient justification for carefully identifying all voters participating in the

election process." Following *Crawford* the federal Courts of Appeal have upheld similar photo ID laws and protections against vote fraud. *Lee v. Virginia*, 843 F.3d 592 (4th Cir, 2016) is an example. Hillary Clinton's attorney Marc Ellis unsuccessfully tried to overturn Virginia's voter ID law in the 2016 presidential election. Relying upon the Carter-Baker report and the Supreme Court's decision in *Crawford*, the Fourth Circuit unanimously upheld Virginia's voter ID law.

In the 2020 presidential election, a calculated strategy was mounted to rig the election by changing the rules for the conduct of the election. Democrats bragged about this coordinated assault on our election process in a recent *Times* magazine article. A centerpiece of this effort was changing the rules governing the conduct of the election with lawsuits filed before friendly judges and state and local election officials changing the rules under the pretext of the Covid-19 virus. Excluding observers from monitoring the conduct of the election, mailing out a massive number of ballots that could not be verified, and ballot harvesting by political operatives were only some of the tactics that undermined public confidence in the outcome. The federal and state constitution provide that the state legislatures are to establish the laws governing the conduct of elections. These election laws cannot be rewritten by judges or executive branch officials. Furthermore, arbitrarily changing election rules to favor only certain partisan precincts such as the Democrat Wayne County in Michigan violates the Constitution's guarantee of equal protection as explained by the Supreme Court in *Bush v. Gore*.

The Democrat House has now passed **H.R. 1** which is a highly-partisan election bill that (if passed by the Senate) would institutionalize what the Democrats sought to do with litigation and arbitrary orders by state and local election officials during the 2020 election. **H.R. 1** is the antithesis of the bipartisan Carter-Baker Commission's recommendations. **H.R. 1** would, among its other evils, eliminate voter ID, prevent the states from removing dead and fraudulent names from the voter registration rolls, require mail-in voting and allow ballot harvesting. These and the other provisions of **H.R. 1** promote election fraud, would allow future elections to be rigged and destroy any basis for Americans' confidence in the outcome of our elections. The constitutional infirmities of **H.R. 1** are legion, and it will hopefully not pass the Senate.

Every American, of whatever political party, should be vigilant to preserve and protect the integrity of our elections. If elections can be rigged, stolen and manipulated, then we will have lost our nation and it will be very difficult, or impossible, to regain.



(Endnotes)

¹ Thor Hearne is the eldest son of Donna Hearne. Thor was President George W. Bush's national election counsel in 2004, served as legal counsel to Secretary of State Baker on the Carter-Baker Commission, represented the leadership of the House and Senate in the Supreme Court in *Crawford*, successfully represented the Commonwealth of Virginia defending the state's voter ID law in *Lee v. Virginia* and represented President Donald J. Trump and Michigan voters in election litigation during the 2020 presidential election.

² "Building Confidence in U.S. Elections," Center for Democracy and Election Management, September 2005, https://www.foxnews.com/projects/pdf/election_reform_report.pdf, accessed March 14, 2021.

by forcing Americans to conform to **GOVERNMENT-MANDATED BELIEFS** under the threat of life-ruining financial and criminal penalties. Presented as a bill with common sense and decent protections against discrimination, **H.R. 5** is anything but. The **Equality Act** politicizes medicine and education and demolishes existing civil rights and constitutional freedoms.¹

It would prohibit schools, hospitals, “public accommodations,” and in some cases churches from discriminating against individuals on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity; legally oblige those establishments to accommodate transgender persons in accordance with their preferred gender identity; remove a major “conscience protection” for religious workers, including healthcare workers, and thereby indirectly weaken the legal position of religious employers in hiring workers in accordance with their religious ethos; leave religious colleges open to being cut off from federal assistance if they violate Title VI non-discrimination rules, and could indirectly weaken their protection against having their accreditation removed.

Specifically, it would:

- Designate schools, churches, and healthcare organizations as “public accommodations.” With this, schools, churches, and hospitals could be forced to accept the government’s beliefs and mandates about sexual orientation and gender identity. That would be highly intrusive and incredibly far-reaching. It will threaten everyday speech where people can be fined or lose their jobs for using the wrong name or pronouns.
- Legislate that we allow boys in girls’ sports, boys in girls’ locker rooms, men in women’s shelters, and men in women’s prisons. It will force teachers and students to publicly pretend that a biological male is a female. Schools will be encouraged or mandated to instruct young children that they can choose to be a boy or a girl, or neither, or both—making biological sex (and science) a relic of the past.
- Use the force of law across all 50 states to strip Christian and other religious ministries of their right to hire people of shared faith to pursue a shared mission. Can you imagine a Christian organization being forced to hire people hostile to its deeply held beliefs who have no passion for its beliefs, teachings, and mission?
- Strip health professionals of their rights of conscience. It will force doctors and medical professionals who long to do no harm to engage in gender transition treatments such as hormone-

blocking, cross-sex hormones or surgery. It is obvious that a Catholic or faith-based hospital should not have to perform gender transition surgeries that go entirely against all they believe.

- Be a tool used by the government to deny or threaten accreditation to religious colleges and universities if they do not satisfy the demands of the secular Left to apply sexual orientation and gender identity to dorms, sports, places of privacy and even teachings. The Act could be used as a weapon to threaten the availability of federal student loans and grants to students at certain disfavored religious schools.²

In their brochure, “The **Equality Act**: How Could Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Laws Affect You?” the Heritage Foundation, offers the following:

Congress should honor the Constitutional freedoms of all Americans to think, work, and live according to their beliefs on marriage and biological sex. SOGI legislation wrongly conflates disagreement on these issues with discrimination. All people should be treated with dignity and respect and powerful market and cultural forces are deterring discrimination against anyone simply because they identify as gay or transgender. State SOGI laws have punished non-conformity to cultural orthodoxy. Federal laws should not exacerbate social conflict by doing the same. Anti-discrimination laws are supposed to be shields from invidious discrimination, not swords to punish non-conformity. Our laws should honor the freedom to hold different beliefs in order to protect true diversity and promote tolerance.³

The bill has been passed out of the U.S. House of Representatives and is awaiting a vote in the U.S. Senate. Contact your legislators, especially your U.S. Senators, TODAY to express your opinion on this piece of legislation.

(Endnotes)

¹ “11 Myths About H.R. 5, The Equality Act of 2021,” Heritage.Org, <https://www.heritage.org/gender/report/11-myths-about-hr-5-the-equality-act-2021>, accessed March 12, 2021.

² Graham, Franklin, “We Cannot Remain Silent!” Samaritan’s Purse, [samaritan.org](https://www.samaritan.org/), February 24, 2021, accessed February 24, 2021.

³ “The Equality Act: How Could Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Laws Affect You?” <https://www.heritage.org/gender/heritage-explains/the-equality-act>, Heritage.org, 2019_01_0003_SOGIOne-Pager_DIGITAL-cover.pdf, accessed March 12, 2021.

RETURN COUPON Send to: *FRONT LINE*, PO Box 37054, St. Louis, MO 63141

_____ I would like to distribute bulk copies of *FRONT LINE*. Please send me _____ copies.

(50 copies = \$48; 100 copies = \$73; 150 copies = \$95; 200 copies = \$117; 300 copies = \$180; 500 copies = \$261) (Includes S&H)

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ or



Card # _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Exp. date _____ / _____ CVS Code _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ (UPS does not deliver to PO Box addresses.)

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

I want to help *FRONT LINE* continue the work of this important publication with a donation of \$ _____.

(All prices include shipping and handling.)

Please send me the following (includes shipping & handling):

_____ *The Long War and Common Core* \$10

_____ *We Will Not Be Silenced* \$12

_____ *Was Jesus a Socialist?* \$10

