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October 24th in Texas.**

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freedom and
LIFE
all the way
down the ballot.

The Legacy of Phyllis Schlafly

Phyllis Schlafly, beloved Eagle Forum founder and conservative icon, passed away September 5 at the age of 92. Called the “Grandmother of the Conservative Movement,” she was a respected voice for citizen activism, common sense and traditional values. In addition to

founding Eagle Forum in 1972, she was a lawyer, a prolific writer, a radio commentator, public speaker, debater and wife and mother of six.

Tributes from around the nation have praised her, but none more poignant than these Texas Eagle Forum leaders:

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“One of my most memorable times with Phyllis was a delightful weekend at her home in St. Louis in 1997. My husband and I were just as inquisitive as we were excited by Phyllis’ kind invitation to us, and also to Alabama EF President and first VP of Eagle Forum, Eunie Smith, and her husband. Rather than have a specified driver pick us up at the airport, Phyllis greeted us and drove us to her lovely home.

“Phyllis’ primary purpose that weekend was to make it adamantly clear to Eunie and me that she wanted us to continue our work as first and second VP of Eagle Forum. We were to encourage and equip other volunteer state leaders, which is how she wanted her legacy to continue. That came as no surprise to anyone who had observed her great delight to hear her Eagle State Leaders’ reports preceding her annual meetings. She so enjoyed witnessing her legacy through their incredible work.

“Phyllis was also keenly interested in keeping her headquarters in St. Louis and purchased a lovely building for her Education Center there. She was elated that her daughter, Anne, an extremely successful entrepreneur, would be in St. Louis to guide the heart of her legacy there.

“Phyllis Schlafly gave selflessly to her beloved Eagles. She loved to share her desire for each one of us. I am so grateful for the time and mentoring she gave to me and to so many others.”

Cathie Adams

TEF President 1993-2015, Second Vice President & Board Member of Eagle Forum

“I thank the Lord for Phyllis Schlafly. She carried the torch of freedom and truth until the very end of her life. May her work not have been in vain. May we all cherish her memory, follow her example, and pick up that torch to help keep America the land of liberty, and that beacon of hope throughout the world.”

MerryLynn Gerstenschlager

TEF Vice President & Education Liaison

“One of my fondest memories was when Phyllis came to Lubbock to debate feminist Karen DeCrow on the Texas Tech University campus. She had been to several universities to speak and debate, and the liberal feminists filled the audiences. But our local EF got 2,000 people to come to the debate in Lubbock. When Phyllis was introduced and walked to the microphone, the whole audience erupted into wild cheers for Phyllis. She was not expecting this and the look on her face was priceless! She was thrilled. And she won the debate hands down!

“Phyllis always had a big smile on her face—even when being attacked by liberals. She was always poised and calm. But the other thing that I will never forget is how she took about 500

homemakers and trained us how to speak publicly, dress, and how to handle the press. She taught me how to write a press release, and I have used that skill for 38 years now. And lastly, her research on any issue was totally accurate, and I could trust her information. What a blessing that was. I never found her wrong. I was so proud to know her and will miss her terribly. I consider her one of the great American patriots.”

Skeet Workman

Lubbock Eagle Forum founder

“Phyllis Schlafly was the first lady of the conservative movement. Her books, articles, speeches, and leadership have long been an inspiration for me and so many others in the volunteer work we do supporting biblical values and constitutional principles in the public arena. She was able to pull together and train people of various faiths, creating a large workforce of volunteers and a conservative voting block of values voters. I love that she called her political work her hobby! It’s mine too.

“Phyllis has left behind a lifetime legacy of biblical values. She courageously articulated them with grace, a touch of humor, and lots of common sense. A great stateswoman, she will be sorely missed by so many.”

Betty Anderson

Montgomery County Eagle Forum

“Sitting in a restaurant with Phyllis and other Eagles after a Dallas event years ago, I listened to her in awe. Brilliant and articulate, she was not only inspiring, but passionate about God, family, and country. She taught us to examine the facts about an issue and to present them calmly and succinctly. I was thrilled and humbled when she once commented that she considered our Torch newsletter the best Eagle Forum newsletter in the country. Phyllis was a patriot whose wonderful legacy will live on through Eagle Forum.”

Marilyn Statler

TEF newsletter editor

Phyllis Schlafly founded Eagle Forum on Isaiah 40:31: *“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; They will run and not grow weary, They will walk and not be faint.”*

May we, who follow in her footsteps, pick up the torch and continue the race set before us so that one day, we, too, shall hear, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

Will Humans “PC” Themselves out of Existence?

By **Sher Zieve**, Canada Free Press, 9/4/16

Although there was no legal basis for its initial implementation, Political Correctness supposedly began as a tool of the Left to ensure that people are “sensitive” to the “feelings” of others; ostensibly the minorities. However, today the mainstream media and leftists (same thing) have made the decision that PC extends beyond its original scope to now include our (actually their) “terrorist friends;” those “friends” who have vowed to implant Islam worldwide and to destroy the United States and all of its non-Muslim inhabitants.

In the name of PC the press refers to these terrorists as insurgents or, as the inimitable Michael Moore would say, “freedom fighters.” This is, of course, unconscionable. But, because they can, the mainstream press still persists in presenting an inaccurate and misleading caricature of the enemy’s behaviors. They are using this self-created tool well and to their specific advantage.

By its less-than-palpable coverage of Islamo-fascist beheadings, torture, and other blatant atrocities, the mainstream press seems firmly committed to ensuring the enemy actions against the U.S. are downplayed. In many instances, the mainstream media actually appear to applaud them! For example, the murder of a New Jersey Christian family, which appears to be at the hands of Islamic terrorists, was barely mentioned by our mainstream press. If leftists or Muslims aren’t murdered, it’s just not that important to our press.

And, with continuing and nearly mindless attempts to further discredit and emasculate the Bush Administration, the mainstream media are working with their leftist brethren and Islam to destroy the United States and all democracies across the planet. This alliance between seemingly opposing factions (as David Horowitz writes in his book, *Unholy Alliance: Radical Islam and the American Left*) is another of the myriad and never-ending misconceptions and lunacies propagated by the Left.

Its belief system is that once privately-owned property is eliminated, religion will disappear; Islam will quit being Islamic and the leftist atheist Utopia will magically emerge and take hold. This is not only an illogical and insane tenet, but it is what the Left truly believes. I never said these people were rational.

The only things, currently, standing in the way of the Leftists’ unrealistic and insufferable ideals are Christianity and Judaism. Apparently, the Left doesn’t view Islam as a “real threat.” The Islamic terrorists will kill them just as swiftly and gleefully as they would any other group or individual. Wrapped tightly in its failed and destructive agendas, for too many decades, the Left either cannot comprehend or refuses to see its own inevitable demise ...by the hands of its alliance partner. And, as is the Leftists’ penchant, they will joyfully take the rest of us with them to our own termination.

To ensure the destruction of the non-believers (those who



believe in God and democracy), the Left will continue with its new found incomparable tool, political correctness, as it drones its ever-present mantra: “It’s better that we all die than make our destroyers feel badly about themselves!” Isn’t it time to place these people back in “the home” and away from influencing the sane majority? You bet it is.

Author’s Note: The above was my original column (written in 2005). As of today, political correctness has grown to the point that we are—still—not only working to “understand why the terrorists hate us,” we have elected a president who has been bringing them into our country by the millions.

U.S. citizens are being replaced by hundreds of thousands of non-citizens—including huge numbers from Middle Eastern Islamic countries. The FBI’s James Comey said some time ago that ISIS members have come across our Southern border and are now located in all 50 U.S. States. If we do not allow our country and its values to be pillaged, destroyed, and taken over by thugs—along with ours and our loved one’s lives—we are called “Racist,” “Xenophobic,” “Islamophobic,” etc. In other words, we’re not politically correct and PC now takes precedent over whether we are allowed to live...or not.

Too many of us have sat back for way too long and refused to become involved in anything that “smacks of politics.” Folks, everything smacks of politics, including our lives...and, now, our deaths. We are the ones who allowed this to happen! **It’s time for we-the-still-sane to dump political correctness and return to our senses.** And this time it really is our last chance of remaining a country based upon God’s law and liberty.

Editor’s Note: Your vote can make a difference. Vote on November 8th!

Obama Handcuffs Israel

Last month, President Obama signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the state of Israel. The 10-year agreement outlines the military aid commitment of the U.S. to the state of Israel. Given President Obama's nuclear deal with Iran last year, many in Congress were insisting that the new MOU significantly increase our support to Israel. The agreement does include more money, but not as much as Congress wanted. Moreover, it includes a bizarre provision, which, as the *Washington Post* put it, "cuts Congress out of the aid" process. Consider this excerpt from the *Post*: "In an unprecedented arrangement, the ... Israeli government has signed a letter promising to return any money given by Congress above the MOU levels for two years [2017 and 2018]." Think about it for a moment. The Obama Administration cut a nuclear deal with Iran WITHOUT the approval of Congress. It is literally giving Iran billions of dollars in cash, some of which is going to terrorist organizations. And yet it is demanding that Israel give back any additional resources that our elected representatives authorize with their votes. Not only are Obama's foreign policy priorities wrong, but he is once again completely disrespecting our constitutional system of governance, the separation of powers, and a co-equal branch of government.
SOURCE: Gary Bauer, American Values, 9/15/16

Texas Supreme Court Refuses to Defend Marriage Laws

Last month, the Texas Supreme Court denied a request to hear an appeal of a case on behalf of Houston taxpayers against former Houston Mayor Annise Parker, the lesbian mayor who violated the Texas Constitution by issuing same-sex benefits long before the U.S. Supreme Court's same-sex marriage ruling. The case began in 2013 and 2014 when Mayor Parker directed city staff to violate the Texas Constitution and specific state statutes on "benefits" by giving legal status and recognition to same-sex marriages in Texas and offering benefits to "spouses" of employees who "legally" obtained a same-sex marriage in another state. These illegal benefits were paid for by Houston taxpayers. Jonathan Saenz, Texas Values President, said, "Allowing Houston rogue Mayor Parker to change state law on taxpayer-funded benefits by an executive order and bypass the Texas Legislature is unlawful. We are thankful for the straightforward and common sense dissenting opinion of Justice John Devine, who stated that he supported this taxpayer case being heard." The other Texas Supreme Court justices have not commented on the case. All of the justices are Republicans.
SOURCE: Texas Values Update, 9/16

In the Navy: Anchors Away for Gender

While Congress has yet to weigh in on the administration's push for open transgenderism in the ranks, Navy brass are making it clear that it's full steam ahead on President Obama's radical social policy that threatens to unravel whatever unit cohesion the military has left. Starting November 1, all sailors will be required to undergo "transgender behavioral education." The training will include everything from multi-hour briefings to discussion groups about how to best coddle gender confusion in the ranks. Supervisors will be taught to be "on alert" for signs of mistreatment of people who identify as transgender and deal with offenders appropriately. Unfortunately, the Navy isn't the only one sinking under the weight of these social experiments. The real war for America is being waged inside all four branches of the U.S. military. And until our leaders stop chasing these politically-correct distractions, we're giving the enemy exactly the opening it's looking for. Instead of focusing on mission-critical issues and dealing with the threats at hand, the military is jeopardizing our nation's security by catering to less than one half of one percent of the entire population!
SOURCE: Tony Perkins, Washington Update, 9/20/16

Quote of the Month

"Now I watch multi-millionaire athletes who never did anything in their lives but play a game, disrespect what brave Americans fought and died for. They are essentially spitting in the faces and on the graves of real men, men who have actually done something for this country beside playing with a ball and believing they're something special! They're not! My Marines and Soldiers were!"

~ Col. Jeffrey Powers, USMC (Ret) in an open letter to NFL commissioners, allenbwest.com, 9/17/16

Famous American Quote

"Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them."

~ President George Washington, 1796 Farewell Address

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