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Lone Star Agenda to Keep Texas Red!

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In the aftermath of Beto-mania, Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, and Speaker Dennis Bonnen apparently set out to “do no harm.” For conservatives in Texas who expected more, they presided over a do-nothing session—that’s unless you count odd maneuvers on property taxes no one can figure out, and making Texas safe for lemonade

stands and chicken sandwiches.

The problem is, by moving left to pacify Democrats, the Big Three alienated their own base. Their grassroots supporters and Republicans across Texas are disheartened. And that’s not good, leading up to what might be one of the most important elections in history.

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Texas is now a Purple State. To turn it Royal Blue, Democrats plan to inspire, excite, and ignite Democratic voters. What's our plan? It's evident Republican leaders don't have one that inspires confidence in their grassroots supporters.

Enter the Lone Star Agenda, a common sense plan to unite Texas Republicans and keep Texas Red. The Lone Star Agenda gives the Big Three a legislative package that will inspire, excite, and ignite the base. A movement is building—over 150 grassroots leaders and nearly every conservative organization in Texas—want to unite with the Big Three to Save Texas in 2020.

Join the movement—here are the principles and specific actions every common sense Texan believes are needed to save Texas!

Family Rights and Personal Liberty

We place the constitutional rights of Texans to liberty and self-determination for themselves and their families above the desires of government officials and special interests:

1. Allow families to make mental and physical health decisions for themselves.
2. Stop wrongful removal of children from families by restoring due process rights for parents.
3. Stop local ordinances that interfere in private employer-employee relationships.
4. Increase protections for unborn Texans.

Transparent and Representative Government

We must reform and protect the Texas institutions that are critical to our historical identity as the Lone Star State:

5. Improve election integrity (paper ballot backup audit trail, citizenship verification).
6. End taxpayer-funded lobbying.
7. End union dues withholding from public sector paychecks.
8. Protect Texas monuments.

Justice and Security

We must improve the security of Texans to be safe in their communities and free from injustice:

9. Secure the southern border (interior enforcement to end the “magnet” effect).
10. Stop human trafficking.
11. Protect the rights of Texans to bear arms.

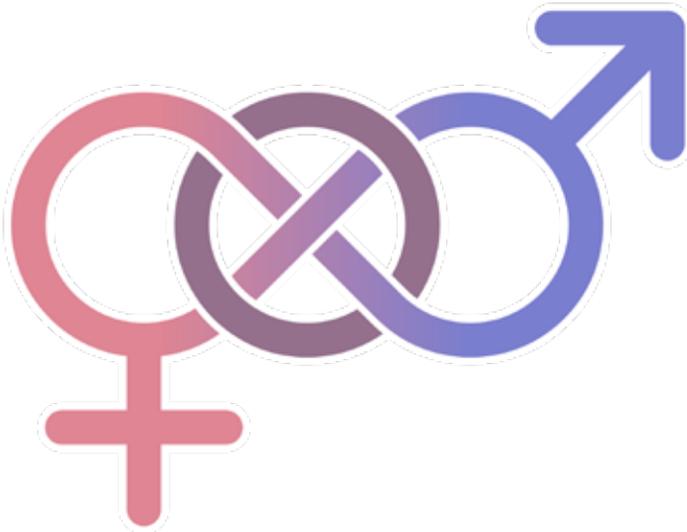
The Lone Star Agenda is designed to UNITE all Republicans with our Republican leaders to save Texas in 2020—and as a result, save America!

NOTE: This is an agenda all Republicans can get behind. Among the 125 grassroots leaders who signed the Lone Star Agenda are TEF President Trayce Bradford, Dallas Eagle Forum President Cindi Castilla, and former TEF President Cathie Adams.

TEF was waiting to publish our Legislative scorecard in the hopes that Gov. Abbott would call a special session to address the issues listed in the Lone Star Agenda. He did not. As a result, TEF's scorecard is now posted on our website: www.texaseagle.org. Click on “2019 Legislative Scorecard” to find out how your legislators voted and hold them accountable.

Handy Guide to “Gender-Neutral” Pronouns

Excerpt from “What Were Robespierre’s Pronouns?” by **Peggy Noonan**, *The Wall Street Journal*, 7/25/19



Offices and schools are forced to grapple with all the new gender-neutral pronouns. Here is a handy guide from a website purporting to help human-resources departments in midsize businesses. It is headlined: “Gender-Neutral Pronouns—What They Are & How to Use Them.”

He/She: Zie, Sie, Ey, Ve, Tey, E

Him/Her: Zim, Sie, Em, Ver, Ter, Em

His/Her: Zir, Hir, Eir, Vis, Tem, Eir

Himself/Herself: Zieself, Hirsself, Eirself, Verself, Terself, Emself

It’s wrong, when you meet a new co-worker, to ask his pronouns. (We don’t say “preferred” pronouns — that “implies someone’s gender is a preference!”) You don’t want him wondering if you think he’s transgender or nonbinary. Instead, introduce yourself in a way that summons his pronouns: “Hi, I’m Jim and my pronoun is he/him.”

Use “they” a lot. It’s gender neutral. Suggested sentence: “I spoke to the marketing director and they said they’d get back to me.”

This is grammatically incorrect, but so what? Correct grammar, and the intelligibility it allows, is a small price to pay for inclusion and equality.

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of years of grammar and usage, to accommodate the needs or demands of a group that perceives itself as beleaguered.

There’s a funny but painful spoof of all this on YouTube. A seemingly friendly, but dogmatic, teacher of adult immigrants in English as a Second Language class introduces them to the 63 new pronouns. They are understandably flummoxed. An Asian woman announces she identifies as a girl and then shrinks in fear this might not be allowed. A confused Eastern European man asks the pronoun of his desk. The Central American asks if the new pronouns mean gay. “You’re not learning English so you can be a bigot, are you?” the teacher demands.

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And there are the office arguments about bathroom policy, which I gather are reaching some new peak. There can no longer be a men’s room and a women’s room, so we can have one expanded bathroom everyone can use. No, we’ll have three. But there may be a stigma to using the third, so keep two bathrooms but remove all designations. But the women don’t want to put on their makeup with men coming in and out. But the men don’t want women walking in on them—that’s a harassment suit waiting to happen!

It’s all insane. All of it.

NOTE: Gender-neutral pronouns and society’s blind acceptance of transgenderism defy common sense. Columnist Rick Moran agrees, “... there is a movement afoot to flip the notion of language as a means of communications and turn it into a weapon of political correctness. The goal is not to enlighten, but to deliberately obscure meaning in order to accommodate insane ideas.”

SOURCE: “The Insanity of Gender-Neutral Pronouns,” *The American Thinker*, 9/6/15

Hollywood Depicting Abortions at Record Level

The *New York Times* reports that the entertainment industry is depicting abortions at “record levels,” with academics confirming that abortion exposure on TV and in film has increased exponentially in 2019. Feminists have been demanding Hollywood to display their battle against the pro-life movement—and Hollywood has already been moving in that direction, featuring storylines and characters who “unapologetically” discuss and support abortion. “You’re definitely seeing more of the matter-of-fact ‘I am pregnant, I don’t want to be, I’m going to have an abortion,’” University of California professor Gretchen Sisson told the *New York Times*. Sisson works with the Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH) research group, tracking the number of shows and films that feature characters discussing abortion.

SOURCE: Breitbart.com, 7/23/19

Don’t Be Fooled by YouTube “Kids”

The attempts to normalize destructive behavior have reached epidemic proportions in media, advertising, and events for our children. Activists freely admit that they want to groom children and desensitize them to aberrant behaviors. As Tina Marie Griffin, the Counter Culture Mom, explains, the newest ploy is to add “Kids” to the titles of online video platforms so that unsuspecting parents will feel safe in allowing their children to watch. Her message to parents: Don’t be fooled. Griffin says that cutting and suicide are just one of the many issues being targeted on YouTube and YouTube Kids. For example, “Minecraft” gaming videos show real-life pornographic scenes as well as parody videos which show Disney characters like Anna, Elsa and Spiderman engaging in sexual activity with each other. With millions of views per video, many children have seen this graphic content mostly by mistake and without their parents’ knowledge. The only defense we have as parents against this harmful content,” writes Griffin, “is to do a pop culture purge and closely monitor what our children are consuming online and even in books brought home from school.”

SOURCE: Eagle Forum *Insights*, 7/31/19

The Gospel of Socialism

In virtually every major public policy debate, the Left often tells Christians, “Keep your religion to yourself.” But one of the Democratic presidential candidates seemingly suggested that doubling the minimum wage was a kind of Christian “litmus test.” I must be reading from a different Bible. Jesus was not a socialist. The Gospel of Jesus is not the gospel of Karl Marx. Jesus loves investors as much as He loves the homeless. Nor was Jesus a fan of big government. There is not one verse where Jesus calls on government to obey the Ten Commandments. He does not call on government to minister to the poor. All of His exhortations are directed to Christians. He said if you have money, share it with the poor. He did not say, “If you are a Christian legislator, take money from others and give it to the poor.” Jesus is not Robin Hood and that’s not Christian charity. That’s communism, which kills Christian charity, because it first robs people of their own money and choices. It has also killed millions around the world, because it also robs them of their freedom.

SOURCE: Gary Bauer, “End of Day” Report, 7/31/19

Quote of the Month

“The bottom line is that when leftists have no other winning argument, they falsely accuse others of racism. Republicans cower at the charge and often give the leftists what they want. Black Americans who are octogenarians, or nearly so, need to explain what true racism is, not to correct white liberals but to inform young black people.”

~ Columnist Walter Williams, “Being a Racist is Easy Today,” *The Patriot Post*, 7/31/19

Great American Quote

“Nothing is more certain than that a general profligacy and corruption of manners make a people ripe for destruction. A good form of government may hold the rotten materials together for some time, but beyond a certain pitch, even the best constitution will be ineffectual, and slavery must ensue.”

~ John Witherspoon (1776), signer of the Declaration of Independence and founder of Princeton University

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