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Parents Are The Key To Removing CSCOPE

By a retired Texas teacher who taught for 30 years in the same school, 1/15

As a recently retired high school English teacher, who has been in the classroom since CSCOPE's beginning, there are views and information only a teacher can know and

reveal about CSCOPE. [CSCOPE is Texas' answer to Common Core, the controversial education plan that would restructure American education to a one-size-fits-all federal education system.]

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CSCOPE is an experiment based on an often failed premise, and Texas children are the field test.

The mantra of the CSCOPE crowd is rigor. There is no academic rigor compared to the academic rigor of Texas school districts prior to CSCOPE. The truth is we are telling students what to think and not teaching them how to think or why thinking clearly will benefit them their entire lives. I must add that Common Core material is used often by teachers trying to stay ahead of the game.

Since the brutal and strong arm introduction of CSCOPE, Texas schools increasingly graduate students who are unable to read, write or think at grade level. Their comprehension and understanding of our English language, literature, American and World history, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, calculus, physics and chemistry are also minimized.

Classic literature, such as novels, poetry, and plays, is no longer allowed in the classroom. "Literature" is now abridged stories about victims of man's inhumanity to man, and poems with perverse and immaterial deference to base thoughts that do not enlighten or brighten a student's worldview.

Student skills, tools and decision-making ability are diminished under CSCOPE, thus crippling opportunities to learn to evaluate, edit, apply, analyze, synthesize, evaluate and gain a world class education. All writing and reading is geared simply for minimal thinking to pass the STAAR test.

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Every teacher is policed by a massive group of district CSCOPE regulators making sure that teachers teach the same material on the same day, and the same material each week. Only compliance is expected; achievement, innovative and creative energy and direction are no longer expected of students.

A set of minimal and deliberately cloudy "edu-babel" is what educators view in CSCOPE. Teachers know that educational scientists with a social and psychological end game are writing this material, which is not intellectual and academically rigorous as compared to pre-CSCOPE material.

The brilliant and vocal research and uncovering of CSCOPE

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by teachers, parents, journalists and politicians lead conclusively to deliberate and multiple points of failure.

Parents are the key to getting rid of CSCOPE. They must exhibit the political will to confront their state legislators, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the State Board of Education (SBOE). Be aware that local school boards have no clue what CSCOPE is, nor do they have any power over CSCOPE. In fact, there hasn't been an independent school district in Texas in many years. Texas ISDs are now federal school districts with no local control and no parent input at all.

School district superintendents will not answer questions and will gaslight inquisitive parents or totally ignore them. Teachers have all the information parents need, as well as online access to the CSCOPE website. But what teachers have access to is not what parents are allowed to view.

There are many other details to CSCOPE, which are being brought to light today. For more information, go to www.eagleforum.org and type in "Common Core."

What Really Is Islam?

Condensed from an article by Ed Wood,
Freedom Outpost, 12/27/14

Islam is not just a religion, or a form of government. It is a complete system, encompassing religious, legal, political, economic, and military components, with each being utilized as required. “Muslims” are those that follow the Islamic doctrine.

Islamic domination occurs when there are sufficient Muslims in a country to agitate for their so-called “religious rights.” When politically correct and culturally diverse societies, such as ours, agree to seemingly reasonable Muslim demands for their religious liberties, they are subsequently enforced on the remainder of the population through the use of their political and military components.

Dr. Peter Hammond, in his book, *Slavery, Terrorism and Islam: The Historical Roots and Contemporary Threat*, explains how it works: The percentage source is the CIA *World Factbook* (2007). As we know, there has been significant growth in Muslim influence since then, especially here in the U.S.

As long as the Muslim population remains under **2%**, they will, for the most part, be regarded as a peace-loving minority, and not as a threat to other citizens: **Australia, Canada, Italy.**

At **2% to 5%**, they begin to proselytize from other ethnic minorities and disaffected groups, often with major recruiting from the jails and among street gangs. Right now, the **U.S.** is thought to be in this category.

When Muslims approach **10% of the population**, they tend to increase lawlessness as a means of complaint about their conditions: **India, Israel, Kenya, Russia. [France 7.5% in 2010]**

After reaching **20%**, nations can expect hair-trigger rioting, jihad militia formations, sporadic killings, and the burning of Christian churches and Jewish synagogues: **Ethiopia.**

At **40%**, nations experience widespread massacres, chronic terror attacks, and ongoing militia warfare: **Bosnia, Lebanon.**

From **60%**, nations experience unfettered persecution of non-believers of all other religions (including non-conforming Muslims), sporadic ethnic cleansing (genocide), use of Sharia Law as a weapon, and jizya, a special tax placed on infidels: **Qatar, Malaysia.**

After **80%**, expect daily intimidation and violent jihad: **Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Turkey.**

100% will usher in the peace of ‘Dar-es-Salaam’—the Islamic House of Peace. The Madrasses are the only schools, and the Koran is the only word. **Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan.**



Please note how much of our nation’s foreign policy activity—military and financial—is involved in the Islamic-dominated countries throughout the world. Opposing some and propping up others.

So why bring this up now? While much of the nation mourned the murder of two NYC policemen at the hands of Muslim Ismaaiyl Abdulla Brinsley, our Commander in Chief teed-off on Christmas Eve with the radical Islamist prime minister Najib Razak of Malaysia, a country in the 60%+ category. Obama’s advisors say President Obama is simply taking advantage of the “warm temperatures in Hawaii to hit the links,” and that his opponent is not a factor.

Just remember the statement of the President on page 261 in the paperback edition of his autobiography, *The Audacity of Hope*, “I will stand with the Muslims should the political winds shift in an ugly direction.”

I do believe the political winds have shifted into an “ugly direction.”

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Please ask your state legislators to support HB 562 American Law for American Courts (ALAC).



Texas Faith & Family Day At The Capitol

Join pro-family leaders for an impactful day at the Texas Capitol where you will equip yourself with important information on family values issues rally with like-minded Texans from across the state, and engage your elected officials in person—all during the important 84th Texas Legislative Session. The day begins with a Briefing Session from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Capitol Auditorium, followed by a rally at noon. For more information and to register, visit: TexasFaithandFamily.com

Thank These Texas Patriots!

Texas Congressmen **Brian Babin, Louie Gohmert** and **Randy Weber** were three of the courageous 25 Republicans who voted against John Boehner for Speaker of the House. They voted against Boehner knowing full well that the Speaker might punish them by taking their names off key legislation and kicking them out of committees. The 25 Republicans stood on principle. They listened to their constituents and voted for new leadership to lead the GOP-controlled Congress. This was the first time in over 100 years that a Speaker of the House faced such large opposition.

SOURCE: Matt Kibbe, Freedom Works, 1/9/15

Thank you, too, to these 19 Texas Republicans who courageously voted against moderate Joe Straus for Speaker of the Texas House: Reps. **Rodney Anderson, Dustin Burrows, Pat Fallon, Bryan Hughes, Mark Keough, Stephanie Klick, Matt Krause, Jeff Leach, Matt Rinaldi, Scott Sanford, Matt Schaefer, David Simpson, Stuart Spitzer, Tony Tinderholt, Scott Turner, Molly White** and **Bill Zedler**.

These brave Texans deserve your thanks and support for defending your conservative principles.

Obama Announces “Free” Community College

The President announced his plans for providing “free” Community College to anyone willing to “work for it.” The “work for it” line probably means that there will be some kind of GPA minimum involved... but the real question is about the “free” part. President Obama understands that this can’t possibly be free, right? Anytime the government says that they will provide something for free, what they actually mean is that YOU (the Taxpayer) will be footing the bill for the government’s plan. In fact, this little speech from the President makes him sound like some education fairy, happily handing out free education. But the reality is that the President has decided that he is going to take BILLIONS of our hard-earned dollars to create a whole new welfare program... where it is not needed.

SOURCE: visiontoamerica.com, 1/12/14

A Choice Not An Echo

With the 2016 presidential election just months away, a must read is the updated and expanded edition of Phyllis Schlafly’s best-selling book, *A Choice Not An Echo*. Fifty years ago, Phyllis revealed how the GOP “kingmakers,” using every trick in the book, dictated who the 1964 Republican presidential nominee would be. In this timeless political guide, Phyllis continues her insider’s story of the fight for the soul of the Republican Party. Please visit AChoiceNotAnEcho.com to order a copy.

Quote of the Month

“In a system of limited constitutional self-government, the people and their elected representatives should be making decisions about marriage policy. Judges should not insert their own policy preferences about marriage and declare them to be required by the Constitution.”

Ryan T. Anderson, “Is the Next Roe v. Wade Coming? The Supreme Court To Hear Marriage Case,” Heritage Foundation, 1/20/15

Famous American Quote

“The jaws of power are always open to devour, and her arm is always stretched out, if possible, to destroy the freedom of thinking, speaking, and writing.”

John Adams, *Revolutionary Writings*, 1755-1775

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