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Keynote speaker Gordon Chang, JD, addresses “China: America’s Grandest Wager.”

Eagle Council XLVIII Highlights

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Eagles from all around the country, including Texas, flew into Washington, D.C. to attend Eagle Council XLVIII on September 19–21. It was encouraging to see so many Teen Eagles attending the conference this year.

Under the banner of “Preserving Our Foundations: Faith, Family, and Freedom,” the conference opened with **Congressman Mark Green** (R-TN) setting the tone saying the conservative grassroots movement is fighting for American values, while the Left is running

an insurgency to overthrow the capitalistic system of America. The Left wants open borders, socialism, socialized medicine, activist judges, the elimination of the Electoral College, and the Green New Deal. Rep. Green warns, “When government takes over, freedom dies.”

Senator Debbie Lesko (R-AZ) was passionate about defeating the Equality Act, currently passed by the House, which forces every business to hire men who think they are women and takes away women’s rights. She was

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Texas Eagle Forum gives thanks to God for the blessings of family, friends, and freedom.

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equally vocal against the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which would require women shelters to house men—who profess to be women—to sleep next to women who have been abused. “We need to start talking about the reality of biological sexes and fight back!” declared Sen. Lesko.

President of the Family Foundation of Virginia, **Victoria Cobb**, spoke on the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), which, once dead, has now been resurrected in many states. She says the consequences of passing this amendment “erases” women by elevating “all” sexes and granting new rights to those on the gender spectrum. If passed, the ERA fallout erases safety for women in bathrooms, locker rooms, athletics, military, prisons and women’s shelters. Cobb says it is our job to change the thinking and fight for the next generation of girls.

Becky Gerritson, Executive Director of Alabama Eagle Forum, discussed the Alabama Human Protection Act (HPA), which passed early this year banning abortion with no exceptions. She says the arguments for the exceptions of rape and incest are weak since less than 1 percent of rape victims abort their babies. In reality, rapists love abortion because it destroys the DNA evidence. The HPA bill passed due to “views changing,” including medical technology, a pro-life attorney general, the movie *Unplanned*, and Virginia’s shocking support for infanticide. The bill is currently being challenged in the 11th Circuit Court, and will likely go to the U.S. Supreme Court to challenge *Roe v Wade*. “Every other issue pales beside the sanctity of human life,” states Gerritson.

“A Millennial Perspective: Holding Traditional Values in a Post-Traditional World” was the next topic with millennial Texans **Glyn Wright McKay** and former TEF Legislative Director **Bethany Jarrell**. Both agreed it is hard being a conservative today. Glyn said millennials are lonely and vulnerable because of technology and are looking for relationships. “We need to engage by sharing our story.” Bethany reported there are approximately 83 million millennials between the ages of 23–45 years old, many pre-9/11. She cited a *Wall Street Journal* report that said millennials are the most marketed generation, are inundated with technology, are visual learners, diverse, and socially and environmentally conscious. The poster child for millennials is Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY). The goal is for conservatives to connect with them via social media, podcasts, and guest blogs.

Heather McDonald, JD, author of *The Diversity Delusion: How Race and Gender Pandering Corrupt the University and Undermine Our Culture*, was the featured lunch speaker. “Identity politics and anti-racism have become the religion of key American institutions, whether in the corporate world, academia, or the media... So, what is behind this frenzied drive to find spectral racism?” asks McDonald. “A corrupt academia culture that has left its ivory tower and is fast remaking the world in its image.” Identity politics are the rage at universities with their focus around race, gender, oppressive white privilege, and victimology. McDonald says, “We must take on this victimology directly, set a new path to reclaim the universities, instill the rule of law, the scientific method, individual rights,



Cindi Castilla, DEF president, congratulates Bethany Jarrell after her speech at Eagle Council.

and the full glory of the highest calling of western inheritance.”

The Federalist’s **Joy Pullman** talked about the crisis in American public education. She says, “Each generation reads less, learns less and governs less.” Republicans have failed with federal programs such as No Child Left Behind and Common Core. There are three key truths in education today: the old ways are ineffective, schools are not neutral, and we have lost public education. The Left will not accommodate us,” says Pullman. She suggests attending local and state school board meetings, using social pressure to be effective, and going face-to-face with legislators.

Friday evening’s featured speaker was **Mallory Millet**, sister of the National Organization of Women (NOW) founder, the late Kate Millet. “My sister Kate was a Marxist-Communist who hated men, marriage, and the U.S.,” says Mallory. Tormented by Kate growing up, Mallory joined her sister in New York City in the late 1960s and saw first-hand how her sister and other radical feminists gathered to start a sexual revolution that destroyed the American family by promoting promiscuity, abortion, and homosexuality. Her goal was to infiltrate every part of our culture, and she succeeded. “I’ve known women who fell for for Kate’s creed in their youth, who now are in their 50s or 60s, who cry themselves to sleep, grieving over the the children they never had... or the ones they coldly murdered,” says Mallory. “It is time for American men to reclaim what my sister Kate stole from them, and American women to trust authentic femininity, purity, and God’s gift of womanhood.”

On Saturday, several speakers took on the transgender movement in our schools. **Maria Keffler**, co-founder of the Arlington Parent Coalition, learned about the transgender policy from her school system’s website. She showed up at a school board working meeting and was astonished to find representatives from a local transgender activist group discussing a policy wish list with school board members, administrators and several students. “A lot of it revolved around keeping stuff secret from parents,” said Keffler. “There’s one narrative that the transgender agenda is pushing, and that is any person who says they feel like they’re the wrong gender, you have to affirm their transition—there is no other acceptable

path. Parents are a threat to their kids and the school needs to step in.” She says to keep an eye on your school board, get parents involved, and be vigilant.

Erin Brewer, PhD, says she was a “trans kid” and did everything to convince herself and her parents she was really a boy. Her mother eventually sent her to a therapist who helped her manage her feelings of gender dysphoria. She has made it her mission to help others understand the damage to children by the transgender movement. Kids as young as five are “deciding” they want to be the opposite sex, and parents are told if they don’t help their kids transition, the child is likely to commit suicide. Compliant hospitals and university medical centers have a pathway for transitioning children starting at age eight using puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and eventually, irreversible, radical surgery. Brewer says, “Our kids are guinea pigs for these experimental procedures. Ninety-four percent of kids who identify as trans aren’t really trans at all. They just think it is brave and cool to change.”

“The U.S. and China are destined to years, maybe decades, of a new cold war,” said featured speaker **Gordon Chang**, author of *Losing South Korea*, and *The Coming Collapse of China*.

“American policymakers fundamentally do not understand Communism. We view our relationship with China in starkly different terms. While we believe Xi Jinping accepts current international systems, he believes the tenants of Mao and wants to overthrow the international systems.” Jinping acts like an imperial emperor, is not bound by any rules of conduct and believes China is predestined to rule the world. Chang says that China has weaponized its citizens to spy on U.S. college campuses and in U.S. businesses, and we need to remove them from our country. As a result of these intellectual property thefts, President Trump has imposed tariffs on China, something past U.S. presidents failed to do. Is Trump doing enough? Chang says, “No, but he is talking with China behind the scenes.”

Outside the Eagle event, hundreds of young people marched in the #ShutDownDC protest to stop climate change, a subject addressed by **Cal Beisner, PhD**. The protesters demanded “climate justice for everyone.” Beisner says their demands include the Green New Deal, which would cost nine trillion dollars per year, environmental justice, which erases wealth and power, and sustainable agriculture, which includes “compassionate eating” (no meat). Marxist politics drives climate change by restructuring the economic system and redistributing the world’s wealth. “It is civilization suicide,” warns Beisner.

Securing our electrical grid from our enemies was tackled by **Tommy Waller**, vice president for Special Projects at the Center for Security Policy. “The survival of our civilization depends on our grid to function. A successful attack on just nine key substations would create a cascading failure and take out the entire U.S. grid,” says Waller. “We know how to protect our grids from cyber-attacks, electromagnetic attacks, and solar weather, but Congress is ignoring it.” A wealth of information is available on [SecuretheGrid.com](https://www.securethegrid.com).

The Founder’s Banquet Saturday night celebrated the life and legacy of Phyllis Schlafly with a wonderful and moving video tribute. Many Eagles wore pearl necklaces in honor of the late founder of Eagle Forum.

The featured speaker was **Carrie Severino, JD**, co-author of *Justice Under Trial: The Kavanaugh Confirmation and the Future*



Dr. Homer Adams, with wife Cathie, received the 2019 Fred Schlafly Award.

of the Supreme Court. She said, “The Left uses attacks and threats on the independence of the judiciary in order to achieve their goals when Congress isn’t willing.” The slanderous Kavanaugh hearings were nothing new—Democrats used the same playbook in attacking Judge Clarence Thomas in 1991, and in defeating Judge Robert Bork in 1987. Severino says Republicans need to learn from this and be ready to respond next time by holding people accountable. She credits Kavanaugh’s faith and “brave women” getting him through the hearings, including his wife, Ashley, a prayer warrior, and Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME), who received threats and coat hangers from pro-aborts who feared *Roe* would be overturned if Kavanaugh was confirmed.

Dr. Homer Adams received the *2019 Fred Schlafly Award* for his many years of faithful and loving support of his wife **Cathie**, who has served Eagle Forum for decades as president of Dallas EF and Texas EF, and is currently a member of the Eagle Forum Board. Congratulations, Homer! Texas is so proud of you and Cathie!

Elizabeth Johnston was awarded the *2019 Homemaker of the Year Award*. Elizabeth is an author, speaker, and activist mommy, whose commentary videos on social and moral issues have netted over 70 million views. She and her husband have 10 children, all of whom are homeschooled. Nine were there to watch their Mom receive her award.

Anne Schlafly Cori, chairman of Eagle Forum, wrapped up the evening with closing remarks: “My Mother, Phyllis Schlafly, believed women could be homemakers and policy-makers. She is not a museum piece. She is living, breathing in the work we do, and we have a mission to do, and we have work to get done.” Cori encouraged us to “pay it forward” by mentoring young women to lead happy, successful, and fulfilled lives.

Texas Eagles left the Nation’s Capitol on a high note, ready and eager to mount up with wings of eagles to make a difference for Faith, Family, and Freedom.

NOTE: Many of the speeches, including topics not mentioned in the article, are on the Eagle Forum website [eagleforum.org](https://www.eagleforum.org). Click on Events, Eagle Council, and Videos. The annual Eagle Council IS the place to be for information you will not hear anywhere else.

Middle Class Income Gains Under Trump

According to a study by former Census Bureau researchers and statisticians at Sentier Research has found gigantic income gains for the middle class under Trump. The average-income family has seen a gain of \$5,003 since Trump came into office. Median family income is now \$65,976, up from about \$61,000 when he entered office. Under George W. Bush, the household income gains were a little over \$400, and under Barack Obama the gains were \$1,043. That was in eight years for each. Under Trump, in less than three years, the extra income is about three times larger. The tax cut also added an additional \$2,500 to a typical family of four's after-tax incomes. So, after taking into account taxes owed, the income of most middle-class families is up closer to \$6,000 in the Trump era.

SOURCE: Stephen Moore, "It's a Middle-Class Boom," *The Patriot Post*, 10/16/19

Good Medicine & Good Theology Solution for Record STDs

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released its annual report on sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) for 2018, showing that STDs rose for the fifth consecutive year, reaching an all-time high. Men who have sex with men are disproportionately affected by the syphilis and gonorrhea epidemics. Every one of the 2.4 million people diagnosed with an STD in 2018 is a victim of the sexual revolution. For decades, we have been told that people have a "right" to have sex, and to have it without consequences. But Family Research Council's David Closson reminds us, "When you go outside of God's design and the boundaries he has given us, there are going to be negative consequences." STDs are but one example.

SOURCE: Tony Perkins, *Washington Update*, 10/11/19

Kellogg's Teams with GLAAD with Sales of "All Together" Cereal

Breakfast cereal giant Kellogg's is teaming with the advocacy group Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) for an anti-bullying campaign featuring a new "All Together" cereal bringing many of its most famous cartoon characters onto one box front. The box includes Raisin Bran, Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies, Frosted Flakes, Froot Loops, and Frosted Mini Wheats. With the new limited-edition product, Kellogg's and GLAAD hope to combat the bullying of LGBTQ people. "The All Together cereal is a symbol of acceptance," the company said in a press release, "and encompasses the values of diversity, equality, and solidarity. We hope that LGBTQ youth everywhere receive the messages loud and clear." The special cereal is for sale on Kellogg's website for \$19.99 a box, and the company is donating \$50,000 to GLAAD for its anti-bullying campaign.

SOURCE: breitbart.com, 10/18/19

Whether It's 11, 14, or 22 Million, There's a Crisis

The American people aren't going to be happy about a new study on the staggering number of illegal immigrants estimated to be in the U.S. Ken Cuccinelli, the acting director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, recently cited a new study by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that reports there are potentially 22 million illegal aliens in the U.S.—nearly twice the typically cited figure of 11 to 13 million. Ira Mehlman with the Federation for American Immigration Reform says his organization estimates the number of illegal aliens to be at more than 14 million. "Nobody knows for certain how many people are in the country illegally because people sneak into the country [and] it's hard to count people who don't want to be counted," he begins. "Our report looks at the numbers of people who are apprehended coming into the country, some Census Bureau information... [and] we came to the figure of 14.3 million. But whether it's 14 or 22 [million], this is far more than any country ought to be expected to endure."

SOURCE: onenewsnow.com, 10/18/19

Quote of the Month

"It may be one of the most perfect ad placements in the history of advertising! You want to reach a bunch of people that don't like God, don't like religion, and have no fear of hell because they don't think it exists, and so they don't mind burning there? Run this ad in a Democrat debate!"

~ Rush Limbaugh on the Freedom From Religion Foundation ad, featuring Ron Reagan, during the October 16th Democrat debate, 10/17/19

Great American Quote

"Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prized liberty of all men, in all lands everywhere. Destroy this spirit and you have planted the seeds of despotism at your doors."

~ President Abraham Lincoln, 1858

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