

# TEXAS EAGLE FORUM

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Dear Eagles,

*“Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it.”*  
~ Thomas Paine

We began 2021 with hope for our beloved Texas and America, but saw that hope disintegrate before our eyes on January 6th. The Constitution gives us the right to assemble and protest *peacefully*. The angry mob that attacked the U.S. Capitol building was not us. They harmed us all, set back the conservative movement, and destroyed President Trump’s legacy. Violence is not who we are as a people.

Democrat Joe Biden has been certified as our president, and his radical progressive allies will be in power, but that doesn’t mean we give up. As Ronald Reagan once said, *“You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the last step into 1,000 years of darkness.”* Now, with God’s help, it is up to us to fight the good fight and do all we can to put our Nation on the right course again.

Texas Eagle Forum will continue to support and defend the ideals of our Constitution and of our brilliant Eagle Forum founder, Phyllis Schlafly, who could see the outcome of public policy well into the future. She led Eagle Forum to become one of the first modern citizen-groups to step up and fight for God’s best in this great Nation by electing true grassroots patriots to serve in our stead. We must always demand the best from those who we put in office. Our freedom to speak is worthless if we don’t use it.

I love serving Texas Eagle Forum because we stand on the firmest of foundations. God’s Word does not change. We know where and why we stand for policy issues. Now, more than ever, I believe God wants us to be in the arena and fighting for what is right for our State. I am excited about our opportunities to make a real difference in the 87th Legislative Session, which began January 12th. Our top priorities include the following:

- **Election integrity** is critical. I relish the days when, as an election judge, I delivered my ballot box to election headquarters and was allowed to follow it through to the counting room. I was teary-eyed in December 2019, watching the votes of Great Britain’s citizens achieve their goal of freeing themselves from the dictates of the European Union. Hand-counts of paper ballots let their voices be heard loud and clear. We **MUST** have secure, fair, and honest elections to restore our faith in the electoral process.
- It has been 48 years since *Roe v. Wade*. How is abortion still tolerated in our modern world with our advanced medical technology? Is a “convenience” or “goal” deemed more important than a tiny, innocent human life? **TEF will continue to defend life.**
- We are unique creations, male and female, made by Creator God. This session, we will work to protect children from “**transitioning**” **genders** through dangerous medical intervention. Gender “fluidity” defies common sense and biological science.

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- When government raises **already-high property taxes** to chase its appetite to spend money it didn't earn, we have every right to demand our legislators cut spending and be wise with every dollar they take from us.
- Will Texas fall for the lies that promoting drug use is a positive thing? If **marijuana is decriminalized and/or legalized**, the marijuana industry will create great wealth for a very few on the back of addiction. Homelessness will increase; mental health issues will increase; cartel activity in our state will increase. A few will get rich, while many will implode their lives and futures. The rest of us will pay for the damage.

**Eagles don't sit on the sidelines, they are engaged.** Will you fight with us?

Eagle Forum state leaders serve as full-time volunteers, and I am honored and humbled to be called to this duty. Our goal is to educate you on the issues so you will be the most informed in the room.

If you would like to join our monthly prayer calls, please email us at [TEF@TexasEagleForum.com](mailto:TEF@TexasEagleForum.com), or sign up on our website, at [TexasEagleForum.com](http://TexasEagleForum.com). You can also fill out your reply form to indicate your interest.

If you are not receiving our email alerts, please consider signing up for them, as well. When we send an alert, we hope you will take action and convince others to follow you and share the information.

We are looking for champion-patriots to start Eagle Forum chapters around the State. Our two very active chapters, Dallas and Montgomery counties, make a huge difference in our chances for success. Contact me if you are interested. We'd love to help you get started!

Finally, if you are blessed with the resources to share, we promise to be wise stewards of your financial gifts.

God bless you in this New Year! May you be at peace knowing God is in control. He sees our situation and has our back, whether we win or lose.

Thank you for your hard work and diligence in our battles. I look forward to another year of serving with you for Texas and America.

Faithfully,



Cindi Castilla  
President of Texas Eagle Forum

# THE TORCH

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## The “Great Reset”: Rule By Unelected Experts

By **Marc Morano**, *Publisher of Climate Depot*, 12/20

“I dread government in the name of science. That is how tyrannies come in.” ~ C.S. Lewis

The COVID-19 lockdowns and suspension of liberties have only emboldened climate campaigners to achieve their progressive vision of having “the masses” lives planned, monitored, and controlled for their “safety”—all in the name of “science.” The very real threat of oppressive rule by unelected experts in government is now threatening to engulf the world due to the ongoing COVID lockdowns and “phased reopenings.”

“If one lesson from the pandemic is that

taking serious action in a timely manner is key—then shouldn’t this also be true in terms of climate change?” asked the Speaker of the House of Commons Sir Lindsay Hoyle at the G7 Speakers’ Meeting in 2020.

Speaker Hoyle was amazed at how “compliant” the public was in accepting COVID lockdowns. “No one could ever imagine that we would be wearing masks so readily and that we would all be so compliant,” he said. “People were prepared to accept limitations on personal choice and lifestyle—for the good of their own family and friends.”

Hoyle claimed that the climate “tragedy is that, unlike the pandemic, the climate

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crisis is not simply an external threat, but one in which we have had a clear hand.”

The COVID lockdowns are being hailed by climate activists across the spectrum as a model for the coming climate lockdowns.

Former Secretary of State John Kerry noted that “the parallels [between COVID-19 and climate change] are screaming at us, both positive and negative.” Kerry said, “You could just as easily replace the words climate change with COVID-19; it is truly the tale of two pandemics deferred, denied, and distorted, one with catastrophic consequences, the other with even greater risk if we don’t reverse course.”

We were warned about being ruled over by scientists and experts. In President Dwight Eisenhower’s Farewell Address in 1961, he bluntly warned that “public policy could itself become the captive of scientific-technological elite.” Eisenhower explained that “a government contract becomes virtually a substitute for intellectual curiosity” and “the prospect of domination of the nation’s scholars by Federal employment, project allocations, and

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the power of money is ever-present and gravely to be regarded.”

In 2020, COVID and climate morphed into two sides of the same coin as COVID lockdowns achieved many of the same goals the climate movement has strived for: central planning, loss of individual freedom, economic pain, obedience to authority, and weakened national sovereignty—all happening in a virtual blink of the eye.

“Overnight, our society is doing what radical leftist Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) and her fellow Green New Deal fanatics have demanded: an almost total end to air travel, personal automobile travel down to a trickle, promises of free health care for all quickly becoming the new status quo, and the ability of people to sit at home without working and receive a paycheck from the government. The Democrats want that to continue indefinitely,” Chowka wrote.

The U.S. is entering into a new phase where the “danger of letting lab coats run the world” is palpable. “It should be clear by now that most of the world’s leaders were stampeded over the lockdown cliff like so many lemmings. What caused the stampede is even more remarkable: a tiny coterie of obscure, soft-spoken epidemiologists in white lab coats playing with numbers ... the aim was to cause panic,” wrote Bill Dunne in *American Thinker*.

Consider yourself warned: **COVID and Climate—a**

**marriage made in authoritarianism.** The morphing of the public health bureaucracy and the climate establishment is at hand. Nothing good can come from this arranged marriage. “Build Back Better” is code for the “Great Reset.”

In June 2020, the chairman and founder of the World Economic Forum in Switzerland called for a “Great Reset of capitalism due to COVID and to help fight climate change. Klaus Schwab said the virus has given us an “opportunity” to pursue “equality and sustainability.”

Former Vice President Al Gore is also deeply involved in the “Great Reset.” “I think this is a time for a ‘Great Reset,’” Gore said. “We’ve got to fix a lot of these problems that have been allowed to fester for way too long,” he added.

Maurice Newman, a former advisor to Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott, issued a clarion call against a Great Reset. **“Stripped of the propaganda, the Great Reset is not new. It’s another fascist experiment being pushed by controlling elitists.** Economic growth and social mobility must be subordinate to the collective. Connections will be institutionalized and privilege perpetuated,” Newman wrote in October 2020.

Lockdowns happened almost overnight and remained in place with constantly moving goalposts of criteria for when they could be lifted. Lockdowns that were passed are nothing short of suspension of democracy. No votes by legislators or parliaments, but a complete deferral to the expertise of a credentialed class to formulate far-reaching policies at a whim. Public health bureaucrats, whose names were previously unknown, are now wielding massive state powers to enforce every possible rule—ranging from quarantine, isolation, mask mandates, restrictions on weddings, funerals, barbecues, playgrounds, and even for how long you are able to leave your house and for what purpose.

Prof. Mariana Mazzucato, of University College London, issued a warning on Sept 22, 2020: “In the near future, the world may need to resort to lockdowns again—this time to tackle a climate emergency.” “Under a ‘climate lockdown,’ governments would limit private-vehicle use, ban consumption of red meat, and impose extreme energy-saving measures, while fossil-fuel companies would have to stop drilling. To avoid such a scenario, we must overhaul our economic structures and do capitalism differently. Many think of the climate crisis as distinct from the health and economic crises caused by the pandemic. But, the three crises—and their solutions—are interconnected,” Mazzucato wrote.

Say what you will about climate activists, but they are a quick study. Seeing the scary and emotional daily COVID-19 death counts on television and all the media attention the viral fears received, inspired members of academia are seeking ways to copycat this technique in order to draw attention back to their pet climate cause.

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## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

1. Resist lockdowns. Do not comply with Great Reset. Defy. The Berlin Wall did not come down because East German parliament voted to tear it down; it came down because the people no longer consented to be governed under tyranny.

2. Force GOP politicians and alleged conservatives to openly challenge the premise of a COVID “emergency” and a “climate emergency.” We cannot allow politicians on “our side” to pander to the premise and just argue around the margins.

3. Fight media censorship. Join other venues where free information can flow: Parler, etc.

# The Pro-Life Movement Speaks Truth

By **Bonnie Finnerty**, *PennLIVE/Patriot News*, 1/7/20

**T**he world is flat. People are property. Tobacco is harmless. Like many other long-held but misguided beliefs, over time these ideas were proven wrong. Consequently, people and societies function differently, in light of what we’ve come to know to be true.

Let’s consider another strongly held belief: pre-born life is an insignificant clump of cells, mere tissue possessing no inherent dignity. This belief was held by early advocates for abortion who regarded the origin of human life to be an unsolvable mystery. Denying the humanity and personhood of the fetus was foundational in the January 22, 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision.

But, then science demystified the mystery.

As enlightening as a spherical earth, or revolutionary as the emancipation of an enslaved people, ultrasound technology obliterated the “clump of cells” myth, giving us a clear view of the previously invisible universe of the womb. In 3D imagery, a heart beats as early as 18 days after fertilization. Brain waves are measurable at six weeks. Every organ system is in place by 10 weeks, and by 12 weeks, fingers grasp and the unborn baby hiccups.

This science cannot be dismissed. Through it, our very eyes witness the undeniable humanity and personhood each of us has possessed since our own conception. And this expanding knowledge has consequences.

In writing the majority opinion for *Roe v. Wade*, years before such evidence was revealed, Justice Harry Blackmun stated that if personhood were able to be established, “the appellant’s case ... collapses, for the fetus’ right to life would then be guaranteed specifically by the [14th] Amendment.”

If personhood were established, the fetus’ right to life would then be guaranteed.

That time has come. Science and law must be in harmony.

As we approach the anniversary of *Roe*, a case decided in a darker era, we must abandon the cognitive dissonance that says sometimes we are human and sometimes we are not. We must acknowledge that our society was misguided in our beliefs and

we must embrace the truths that have become apparent.

Abortion takes the life of a living human being—violently. That alone should give us pause. But there’s more.

Abortion has failed to deliver on its promises. Poverty still exists. Children are still abused. Women are still mistreated. Abortion has solved nothing.

Rather, abortion feeds a culture in which the more powerful annihilate the weaker, where “wantedness” determines worth, where the supposed safe haven of the womb has become the hardest border of all to cross.

Abortion wounds women, forsakes fathers, undermines families, and weakens society.

We are less because of abortion. Sixty-one million Americans less. Less their talent, less their genius, less their love.

We are less morally because of abortion. Ending life at the very start makes it easier to end it at the very end, or at any point in between. The sacredness of all life is compromised.

This is where abortion has taken us. Abortion based on a faulty proposition that has since been disproven.

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Life—your life, my life, all life—begins in the womb. Science recognizes that. Now so must our laws.

As we commemorate the anniversary of legalized abortion on January 22, let’s steadfastly proclaim the truth so that we will not commemorate another year of mass genocide.

Let’s work to end legalized abortion.

**Bonnie Finnerty** is education director of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation.

*NOTE: Tragically, this year marks the 48th year of legalized abortion in the U.S. But there is a glimmer of hope with the addition of Justice Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court. With a majority of conservative Justices on the Court, Roe v. Wade has a real possibility of being overturned. Pray 2021 will be known forever as the Year of LIFE!*



## 17th Texas City Becomes Sanctuary for the Unborn

Last month, Ackerly, in western Texas, joined 16 other cities in declaring itself a sanctuary for unborn babies and banning abortions. Mark Lee Dickson, director of Right to Life of East Texas and leader of the Sanctuary for the Unborn effort, said the Ackerly City Council voted 6-0 to pass the pro-life ordinance. The ordinance recognizes that unborn babies are valuable human beings who deserve to be protected under the law. It prohibits abortions within city limits and prevents abortion businesses from opening there. The ordinance also penalizes abortionists for aborting unborn babies, but it does not penalize women who seek or have abortions. Dickson said that the world needs more leaders like those in Ackerly. “The only way the abortion holocaust will end is if we do what is right and say, ‘Not in our cities.’ We may not be able to change Austin, but we can preserve cities like Ackerly.”

Residents of Lubbock are trying to pass a Sanctuary for the Unborn ordinance in their city after Planned Parenthood announced plans to open a new abortion facility there. In November, the Lubbock City Council voted against the ordinance, but because of a citizen-led petition, residents will have the opportunity to approve the ordinance on the May 2021 election ballot.

SOURCE: [LifeNews.com](http://LifeNews.com), 12/2/20

## You Can Beat City Hall

Citizens in Fredericksburg are enjoying a victory after fighting city hall over an “Orwellian” coronavirus mandate violation reporting program that sought to turn neighbor against neighbor. Business owners and everyday citizens showed up en masse to voice their opposition at a city council meeting last month. “This Orwellian tool is an online hotline neighbors can use to turn in their neighbors they believe are not complying with the mandates,” said local activist Tonya Benson, imploring the council and mayor to take down the reporting tool. “I’ve always heard that you can’t beat city hall, but the citizens of Fredericksburg just did,” said Matt Long, a leader of the Fredericksburg Tea Party and local radio host. “Our voices can and do make a difference.”

SOURCE: *Texas Minute*, 12/15/20

## UT Austin’s Rather Ridiculous Journalism Award

The University of Texas at Austin’s School of Journalism and Media is awarding The Dan Rather Medals for News and Guts to “professional and collegiate journalists who go the extra yard ... to get the story that tells truth to power.” The award has a dedicated website and the enthusiastic endorsement of Jay Bernhardt, dean of Moody College of Communication. “Dan Rather is not only a legend,” gushes Bernhardt, “he’s the namesake of new awards honoring his career and the work of today’s journalists.” Dan Rather, of course, was the longtime anchorman of *CBS Evening News* who was forced to resign in disgrace when he and his producer got caught trying to throw the 2004 presidential election to John Kerry. They did so by fabricating a story about then-President George W. Bush’s long-ago service in the Texas Air National Guard—service that Rather falsely maligned. It’s hard to imagine why the Moody College of Communication at the University of Texas would debase itself by publicly announcing such an award. Far better to plead ignorance than to broadcast it for all the world to see.

SOURCE: *The Patriot Post*, 12/17/20

### Quote of the Month

*“When you sacrifice human freedom for the sake of human safety, you almost always diminish the human being.”*

~ Dr. Everett Piper,  
“Greatest threat America faces during the COVID-19 pandemic is loss of liberty,”  
4/18/20

### Great American Quote

*“Love your neighbor as yourself and your country more than yourself.”*

~ Thomas Jefferson, 1825

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