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Keynote speaker Congressman Jim Jordan on “The Values That Make America Special.”

Eagle Council XLVII Highlights

By **Marilyn Statler**, TEF Editor

The title of this year’s Eagle Council, held in Washington, D.C. September 27–30, was “Proud to be an American: Embracing Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.” Sixteen Texans were among Eagles from all over the country who attended the conference. Washington was abuzz with the Kavanaugh hearings on Capitol Hill, and the Eagle Council meetings reflected the culture and spiritual war we are in today.

The opening session tackled the topics of education and family matters. **Dr. Karen Effrem**, president of Education Liberty Watch, said that despite spending over \$2 trillion on education, there has been little difference in academic achievement since 1960. Instead, there has been an unconstitutional interference by the federal government, with such programs as Head Start, No Child Left Behind Act, Outcome-Based Education, Common Core, and now Social Emotional Learning (SEL).

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Education has veered from academics to psychological learning and government accountability. Progressive education has taken over the education system.

Current Education Secretary Betsy DeVos wants to combine the Department of Education with the Department of Labor in order to downsize government. But many are asking if this is just another bad attempt to nationalize the School-to-Work program of the 1990's. Mrs. DeVos recently signed on to the radical Globalist UN Education Agenda for the U.S. (G20 education document). Americans should be outraged and call for her resignation/firing and elimination of the DOE.

Family Matters addressed technology in the classroom, school safety issues, marijuana, the opiate epidemic, teen suicide (the rate of which has tripled since 1960), depression (one in five teens is clinically depressed), and bullying. Most distressing was the issue of pornography. By the age of 12, most kids have seen porn due to the easy access via computers, tablets, cell phones, and TV. Many are addicted, which often feeds teen depression, violence, rape, murder, and suicide. Experts advise teaching children as young as five about porn; it is going to happen, so have an action plan (see *Eagle Forum Report*, October 2018). Panelist **Rebecca Hagelin** said, "America has lost her virtue. Pray for revival, or we, as a nation, will not last."

"Biology is not bigotry; it is reality," said **Dr. Michelle Cretella**, president of the American College of Pediatricians, in discussing the dangers of gender ideology. "People do not have a gender; they have a sex." No one is born transgender, but young people are indoctrinated into accepting transgenderism by schools, teen literature, chat rooms, and the media. The American Academy of Pediatrics backs sex change for kids, which Dr. Cretella considers child abuse. She says we are rewriting Genesis and sowing chaos in language and natural law.

Elaine Donnelly, president of the Center for Military Readiness, stated, "The military is at the forefront of social change." Transgenders were ineligible to serve in the military until the Obama administration changed the policy. Under Trump, three left-winged judges stopped a study on the effects of transgenders in the military. Mrs. Donnelly says it is a matter of readiness and suggests writing President Trump to end this policy.

The panel on liberty began with **Stanley Kurtz**, PhD, senior fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center, who talked about the crisis of free speech on college campuses. He says it is an insidious problem of fear and intimidation to silence conservative voices. "Free speech is not a shouting contest," he said. "It exists because of political correctness and is a cover for oppressive, Marxist groups." College administrators are unable or unwilling to handle college shoutdowns by disciplining students. He says states need to pass laws protecting the First Amendment on college campuses and told about the Goldwater Model, which has been adopted by four states (see Page 3).

Anne Schlafly Cori, Chairman of Eagle Forum, spoke on capitalism vs. socialism and called the young people who support socialism, "Little Socialists." Socialism is the abolition of private property and is the means by which the government owns you. Purporting to be free, fair, and equal, it actually hurts



Bethany Jarrell, Trayce Bradford, Bunni Pounds, and Marilyn Statler at Eagle Council

those who espouse it. "Free" has no value, the elites have the power, and socialism does not reduce inequality. Should all basketball players be the same height? Should you be paid the same as a slacker co-worker? Socialism has not worked in any country where it has been tried.

Progressives have four hurdles against our founding principles and Christianity, according to **Emmett McGroarty**, JD. They are: dispelling eternal truths, the separation of powers, state government, and "deplorable" Americans. Progressives want to meld the three branches of the federal government into one and undermine state sovereignty. They are a threat to American character. Solution: states should push back against the federal government.

Next was a panel on defense and security with California Eagle Forum President **Orlean Koehle** leading off with, "The Threat to National Security from Illegal Immigration & the Rise in Muslim Refugees." The U.S. spends \$113 billion a year on illegal aliens. California receives the most refugees and has the highest rate of illegals. The Department of Homeland Security is busing refugees at night to "secret resettlements" around the country, and Islam is being taught in public schools. Mrs. Koehle calls it "civilization jihad." Teaching U.S. history should be required, and Islam propaganda in the schools stopped. Be aware of inner-faith seminars in Christian churches, as the Muslim Brotherhood is behind these seminars. Our Christian roots and heritage must be restored.

Dr. Peter Pry, executive director of the EMP Task Force on National and Homeland Security and author of *Blackout Wars*, spoke on the threat of an electromagnetic pulse (EMP), not only by a solar super storm, but by a high-altitude EMP. Just one high-altitude nuclear weapon could wipe out all U.S. electrical grids. "Ninety percent of the population will die within one year without electricity," said Dr. Pry. "It is a high-tech way of killing people." Congress has passed several bills to harden the grid, but so far nothing has been done. President Trump supports hardening our grids.

"China's goal is to replace the U.S. as the global superpower by 2049," shared **Dr. Michael Pillsbury**, an expert in East Asia and the Pacific Defense Strategy National Security at Hudson Institute and author of *The 100-Year Marathon*. He says the Chinese are "inside our system" and working to undermine the U.S., aided by the Deep State and moderate Republicans who oppose Trump on China. The bright spot is Trump's National Security Advisor John Bolton, who understands China. China and Russia have formed an alliance, while militarily, we haven't tested our nuclear weapons in 25 years.

Other highlights included featured speakers:

Jim Jordan, U.S. Congressman, founder of the House Freedom Caucus and running for Speaker of the House: “President Trump has taken bold action on behalf of the American people: regulations reduced, high economic growth, low unemployment rates, and we are out of the Iran deal. If the press doesn’t say anything bad, you aren’t doing any good.”

Mollie Hemingway, senior editor at The Federalist: “There is a war vs women by the feminist-left who want us all to be like men. Women are presented as the same monolithic bloc--angry and denying biological differences. We need to be joyful women embracing marriage and family.”

Joe DiGenova, JD, former U.S. attorney and currently on President Trump’s legal team: “We are in a civil war with anarchists who are subverting the U.S. Constitution. The Deep State is corrupt and powerful, and the media is the enemy of the First Amendment. Trump may be an imperfect vessel, but he is real, loves this country and cares. He is keeping his promises and is unfazed by the media and Democrats.”



MerryLynn Gerstenschlager, Anne Schlafly Cori, Cathie Adams, and Cindi Castilla at a Kavanaugh rally.

Trayce Bradford, TEF President, co-led a packed breakout session on human trafficking (see Torch, Summer 2018).

Texas Eagles left Eagle Council informed and resting in Isaiah 40:31: “*They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings of eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.*”

Restoring Free Speech on Campus

By **Jim Manley**, Goldwater Institute, 1/30/17

In her 2016 convocation speech, Brown University President Christina Paxton explained that a reporter had recently asked school officials if Brown had established any “safe spaces” on campus. “What on earth are they referring to?” Paxton said. “Idea-free zones staffed by thought-police where disagreement is prohibited?”

Yes, precisely such spaces. Sadly, this kind of challenge to campus free speech is now widespread. Surveys show that student support for restrictive speech codes and speaker bans is at historic heights. Violent protests have shut down speakers on campuses across the country, and administrators are not standing up to protect speakers’ and students’ First Amendment rights. As both a deeply held commitment and a living tradition, freedom of speech is dying on our college campuses and is increasingly imperiled in society at large.

In 2017, the Goldwater Institute introduced a model bill designed to ensure free expression within America’s public university systems. We hope that public debate over these legislative proposals will strengthen freedom of speech at private colleges and universities as well. The key provisions in this model legislation are inspired by three classic defenses of campus free speech: Yale’s 1974 Woodward Report, The University of Chicago’s 1967 Kalven Report, and the University of Chicago’s 2015 Stone Report.

The Goldwater Model legislation does several things:

- It creates an official university policy that strongly affirms the importance of free expression, nullifying any existing restrictive speech codes in the process.
- It prevents administrators from disinviting speakers, no matter how controversial, whom members of the campus community wish to hear from.

- It establishes a system of disciplinary sanctions for students and anyone else who interferes with the free-speech rights of others.
- It allows persons whose free-speech rights have been improperly infringed by the university to recover court costs and attorney’s fees.
- It reaffirms the principle that universities at the official institutional level ought to remain neutral on issues of public controversy to encourage the widest possible range of opinion and dialogue within the university itself.
- It ensures that students will be informed of the official policy on free expression.
- It authorizes a special subcommittee of the university board of trustees to issue a yearly report to the public, the trustees, the governor, and the legislature on the administrative handling of free-speech issues.

Taken together, these provisions create a system of interlocking incentives designed to encourage students and administrators to respect and protect the free expression of others.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: Please call your representatives and ask them to support the Goldwater Institute Model Plan for free-speech on college campuses.

NOTE: Texas Eagle Forum will present this legislative proposal to state legislators., including Rep Briscoe Cain (R-Deer Park), who was prevented from speaking at Texas Southern University’s Thurgood Marshall School of Law in 2017. Calling him anti-LGBT and other offensive statements, campus activists were protesting an amendment Cain filed in the 2017 legislative session denying funds for sexual reassignment surgery for prison inmates. “He just stands for hatred and bigotry on a scale that isn’t deserving of a place or platform here at TSU,” said a Thurgood Marshall School of Law student.

Record Number of Judicial Nominees Confirmed

The Senate recently approved more of President Donald Trump's judicial nominees adding another 15 confirmations just days after Justice Brett Kavanaugh was installed on the U.S. Supreme Court. With these confirmations, the Senate has confirmed 84 Trump nominees to the federal bench, which includes 53 trial judges, 29 appeals judges and two Supreme Court justices. President Trump set a record for appeals court confirmations during the first year of his presidency. In his second year, President Trump and the Senate have continued to set records. This presidential accomplishment is one of many that will continue his legacy for many years. Liberty Counsel Chairman Mat Staver said, "President Trump has consistently nominated people who are committed to originalism. Judges who interpret the law according to the Constitution are critical for maintaining the rule of law and the proper balance of the three branches of government."

SOURCE: Liberty Counsel, 10/12/18

Planned Parenthood's New Court Initiative

After sinking tens of millions of dollars into campaigns that protect their own form of violence, the country's largest abortion provider is hiring. And not just anyone—for a Director of Judicial Nominations. According to the job description, the director would be Planned Parenthood's lead on "general opposition research" for judges, with the purpose of highlighting "the danger of lifetime appointments of extremist judges to the future of progressive rights." But here's the most egregious part, the person would be an employee of PP—not on its political advocacy arm, PP Action. So guess who is paying for this staffer's salary? You. By putting the job under the group's non-profit umbrella, taxpayers will almost certainly foot the bill. Thanks to a half-billion dollar contribution from federal and state governments, PP can force Americans to join their cause—which not only destroys lives, but pro-life judges, too.

SOURCE: Family Research Council, 10/11/18

International Pronouns Day

Dozens of American universities are observing International Pronouns Day. Sadly, its purpose isn't grammatical clarity but the denial of reality. Far too many of our misnamed "institutions of higher learning" are unable to teach the reality of America's founding and how this country has changed the world for the better. But now they are going to teach our kids a bunch of made up pronouns in order to get rid of supposedly artificial concepts like "he" and "she." Apparently, there are dozens of new pronouns to describe all the variations of genders that the Left has invented. They include pronouns such as "E," "Ze," "ip," and "thon." They've even invented a pronoun for people who don't like being described with a pronoun. This is insanity! International Pronouns Day isn't anything we should be celebrating. It's just another attempt to browbeat people who believe in normalcy and refuse to embrace the Left's political agenda. Only now the Left is weaponizing grammar to accomplish its goals.

SOURCE: Gary Bauer, End of Day Report, 10/17/18

"Anchor Babies" Cost Taxpayers \$2.4 Billion Annually

The cost to taxpayers of births on American soil to illegal immigrants is about \$2.4 billion every year, according to a new study. The Center for Immigration Studies said its research is based on an analysis of the Census Bureau's American Community Survey. The government data, CIS said, "provides a good picture of births to immigrant mothers, including the mothers' demographic characteristics. These characteristics allow us to estimate the likely number of births to illegal immigrants nationally, as well as births by state and by large metropolitan area." CIS pointed out that among the native-born, 42 percent of new mothers are either uninsured or on Medicaid. The rate is even higher among new mothers who are legal immigrants (47 percent) and higher still for new mothers who are in the U.S. illegally (67 percent). Almost all of these births are likely paid for by taxpayers. Of all births likely paid for by taxpayers, about one in four (429,000) was to an immigrant (legal or illegal).

SOURCE: World Net Daily, 10/11/18

Quote of the Month

"Those peddling man-made global warming are responsible for some of the biggest scandals in science, which has helped to prop up one of the greatest scientific frauds of all time. About the only thing more scandalous, more fraudulent would be to give political power to those who continue to preach or buy into this scientific propaganda."

~ Trevor Thomas, "May the Farce be With You: Han Solo Preaches Climate Doom," The American Thinker, 9/17/18

Great American Quote

"In America, we believe in the majesty of freedom and the dignity of the individual. We believe in self-government and the rule of law. And we prize the culture that sustains our liberty—a culture built on strong families, deep faith, and fierce independence. We celebrate our heroes, we treasure our traditions, and above all, we love our country..."

~ President Donald Trump, in a speech to the United Nations General Assembly, 9/25/18

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