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Make D.C. Listen

Excerpts from a speech
by Sen. Ted Cruz,
TEF Patriotic Banquet, 6/5/14

Now I have to start with a bit of bad news. I'm sorry to tell you that by virtue of being here, tomorrow morning each and every one of you is going to be audited by the IRS, so I appreciate the courage of your convictions.

God bless Texas Eagle Forum! Texas Eagle Forum is a rogue fighter. I am proud of TEF led by its indomitable leader, Cathie Adams. Cathie puts a dagger in her teeth and crawls through barbed wire to fight for conservative principles.

Washington, D.C. is corrupt and in a persistent pattern of lawlessness. We have never seen a president before simply announce that he will not follow a law he doesn't agree with. Obama has brazenly ignored immigration, marriage, drug and welfare laws. Even liberal lawyer Jonathan Turley has called Obama an "Imperial President."

There is no greater illustration of this than Obamacare. Reid, Pelosi were unilaterally granted waivers to Obamacare, six million lost their health insurance, 43 changes to the law didn't go through Congress, and Obama held a press conference instructing private insurance companies to violate the law for one year. Hillary Clinton shouted, "What difference



does it make?" when grilled about Benghazi, Bergdahl's release wasn't approved by Congress as required by law, and the IRS wrongly targeted pro-lifers, Tea Parties and other constitutional and conservative groups. This pattern of lawlessness is dangerous for liberty.

President Obama is always "outraged." Attorney General Eric Holder is "outraged" and promises to work hand-in-hand with Congress, yet it's been 10 months and not a single person has been indicted. The lawyer appointed by Holder to head the IRS investigation is a Democrat and an Obama donor. Former Attorneys General Elliot Richardson in the Nixon administration and Clinton's Janet Reno appointed independent counsels to investigate wrongdoings resisting partisan pressure and upholding the rule of law. Is Holder willing to dedicate his office to the rule of law as his predecessors? No! Holder is the most partisan attorney general the country has ever had.

Where is the press in all this? If these scandals happened during a Republican presidency, the press would be calling them an abuse of power and lawlessness.

Liberty is under assault like never before. But there is a change in the air across Texas and across the nation. I am profoundly optimistic that with prayer, passion and commitment, we can turn America around and get back to the principles that made us the greatest nation in the world. God bless you all!

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Progress Through Preservation of Traditional Values

No Retreat, No Surrender

Excerpts from a speech by former
Majority Leader of the House Tom DeLay,
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I challenge you and your state legislators to be on the offense. Every time Republicans reach across the aisle in bi-partisanship, we lose and give things away. We have to stand and fight!

I killed bugs for a living—pest control—it was great experience for my time in Washington! Back in 1978 when I first ran for office in Texas, they still shot Republicans. Blue-dog Democrats told me that over their dead bodies would a Republican ever be elected to office in Texas. But I won.

When I was Majority Leader in Congress, Republicans made the Contract with America, and as a result, we had a \$650 billion dollar surplus. In 1996, Democrats brought an ethics charge against me that was dismissed. In 1998, they brought another set of ethics charges against me—said I was conspiring to defeat Democrats. There was no such law—it didn't exist—and the charges were eventually dismissed.

People ask me, "How did I do it?" I told them by walking with Jesus Christ. He has prepared me. I came to Christ when I came to Congress in 1985. Before then, I was drinking and carousing like many in Washington. Bill



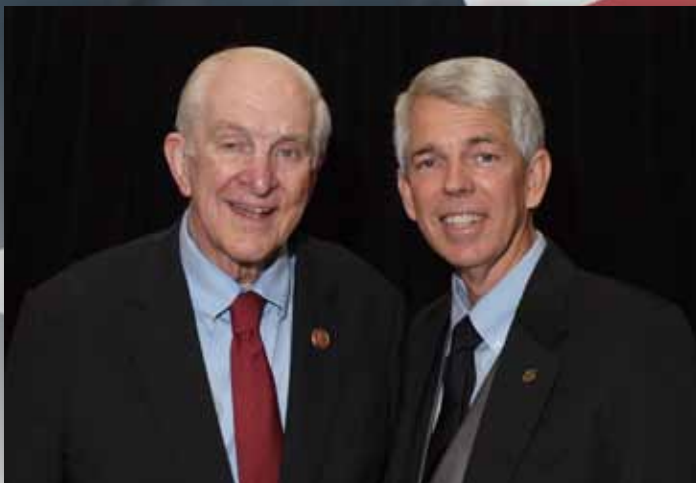
Former Majority Leader of the House Tom DeLay

Bright with Campus Crusades for Christ and James Dobson led me to the Lord. I found peace and joy—especially under times of legal battles. I had trouble with the joy thing but praising the Lord every night led me to have joy, even in the darkest times.

God has turned His back on this nation—we have kicked Him out. We need a spiritual revival. No God, no hope. Stand unashamedly for Jesus Christ!

What we have now is a president who has accelerated the progressive movement that started back with Teddy Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson ... to such an extent that I now can tell you that we're living under a government of tyranny.

Republicans need to be on the offense—no longer play defense! Stand up...defund the Department of Education... eliminate the Environmental Protection Agency...stop Obamacare, establish a constitutional federal government... and keep the federal government out of Texas!



Congressman Sam Johnson and David Barton



Tina Yampanis and Dick Saulsbury

Keeping First Things First

Excerpts from a speech by David Barton,
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Founding Father George Mason refused to sign the Constitution because there was no declaration of rights. Earlier he had written the Virginia Constitution's Declaration of Rights, which ended with: "That no free government, or the blessings of liberty, can be preserved to any people but by a firm adherence to justice, moderation, temperance, frugality, and virtues and by frequent recurrence to fundamental principles."

The Republican Party has to fight for those fundamental principles. We have to go back to the basics.

America is an exceptional nation. We are the most creative. With only 4% of the world's population, we have the most patents and produce more. We are the most prosperous. Those deemed below the poverty level in the U.S., have a telephone, TV, car, eat more red meat and live in more square footage than the middle class of Europe. The poverty level for the U.S. is \$40,000 annually, while in the rest of the world, it is below \$456. That is why people want to come to America and live in poverty!

The philosophy of American Exceptionalism is found in 45 words from our Declaration of Independence, which gives three important principles:

1. **A Divine Creator.** "All men are created equal..."
2. **Inalienable Rights.** "...endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights..." These rights come from God (Genesis 1-8).
3. **Limited Government.** "...that to secure those rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed..."

Samuel Adams: "Government was originally designed for the preservation of the alienable rights."

Life is the first inalienable (God-given) right and addresses the issue of abortion. The founding fathers wrote and talked about abortion.

James Wilson: "With consistency, beautiful and undeviating, human life from its commencement to its close, is protected by



the common law. In the contemplation of law, life begins when the infant is first able to stir in the womb. By the law, life is protected not only from immediate destruction, but from every degree of actual violence, and in some cases, from every degree of danger."

John Witherspoon believed, "Some nations have given parents the power of life and death over their children...but we have denied the power of parents to take the life of their child." In America, only God, the Creator, gives life. You can't take a life that does not belong to you.

How legislators vote on life is often how they vote on other issues. If they're wrong on the life issue, they're not going to protect the Second and Fifth Amendments, marriage and property rights. Go to NationalBlackRobeRegiment.org and look at the score card on how elected officials voted on these issues. If Congress won't protect life, they won't protect your money.

Barack Obama is the most pro-abortion president in history. We also have the highest debt in history, and the highest private property land grab by the federal government in history. If you get your moral positions right, your economics will flow from that. If you have bad morality, your economics are not going to sustain themselves, because there really is a spiritual base, even to economics.

Government exists to protect inalienable rights. This philosophy produces American Exceptionalism. Our rights are Constitutionally-given but must be politically protected. If the wrong people are in office, the Constitution is worthless. A secular government cannot be a limited government.

Only 67.1% of eligible voters are registered to vote, and out of those, only 1 out of 4 will actually vote. We know that statistically among Christians, about 40% are not registered to vote. Christians have to be engaged. One is just pure logic. People elected to Congress, never, ever represent the values of the country. They only represent the values of those who voted in the last election. Politics is based on who shows up. It is not based on what the nation believes; it's based on who shows up.

Samuel Adams said, "The people alone have an incontestable, unalienable, and indefeasible right to institute government and to reform, alter or change the same when their protection, safety, prosperity and happiness require it."

TEF Patriotic Banquet

June 5, 2014



Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay revs up the crowd!



Texas Attorney General-elect Ken Paxton.



Homer & Cathie Adams with David Barton, Rep. Scott Turner and Sen. Ted Cruz at the VIP Reception.



State Rep. Matt Krause giving the invocation.



Master of Ceremonies State Rep. Scott Turner.



State Rep. Bill and Ellen Zedler with David Barton, Rep. Scott Turner and Sen. Ted Cruz.



Dallas EF and Tarrant County EF President Trayce Bradford introduces Tom DeLay.



Texas Lieutenant Governor-elect Dan Patrick addresses the crowd.