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Dear Eagles,

On Tuesday, November 2nd, Texans will have an opportunity to vote on eight proposed Constitutional Amendments. Early voting is October 18–29. Voter turnout is traditionally very low when there are no candidates on the ballot, so please do your homework before you vote. Then, share the enclosed Propositions with your circle of influence and encourage them to vote. Current events have made this a great season to teach others how to engage in the political process and help them learn to think more deeply about how much laws impact the family and future generations.

The Biden Administration has put our Nation in chaos in just a few short months. Almost every area of American life has been, or will soon be, affected by the radical leftists in power. This month's *Torch* shows how they are faithfully following a 1960 blueprint from radical Columbia University sociologists Richard Cloward and Frances Fox Piven. Their goal was to overwhelm the system to “fundamentally transform” the United States into a socialist utopia. We counter the couple's destructive Marxist ideology and strategy by defining American Exceptionalism with excerpts from the late, great, Rush Limbaugh. His words inspire us to stay in the fight to save our Republic. We hope they will inspire you, too.

Since the Texas Heartbeat Bill (SB 8) was signed into law on September 1, the pro-aborts have gone ballistic! Lawsuits have been filed, the mainstream media and “celebrities” are outraged, the U.S. Attorney General challenged its constitutionality, and even the U.S. House of Representatives got into the act by passing the Women's Health Protection Act, which would nullify Texas' restrictions (thankfully, it is unlikely to pass the Senate). Texas has stirred a hornet's nest! The good news is the U.S. Supreme Court denied a request to block SB 8 from going into effect, abortion clinics in Texas are losing revenue, babies are being saved, and other states are following our lead!

During the second special legislative session in Austin, TEF has continued to work hard to make a few disconcerting bills better. Your phone calls were so valuable in getting some critical amendments passed. The third special session will need your encouragement, as well. Make sure you are receiving our email *Alerts*, or sign up at texaseagleforum.com as we work to protect girls in sports, improve election integrity, and fight to stop vaccine mandates.

Please watch for the “Conservative Mamas Tour” in your area as I would love to meet you in person. Other bookings preclude me from making every single event. Feel free to pray for my husband, who has found that my volunteer service to TEF and Texas requires him to find his own dinner more often than he expected!

May God bless Texas and our Nation.

Faithfully,



Cindi Castilla
President of Texas Eagle Forum

P.S. We are humbled and appreciative of your faithful prayers and financial support. Thank you!

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President Cloward, Vice President Piven

Condensed from an article by **Brian C. Joondeph, M.D.**, *The Advance*, 3/24/21

Cloward-Piven is a political strategy of calculated chaos first described in 1966, by two Columbia University sociologists, Richard Cloward and Frances Fox Piven. Their theory was published appropriately in the far left *The Nation*, the oldest continuously published news magazine in the country. Cloward-Piven's goal was the creation of chaos so that: "A political crisis would result that could lead to legislation for a guaranteed annual income and thus an end to poverty."

The activities of the past year, from an imported Chinese coronavirus to a rigged and stolen presidential election, are textbook Cloward-Piven, leading to a massive shift in the leadership and direction of America. We have gone from a government by, of, and for the people to a tyrannical autocracy controlled by a small cabal of self-appointed elites.

Cloward-Piven's objective is chaos and turmoil, or in their words, "A massive drive to recruit the poor onto the welfare rolls."

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This is followed by: “A federal program of income redistribution has become necessary to elevate the poor en masse from poverty.”

Is there any better recap of COVID, including lockdowns, closed businesses, schools, and churches requiring the ruling class spending trillions of dollars they don't have, to rectify the damage and destruction unleashed by the same ruling class that now wants to correct it?

The so-called stimulus is massive income redistribution, from the producers to the nonproducers who are in their situation either by choice or through the dictates of the ruling class and their decisions which turned producers into nonproducers. The stimulus will result in much of the middle class, and states in general, to further dependency on the federal government sustenance.

In Cloward-Piven terms, a crisis is: “A publicly visible disruption in some institutional sphere.” How do they create such a crisis? “Crisis can occur spontaneously (e.g., riots) or as the intended result of tactics of demonstration and protest which either generate institutional disruption or bring unrecognized disruption to public attention.”

Think of the George Floyd protests and riots, a convenient excuse for institutional disruption. Institutions of law and order suffered disruption, from calls to defund the police to blatant disregard for private property and businesses. A preplanned riot (to interrupt a peaceful Trump rally) at the Capitol on Jan. 6 created a false panic and a rushed certification of the Electoral College votes without scrutiny or review, with Congress rubber-stamping a fraudulent election.

Cloward-Piven did not begin with the Trump presidency but during FDR's New Deal, then further codified in the 1960s when it was given a name. This included Medicare, Medicaid, and the Great Society welfare programs. New government agencies and bureaucracies choked innovation and economic growth. Ill-conceived and endless wars, expansion of food stamps, Medicaid, and other social welfare programs, resulted in the majority of Americans receiving government benefits.

A crisis led to each of these programs. Seniors and the poor, unable to afford their medical care, gave us Medicare and Medicaid. The government, replacing ... fathers, created the welfare state. A shortage of reliable Democrat voters was rectified by opening our borders to anyone, providing them with free benefits in exchange for not biting, or voting against, the hand that feeds them.

Democrats offer programs, unpopular and unappealing to the majority of Americans. Cloward-Piven is how they muscle their agenda through. It is their only strategy, accomplishing through chaos, fear, and coercion what is unreachable via the ballot box.

Bringing down the current system provides an opportunity to remake American society into their idealized version of Utopia, which in reality is the Soviet Union, Cuba, or China, with a small ruling class in charge and everyone else subservient. In other words, a real life *Hunger Games* dystopian society.

COVID restrictions and lockdowns created such economic carnage that an entirely new dependency class was born. Add to that tens of millions of illegal immigrants, bringing dependency as well as potential health care concerns and costs and

animosity toward the country paying all their bills, displacing American workers already struggling to regain their footing after COVID. Any resistance is met with protests and riots. Those who speak out may be cancelled or worse. The media simply parrots the talking points of the ruling class, acting like court eunuchs for the ruling establishment. Massive income redistribution via government programs with attacks on the First and Second Amendments make it impossible for the people to push back, either verbally or physically, against a tyrannical government, all to supposedly end poverty by making everyone poor and calling it the middle class.

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Universal income doesn't eliminate poverty, it simply expands it, but under a different name, something trendy, like “equity.” You can be sure that guaranteed annual income will simply create a subservient lower class, eager to vote for their paymasters each November as long as they keep dripping narcotic dollars into their wallets—not enough to climb the economic ladder, but enough to keep them satisfied.

The productive ones, pulling on the economic oars, will eventually tire from their efforts and take their guaranteed stipend and let someone else row the boat. Those in charge will live lavishly as they did in the capitol city of the *Hunger Games*.

Donald Trump was simply a speed bump on the Cloward-Piven expressway. He was supposed to blow up the road to serfdom, but instead only slowed it down for a few years. The deep state won easily.

Chaos and confusion, fear and uncertainty—in a never-ending stream, courtesy of the government—solved with executive orders by the same government designed to “fix” the very problems they created.

All of this is being ushered in under the whip of President Cloward and Vice President Piven. And it seems the entire ruling class, regardless of political party, has signed on.

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America Means Everything to the World

Excerpts from Rush Limbaugh on *The Rush Limbaugh Show*, 2/8/19

I love this country so much, and I have such high hopes for people who are not yet born. This country means everything to the world. It means everything to freedom and liberty and prosperity.

You know, American exceptionalism is often misdefined and misunderstood, and I want to once again take a moment to properly explain it. Any time you use a phrase like “American exceptionalism,” some will have a knee-jerk reaction as though you’re bragging. “Oh, you Americans think you’re better than anybody, huh? Well, screw you!” That’s not at all what it means. **American exceptionalism is simply an acknowledgment that America is the exception in a world of tyranny, a world of poverty, a world of bondage.**

We in America don’t often stop—if ever—to think about this, because we’ve never experienced anything other than America. But the history of humanity is primarily a history of poverty, as opposed to prosperity. It’s a history of tyranny, dictatorships, suffering, bondage. I’m not making this up. I mean, that is the way in which most people who have lived on earth since the beginning of time have not experienced the life we as Americans take for granted.

We’re the only country that has a charter indicating and enshrining that the very existence of citizens and human beings is in a state of God-created freedom. That charter, that Constitution, was written by brilliant people whose primary objective was to keep it that way. They sought to keep it that way—the focus on individual liberty and prosperity and freedom, pursuit of happiness—by limiting the role of government in day-to-day existence.

The Bill of Rights, the first Ten Amendments to the Constitution, specifically lays out what government cannot do. The Constitution does not say what government can do. It does not empower government in certain ways over people. The Constitution reserves the premise of individual liberty and freedom for the people and gives the people the freedom and the opportunity to choose those who will govern them or lead them.

Most of the people in the world have never gotten close to being able to live under such circumstances. In virtually all other countries in the world, the governments are the focus, and everything revolves around government. Now, we’re trending that way. Our founding’s under attack, our existence as a free nation is under attack, most seriously from internal forces now.

The only thing that saves us, the only thing that has saved us over generations, is education, a proper education of the Constitution, of our founding, of our country. None of that’s taught anymore. Instead, America is taught as inherently racist and unjust and immoral. You know the drill.

I don’t know how many generations that we have now, but it’s a minimum of two and probably more, who have grown up not having the foggiest idea of the greatness of America. You know, when Trump did his State of the Union Address, and he

singled out the World War II heroes? How many young people do you think had the slightest idea what he was talking about when he talked about storming the beaches of Normandy and the concentration camps? Look. It’s a long time ago. And for people our age, you and me, we were taught this growing up.

Our parents did all that—and kids today, their parents didn’t. And if they’re not taught it, they’re not gonna have any respect for it. And the same thing about the Constitution, the origins of the Country, and what it took to become the United States. How did it happen? Okay, we declare independence from a tyrannical king in the United Kingdom, Great Britain, and we fought the Revolutionary War, and then we had the Civil War. Do people really know what it took?

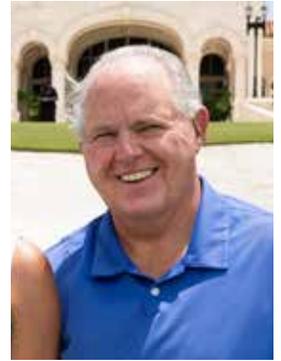
Do they really know what was sacrificed by the people that built this country, who designed it? They don’t. Not enough do. As such, there isn’t any reverence for it—and when you replace the reverence with the idea that the nation was founded in sin and injustice, well, then everything becomes threatening. I worry that this country can only survive as long as the people who live in it understand what it is and have almost a reverently appreciation for it, because it is so unique.

And this is why I take all this very seriously. It’s such a God-given opportunity to be an American. It’s such a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be taken advantage of, to be maximized. It’s worth protecting, it’s worth fighting for, and it’s always been under assault. Since the founding, it’s been under assault.

That a piece of paper and the reverence, respect for a piece of paper, the Constitution, is all that stood in the way of this country becoming a tyranny. It’s a piece of paper that, for over 250 years, has been respected simply because it exists. It would have been the easiest thing in the world to throw it away and to try to turn this country into something it was not founded to be, and some presidents have made half-baked efforts at doing so. But never full-fledged. The fact that we have survived this long is a miracle to me, given human nature and given the history of the world.

Most people expect to be controlled by government ... and go through life being told what they can’t do. But only in the United States are you limited in what you can do by yourself. Only in the United States are the limitations individual citizens face self-imposed. You have a dream and you want to be whatever you can be, you live in the place to try to make it happen. The only person stopping you is you.

NOTE: As usual, Rush was right. If we are to save our Constitutional Republic, children must know the meaning of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence. They need to know freedom and liberty are worth fighting for, and yes, even worth dying for. TEF remains on the front lines fighting against the teaching of Critical Race Theory in Texas public schools (see Summer 2021 Torch), and for civics education that fosters good citizenship and patriotism.





Texas Pays the Price

In the last seven months alone, we've seen over a million people cross illegally into this country, and we are now on pace for over 2 million people for 2021. To put that into perspective, that is roughly the population of Houston. The Biden administration has released over 7,000 illegal immigrants who tested positive for COVID. Since the population in McAllen, Texas is 141,000, roughly five percent of McAllen consists of COVID-positive illegal immigrants, released by President Biden. Sadly, these humanitarian, national security, and public health crises are affecting Texans the most. "As long as the Biden administration says, 'We will not enforce the law, we will release the people we apprehend,' the crisis will keep getting worse and worse. That is terrible for Texas. It's terrible for the country," said Senator Ted Cruz.

SOURCE: Office of Senator Ted Cruz, 9/10/21

Americans and a Biblical Worldview

A new survey for Family Research Center's Center for Biblical Worldview found that 81 percent of those who regularly attend an evangelical church think they have a biblical worldview, but, in reality, only 21 percent do so. This paints a sobering picture of American religious life. According to George Barna, FRC's Senior Research Fellow, a worldview is the intellectual, moral, emotional, and spiritual filter through which a person sees and responds to the world. And, as this survey reveals, many see the world through a lens other than the Bible. More findings: 74 percent of conservatives claim to have a biblical worldview, but only 16 percent do; 44 percent of millennials claim a biblical worldview but only four percent have one. Out of American adults, 51 percent claim to have a biblical worldview, but research indicates that just six percent do. These findings are troubling and show how much work remains to be done in our churches, let alone the broader culture.

SOURCE: Family Research Council's Center for Biblical Worldview, 7/7/21

Who Wants an Electric Car? Not Consumers

There's a huge problem with President Joe Biden's goal that half of all U.S. car, truck, and SUV sales will be electric by the year 2030: consumers vastly prefer gasoline-powered engines. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, between January 2017 and April 2020, about 93 percent of cars, trucks, and SUVs had conventional gasoline-powered engines. Pure electric vehicles (EVs) hovered between one and two percent of sales. Hybrids, which are included in Biden's plan, account for about two percent. Prior to the pandemic, about 17 million cars, trucks, and SUVs were sold in the U.S. each year. So why are the automakers going along with Biden's effort to make expensive EVs? Reuters tells us, "The Detroit Three automakers said the aggressive EV sales goals can only be met with billions of dollars in government incentives including consumer subsidies." So, automakers are happy to make EVs as long as the government hands over billions of taxpayer dollars.

SOURCE: Dr. Merrill Matthews, IPI PolicyBytes, 8/10/21

Abandoning Israel

House Democrats had to pass a continuing resolution to keep the government open through early December. Speaker Nancy Pelosi needed every vote, but the radical so-called "progressives" in her party demanded something in return. Their price was Israel. They demanded that funding for Israel's Iron Dome system be cut from the bill. The Iron Dome is a purely defensive system keeping thousands of Palestinian and Iranian rockets from hitting Israeli homes, schools, and hospitals. A Christians United for Israel Action Fund spokesperson said, "There are fringe members of Congress who despise Israel's existence, and their party's congressional leadership buckled to their blatant, vile hatred."

SOURCE: Gary Bauer's End of the Day Report, 9/22/21

Quote of the Month

"...your abundant way of life that you have under a capitalist economy, will disappear rapidly under a socialist, centrally misplanned economy, run by one party rule, whose leaders lie to you that everything they do is for the common good...."

~ Dr. Ileana Johnson Pugh, "A Bar of Soap and a Lesson Missed," Canada Free Press, 8/12/21

Great American Quote

"Yet, however weak our country may be, I hope we shall never sacrifice our liberties. If, therefore, on a full and candid discussion, the proposed system shall appear to have that tendency, for God's sake, let us reject it!"

~ Alexander Hamilton, Speech on the Compromises of the Constitution, 1788

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