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# How Roe Reveals the Hypocrisy of Sanctuary Cities

By **Rev. Michael Bresciani**, Canada Free Press, 4/1/17

**T**he most prevalent absurdity in modern America is the fact that we have blocked the entrance of 60 million of our own offspring due to Roe v. Wade, while we insist that those who pour across our borders illegally have a perfect right to be here.

Nothing lends itself to the definition of pure hypocrisy more than watching parades of protestors carrying signs, including some that say, "No human being is illegal."

Abortion is different because the unborn are not legally recognized as people. Oh really? In the recent nomination hearings of

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Appeals Court Judge Neil Gorsuch, Senator Dick Durbin asked Gorsuch to explain how he could reconcile his belief that all human life is intrinsically valuable with the ruling of *Roe v. Wade*? His answer, although it may have been forced upon him, was the same as millions of Americans who are holding on to and fighting tooth, nail, and claw to keep *Roe* on the books at all costs.

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He replied, “Abortion is different because the unborn are not legally recognized as people.”

Even in America where snowflakes and Supreme Court nominees can mouth the greatest absurdities with complete impunity, this answer defies every standard and any hope of sane protocol when addressing the cry that, “no humans are illegal.”

We cannot have it both ways, but if we insist, then it can only be labeled as unbridled hypocrisy.

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Little wonder that they commit such heinous crimes within the confines of their sanctuaries, but that leaves the rightful, law-abiding, native-born citizens with no sanctuary at all.

The FBI and police organizations cannot all be wrong because statistics don't lie. Seventy-five percent of those on the most wanted criminals list in Los Angeles, Phoenix, and Albuquerque are illegal aliens.

One quarter of all inmates in California detention centers are Mexican nationals, as are more than 40 percent of all inmates in Arizona and 48 percent in New Mexico jails.

Over 53 percent of all investigated burglaries reported in

California, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona, and Texas are perpetrated by illegal aliens. Sixty-three percent of cited drivers in Arizona have no license, no insurance, and no registration for the vehicle. Of that number, 97 percent are illegal aliens. Sixty-six percent of cited drivers in New Mexico have no license, no insurance, and no registration for the vehicle. Of that 66 percent, 98 percent are illegal aliens. It can be seen and it is done by the numbers.

In Texas alone, 611,234 unique crimes have been committed by illegal aliens, including sexual assaults and almost 3,000 homicides. Sanctuary cities for whom—certainly not Texans.

The idea of laying waste to unborn babies and allowing a veritable gang of criminals to enter and roam the nation is perhaps the greatest definition for the word hypocrisy given since the days of Daniel Webster.

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*NOTE: The government watchdog group Judicial Watch obtained 204 illegal alien “detainer requests” from ICE that were denied by the sheriff’s office in Travis County, and which included detainees for aliens charged with multiple crimes, including 58 DWIs, 34 acts of violence, 14 burglaries, drug possession, and at least six firearms violations. There also were charges for three acts or threats of terrorism. Travis County has a sanctuary policy that limits how the county sheriff’s office cooperates with ICE. Essentially, the sheriff’s office cooperates on detainer requests for illegal aliens if they have committed crimes such as murder or aggravated sexual assault.*

SOURCE: Judicial Watch, 4/5/17

On April 27, the House passed SB 4 banning sanctuary cities in Texas. The bill passed with an amendment from Rep. Matt Schaefer (R-Tyler) that would allow local law enforcement officers to ask about a person’s immigration status during both an arrest or a lawful detention, like a routine traffic stop. The bill now goes to a conference committee where Senate and House representatives will work toward a mutually agreeable bill before sending it to Gov. Greg Abbott for his signature. This is a victory for Gov. Abbott, who had declared sanctuary cities an “emergency” item. Senator Charles Perry (R-Lubbock) issued a statement regarding the Texas House passing his legislation: “I applaud my colleagues in the House for their overwhelming support to ban sanctuary cities. We welcome people from all over the world who immigrate to our country legally, but it is imperative that we uphold the rule of law and keep our communities safe.” Senator Charles Perry continued, “It is a bad day for Texas when officials sworn to enforce the law help people who commit manslaughter and sexual assault evade federal immigration detainers.”





# Texas Must Protect Our Grid Against Attack—the Feds Won't

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By **Tom Glass**, Brietbart Texas Op-Ed, 4/19/17

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Imagine what would happen if the power went off nationwide and did not come back for several years. Water pumps, life-saving equipment in hospitals, gasoline production, and refrigeration of our food and medicines would all stop. A widespread, extended power outage would end life as we know it.

Threats to our power grid include solar flares, a nuclear blast in space creating an Electro-Magnetic Pulse (EMP), cyber-attacks, and portable EMP device or physical attacks on key components of the grid. The federal government and others have issued multiple reports of the dangers, but so far, the federal government has failed to act. Texas needs to take the lead. We have our own grid, after all. If we harden our grid first, Texans not only will be protected, but will also have an economic development advantage.

You might wonder why the federal government has not acted to ensure that our grid is protected or why anyone would be opposed to doing so. Advocates of hardening our grid in DC tell us that power companies have lobbied against hardening. They have already started in Texas. Since the legislation proposes that the taxpayers reimburse the utilities for their hardening expenses, such opposition is mind-boggling. The arguments opponents to hardening offer are vague, and sound like they are based in denial.

Two main actions are needed by grid owners—hardening the high voltage transformers and the control centers. High voltage transformers are not made in the USA and have lead times of over a year. The military has been hardening its control facilities for

decades. In fact, a Texas-based company does this for the military and has already hardened one utility command center in Texas.

Protecting the grid is like purchasing insurance against the threats. Insurance salespeople have the difficult job of persuading people to think about and prepare for unpleasant realities that most people would rather not contemplate. But mature adults do think about potential problems and prepare for them. While many politicians just worry about the next election, Texas legislators Sen. Bob Hall, Reps. Tan Parker and Tony Tinderholt are to be congratulated for their mature leadership [in authoring grid bills].

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*NOTE: Three Texas legislators are working to protect the Texas grid. In the Senate, Bob Hall (R-Rockwall) introduced SB 83, which currently is sitting in the Calendars Committee awaiting an assignment to the floor calendar. In the House, Tan Parker (R-Arlington) introduced HB 787 and HB 788, and Tony Tinderholt (R-Arlington) has introduced HB 407. Rep. Parker's bill, HB 787, passed out of the State Affairs Committee last month and is also sitting in Calendars awaiting an assignment to the floor calendar. HB 788 was referred to the Appropriations Committee, and Rep. Tinderholt's bill is stuck in the State Affairs Committee.*

*May 29 is the last day (sine die) of the 85th Legislative Session. Time is short, so please call your legislators now to support these important grid bills!*

## Property Rights Victory

Texas leaders and farm owners secured a victory in the battle against the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) attempted land grab along the banks of the Red River. The federal agency announced it is suspending the surveys ordered during the Obama Administration to justify the attempted takeover of 90,000 acres of land. The BLM admitted in a letter issued on March 29 that it used an "incorrect methodology" in its justification for the attempted taking of land that had been in the possession of many Texas landowners for generations. "The BLM's admission that it used incorrect methodology in these surveys and the decision to suspend the surveys is welcome news," U.S. Representative Mac Thornberry (R-TX) said in a statement. "The portions of the river that the agency has surveyed strayed widely from the accepted gradient boundary survey method established by the Supreme Court in *Oklahoma v. Texas*. It is encouraging that the BLM has admitted their error and that all administrative action will be suspended until the matter is resolved." Thornberry is the author of the "Red River Gradient Boundary Survey Act," which passed earlier this year.  
SOURCE: Bob Price, "Texas wins victory for farmers against BLM," [Breitbart.com](http://Breitbart.com), 4/8/17

## Hidden in Plano Sight

If Plano leaders want to legislate in secret, then voters will sue them in the open! Texans Greg and Laura Hatch are just two of the locals frustrated by the city's underhanded passage of an LGBT ordinance in 2014. The ordinance was one of the more extreme examples of LGBT activism, even going so far as to criminally fine people or businesses with natural views on marriage and sexuality. Instead of debating the issue in public, members met behind closed doors and agreed to force a radical anti-faith, anti-gender measure down voters' throats. Now, three years later, the Hatches are taking them to court. "Texas requires local governments to operate with transparency," said the couple's attorney Cleve Doty. He was referring to the Texas Open Meetings Act (TOMA), which bars any municipality from hiding their business from the people. "This is even more concerning than what is in the ordinance itself because the city refused to play by the rules," Doty told Breitbart. "Plano's politicians wanted to hide from the citizens what they were doing and, based on their actions, didn't want citizen input."  
SOURCE: [TheWashingtonUpdate.com](http://TheWashingtonUpdate.com), 4/21/17

## "Communism For Kids"

"Once upon a time, people yearned to be free of the misery of capitalism. How could their dreams come true?" That's how the promotion for a new book for kids about the wonders of communism starts out. The book, *Communism For Kids*, has been published by a major U.S. university publisher, MIT Press, and is now available in paperback or Kindle on Amazon. The book teaches children the tenets of Karl Marx through a series of fairy tales. "This little book proposes a different kind of communism, one that is true to its ideals and free from authoritarianism," according to the jacket description. The book uses cartoon drawings of "lovable little revolutionaries" to help convince kids of the "evils" of capitalism.  
SOURCE: [WorldNetDaily.com](http://WorldNetDaily.com), 4/16/17

## The Patriotism Gap

A recently released Gallup poll finds that 67 percent of Democrats are "very proud" to be Americans, down 11 percentage points since just last year, and a new low since Gallup began measuring these attitudes in 2001. Republicans, meanwhile, are just as patriotic as they've always been. "Republicans' pride remains high at 92 percent," Gallup reports, "close to the average 94 percent Gallup has measured for the group since 2001." Perhaps the most telling number in the poll is the 25-point gap in patriotic feelings between Republicans and Democrats. Americans are a patriotic people. Unfortunately, patriotism among liberals has been waning for years, and has now dropped to a new low. In the last year, Barack Obama has left office and Donald Trump has become president by promising to restore America to its former glory. It's sad that a candidate that pledges to "Make America great again" has prompted so many liberals to lose faith in their country.  
SOURCE: [OurAmericanValues.org](http://OurAmericanValues.org), 4/5/17

## Quote of the Month

*"Today's college students will be tomorrow's legislators, judges, commissioners, and voters. That's why it's so important that public universities model the First Amendment values they are supposed to be teaching to students, and why it should disturb everyone when many colleges and universities fail to defend these values."*

~ Casey Maddox, director of the Alliance Defense Freedom Center for Academic Freedom, 4/8/17

## Great American Quote

*"I believe that the most essential element of our defense of freedom is our insistence on speaking out for the cause of religious liberty."*

~ President Ronald Reagan, 1985

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