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Common Core Warnings

By Senator Bob Hall, Capitol Hall Report, 1/25/16

According to a noted authority, “Common Core is the latest effort by the progressive, autocratic elite bureaucrats to completely transfer all decisions concerning children from parents, teachers, and school boards to the Federal Government.” Donna Hearne, author of *The Long War & Common Core*, points out that the implementation of Common Core will completely transform America from a nation of responsible, moral, and independent human beings endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to robots and servants of the state.

In fact, under the direction of the chief players who wrote, promoted, and schemed to sell

Common Core standards to the government, millions of our children will be subject to mandatory testing and invasive data collection at a level that is far more problematic and overreaching than is currently in place. Under Obama’s plan, the federal government dictates the materials to be used in classroom instruction, participation is mandated, and states not implementing Common Core will lose federal dollars appropriated for the program.

Common Core’s “crony elites” have put in place an education plan that encourages the development of multicultural identities based on grievances against the nation. Instead of the focus of education being on reading, arithmetic, history, and acquiring actual

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knowledge, the goals of a Common Core education focuses on values clarification and indoctrination into a liberal mindset that includes the sexualization of students through sex education and the normalization of inappropriate sexual literature.

Some of the goals of the group behind the Common Core liberal agenda include: the creation of racism offenses, teaching homosexuality as normal behavior to children, acceptance of a liberal immigration policy designed to destroy identity, and the encouragement of the breakdown of the family. In the further quest to humanize the curriculum used in our schools, Common Core standards label the Bible as “off limits” in the classroom and schools are forced to focus on a toxic worldview devoid of a supreme loving God.

Since these secular, utopian standards drive the curriculum and assessments of Common Core, local control of education will no longer be a reality. Educational experts warn that Common Core-mandated student data collection becomes the major determining point of advancing through life. Ultimately, those who control the data control who experiences success.

Several states are rebranding Common Core because of the fierce resistance from parents. According to the Education Commission of the States, a non-partisan organization that tracks education policy, nineteen states have renamed their education standards to exclude any use of “Common” or “Core.” Don’t be fooled, a name change does not translate into a standards change. No matter the name, Common Core standards dictate a fractured thinking process where the student is exposed to information without any context. As the student’s brain becomes cluttered with irrelevant facts, the children are no longer able to effectively process the information in an organized manner and become dependent on rote memorization of meaningless and random facts that do not connect.

Traditional standards of an education that lays down the foundational truths on which to build sequential, logical, and

contextual information will be removed. No longer will our children be able to build an ever-widening knowledge based upon logic and reason. Ultimately, Common Core standards seek to take away independence and freedom while making students blindly follow a liberal agenda and live in total dependence on the federal government.

When I talk to people about the federally orchestrated demise of our education system, I tell them we need to become educated about Common Core and take charge of our children’s future. We owe it to our children to resist the educational changes our federal government is trying to force upon us, wrench control of our schools away from the federal government, and put control of it back in the hands of the parents, where it belongs.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: In Donna Hearne’s book, *The Long War & Common Core*, she makes these suggestions: “**Return** to tests of knowledge like the Iowa Basics of fifty years ago. **Reject** assessments and the obscene costs of the assessment industry, computers, and the accompanying thought manipulation. Stand up to the enforcers and refuse to allow your children to be ‘assessed.’ **Remove** the state from the Common Core mandates.”

Note that former Governor Rick Perry rejected the Race to the Top federal funds which require implementing the Common Core standards. However, Common Core has penetrated Texas through our Mathematics standards. Also, President Obama offered Race to the Top D funds to individual school districts—The Harmony Turkish Charter Schools, the Texas IDEA Charter Schools, and the Houston ISD were awarded Race to the Top D funds so they must implement in their Texas schools.

Donna Hearne’s book is available from Texas Eagle Forum at the discounted price of \$5.00 plus S&H. Please mark your check “CC Book.”

Wit & Wisdom from the Late Justice Antonin Scalia:

“The Court’s argument for same-sex marriage reduces legal reasoning to the mystical aphorisms of the fortune cookie.”

“A man who has made no enemies is probably not a very good man.”

“I attack ideas. I don’t attack people. And some very good people have some very bad ideas.”

“Be fools for Christ and have the courage to suffer the contempt of the sophisticated world.”

“The only thing in the world not for sale is character.”

SOURCE: OneNewsNow.com, 2/18/16

“America’s Last Chance”

By Phyllis Schlafly, Eagle Forum Founder and CEO, 2/3/16

On the eve of the Iowa caucuses, Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL) gave a round of interviews declaring that 2016 “is the last chance for the American people to take back control of their government.”

“This election is different because we have pell mell erosion of law, the constitutional order, where President Obama has pushed an agenda that eviscerates the immigration legal system, and pushed this trade agreement that will commence decades of transferring American economic power to an ever-expanding international commission. It’s just not going to stop.”

“This is the way the European Union began,” he added. Daily news reports are now vividly describing how the EU is disintegrating, making Americans mighty glad we never joined any proposed North American Union.

Our nation’s sovereignty depends on control of both immigration and trade, and that’s why Senator Sessions urges voters to choose a candidate who promises to kill the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal with nearly a dozen Asian nations. A new study by economists at Tufts University predicts that U.S. ratification of the TPP would shrink our GDP by \$100 billion, leading to a loss of 448,000 American jobs.

“This election will be the last chance for Americans to get control of their government,” said Sessions, after 30 years of promises to end illegal immigration. “I think this election is the big one.

“To win, Republicans need to demonstrate that they care about the average person who goes to work every day,” he added. Average Americans are tired of paying billions in welfare handouts to immigrants who are undermining U.S. wages.

“People should have total confidence and a clear commitment

on those issues. If they don’t, then they don’t have my vote,” he said.

The importance of Sessions’ statements on key issues in the presidential race, especially immigration and TPP, should not be underestimated. Sessions warned that, if the next president approves the TPP, it would put our trade with Asia under a powerful international commission on which the United States would have just one vote.

Our immigration policy has been anti-American, decade after decade, and the voters need to know that 2016 might be our last chance to elect a president who can reduce this tide of illegals crossing our borders. The interests of working Americans, their jobs, their wages, their hospitals, their schools, and the public safety must “be put first,” Sessions urged.

“We need a president with the credibility to tell the world that the time of illegality is over. Do not come to this country unlawfully,” he said.

“Make sure—because this could be the last chance—that the vote you cast is for a person who is going to, with courage and steadfastness, fix the immigration system that’s so broken and is impacting adversely Americans’ safety, their wages, their hospitals, their schools, those kind of things,” Sessions said.

“And also we need to know with absolute clarity: are you for or against the Trans-Pacific Partnership,” he added. “It must not pass.”

“This may be the last opportunity the American people will have to have their will imposed and create a lawful immigration system that serves the national interest,” Sessions emphasized. “I know we have to talk about the economy, national security, and the military, and the budget, and it’s hard to know who’s got the best idea,” Sessions said.

“But on these two issues [immigration and TPP], I think the voters should say, ‘If you’re not going to be right on those, I’m not voting for you in this primary and I’m not going to vote for you as president.’ I really think it’s that important.”

A History Lesson On Socialism

After the Pilgrims landed in 1620, they decided that they would plant a community garden and share the fruits and vegetables equally at the end of the season. The idea was that all would work together and share equally at the end of the season. However, no one wanted to work in the gardens. Most were reluctant to do the planting and weed a garden that was not theirs. That first year, the gardens were not well kept and they had poor crops, which led to hunger the next winter. Under this system, by

1623 the colony was facing starvation. It was decided that a new system be used the following year. Each family was given a plot of

land to garden in proportion to its size. They would be allowed to keep the fruits and vegetables for themselves.

Governor William Bradford’s account...

“This had very good success, for it made all hands industrious, so as much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been by any means the Governor or any other could use, and saved him a great deal of trouble, and gave far better content. The women now went willingly into the field, and took their little ones with them to set corn; which before would allege weakness and inability; whom to have compelled would have been thought great tyranny and oppression.”

The lesson here seems to be, when you own it you take care of it. If it belongs to someone else, you won’t take interest in it or care for it. The Pilgrims started out with socialism for the first two years but abandoned it in favor for capitalism after two years, which worked much better.

SOURCE: culture-war.info





Eagle Cliff Notes

The Power of Prayer

During WWII an adviser to Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every day at a prescribed hour for one minute to pray collectively for the safety of England, its people, and peace. People are now organizing the same thing here in the U.S. If you would like to participate, every evening at 8:00 p.m. CST, stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the November election, the safety of the U.S. and its people, for a return of our nation to one nation under God, and for world peace. SOURCE: James 5:16: *"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."*

Obama's Modern Military

The United States military has one purpose—to defend our country by defeating our enemies. Unfortunately, the Obama Administration sees the military as a vast playground for radical social experimentation. When it's not busy accommodating the demands of transgendered soldiers or purging Christians from its ranks, it is pushing the Pentagon to toe the line on the president's environmental agenda. Here's the latest: According to the *Washington Times*, "The Pentagon [Translated: Obama's appointees] is ordering the top brass to incorporate climate change into virtually everything they do, from testing weapons to training troops to war planning to joint exercises with allies."

Are you kidding me? North Korea is putting satellites into space. Iran is testing new missiles. China is creating chokepoints in the Pacific. Russia is resurgent, moving into the Middle East and challenging NATO. ISIS is still in Iraq, Syria, and expanding its influence throughout North Africa. But Obama wants our soldiers to be weathermen instead of warriors. SOURCE: Gary Bauer, American Values, 2/9/16

Amarillo Has Highest Number of Syrian Refugees In U.S.

Amarillo is now home to more than 1,000 refugees from the Middle East, giving the city the highest ratio of refugees in the nation, according to Watchdog.org's Kevin Ward. This has created problems for city and school officials. "Hospitals, welfare, police, you name it, are strained. That all comes back on our city budget," said city activist William Sumerford. Mayor Paul Harpole agreed. "We have 660 (refugee) kids who don't speak English and the U.S. Department of Education says they have to be at grade level within one year," the mayor said. "It's a ludicrous requirement—they don't even know how to use the bathroom." City officials are working on a plan to halt the placement of these refugees in their community. "We've been a giving community, and it's a huge disservice to bring in refugees in numbers that we're not able to handle," said Mayor Harpole. Governor Greg Abbott has called on the President to stop the importation of Syrian refugees into the U.S., citing security concerns about the federal government's ability to effectively screen the refugees. But federal courts have so far denied the request.

SOURCE: Bob Price, Breitbart, 1/26/16

Texas Supreme Court Rules in Favor of Kountze Cheerleaders

In an 8-0 decision, the Texas Supreme Court issued a crucial decision in favor of the Kountze Cheerleaders, whose legal struggle began in 2012 when school officials opposed their right to paint Bible verses on sports banners. The Supreme Court overturned a 2014 Texas court of appeals decision that had ruled the case "moot," a decision which denied the cheerleaders the opportunity to defend their right to free speech and religious expression. The Justices ordered the Beaumont Court of Appeals to reconsider the case. "This is victory for the free speech and religious liberty rights of all Texas students," says Kelly Shackelford, President of Liberty Institute. "We look forward to defending the Kountze cheerleaders at the Court of Appeals and resolving this case permanently in the cheerleaders' favor."

SOURCE: Liberty Watch, 1/29/16

Quote of the Month

"Morality and the Judeo-Christian values, which the average millennial has learned so little about, mean nothing in their grand scheme of governing a society. This Millennial economy that some are so excited about may result in the loss of the greatest republic in the world."

Dan Celia of Financial Issues Stewardship Ministries on "Millennials and socialism: What's the attraction?"
OneNewsNow.com, 2/9/16

Famous American Quote

"If we abide in the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper. But if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity."

Daniel Webster, 1852

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