

TEXAS EAGLE FORUM

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Dear Eagles,

“Freedom of speech is a principal pillar of a free government; when this support is taken away, the constitution of a free society is dissolved, and tyranny is erected on its ruin.”

~ Benjamin Franklin

The Biden administration is working at “laser-speed” to finish the socialist/marxist/communist agenda of former President Obama’s radical transformation of our Nation. We, who believe in the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, may be overwhelmed, discouraged, and even frightened of their Leftist agenda, but like Esther in the Bible, God has called us for a time such as this. So with His grace, we will continue to speak up and use our time and talents to steer our country back to its original intent.

First, let’s encourage each other. One of the ways we can do so is being with like-minded people. Consider joining Dallas Eagle Forum or Montgomery County Eagle Forum, or start a TEF chapter in your community. All it takes is someone to step up to the plate and invite family and friends to meet and discuss issues. We are here to help you. Our timely emails, Monday Action Alerts during the Texas legislative session, our website, and our newsletter, *Torch*, have a wealth of information to get you started. We suggest you choose the one issue you are passionate about, do research and then share your knowledge with others. Soon, you will be the go-to person in your area!

Historically, pastors’ sermons addressed the social issues of the day, but sadly, many churches today are silent. A great resource for Christians is Christians Engaged (CE), led by Eagle Bunni Pounds and former TEF President Trayce Bradford. CE’s goal is to “Pray, Vote, Engage” Christians on political issues. CE’s website, christiansengaged.org, is full of helpful activities, including online courses on government, a virtual book club, Podcasts, and virtual Bible studies. It’s well worth checking out!

This month’s *Torch* gives information on what you can do during these difficult days.

A new Just the News Daily Poll with Scott Rasmussen found that only 49 percent of voters believe election fraud allegations were given a “fair hearing” by Congress. Even 10 percent of Democrats said Congress should have done more investigating (WND, 1/20/21).

Unfortunately, many Republican congressmen and senators accepted the results of the presidential election without a whimper. After the riot at the Capitol on January 6th, they were afraid to contest the Electoral College votes and played right into the Democrats’ hands. The good news is, we now know who they are and can work to replace them with courageous conservatives who will ignore the political consequences of not going along with the crowd.

In her excellent article in this month’s *Torch*, Beth Biesel, Texas Eagle Forum’s Election Integrity Chair, spells out the long list of PROVEN voter tampering and voter fraud in the 2020 election and offers common sense reforms to present to state legislators. Election Integrity MUST be a top priority in Texas and in every state.

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Along the theme of “What You Can Do,” Eagle Forum Chairman Anne Schlafly Cori believes “all politics is local” and gives several ways to get involved. Please run with her suggestions. We need all hands on deck if we want to save our freedom.

I love Noah Webster’s 1828 dictionary definition of a patriot: “a person who loves his country and zealously defends and supports its interests.” Since its inception, we at Texas Eagle Forum have diligently, and prayerfully, tried to do just that. We hope you will continue to stand with us as we “zealously” defend Texas and our great Nation.

May God bless Texas and the United States of America.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cindi Castilla". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and larger than the rest of the letters.

Cindi Castilla
President of Texas Eagle Forum

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Last Call: Secure Our Elections Now!

By **Beth Biesel**, Texas Eagle Forum Election Integrity Chair, 1/22/21

With almost 50 percent of the Country registering doubts about the trustworthiness of the 2020 presidential election, the lack of intellectual curiosity from the political class—both Republicans and Democrats—about the integrity of this election is astonishing. One exception stands out: our very brave Senator Ted Cruz, who risked everything to object to the electoral votes in the disputed states. He and a few other senators are taking serious flak for not joining the political elites.

In lock step, the latter say that the evidence of fraud has been debunked, but they are found wanting when it comes to showing us their proof. One must ask who did this debunking? The Deep State? The Democrats who desperately wanted to “fundamentally transform” our Nation? Yes to both—and, even worse, many traitorous

Republicans who joined them. If they actually believe they are correct, then they must show us why we should believe them.

In spite of their baseless claims, look for yourself, and see that the facts of fraud are overwhelming. Statistical anomalies, traditional metrics for success failing to pick the winner, and voter turnout beating voter registrations but no investigation. Missing audit logs, dropping signature verifications for mail-in ballots, counting arriving ballots after the deadline, and mail-in ballots with no creases but no inquiry. Ignoring astronomical numbers of error events in vote tabulators, disregarding extremely low rejection rates, coupled with suspiciously high adjudication rates, and accepting votes that “scanned” faster than the scanner could physically scan but no audits. Donald Trump was ahead in each of

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the disputed states when the counting stopped late Tuesday, November 3. Then, when the counting resumed the next day, Trump was behind in every single state.

The governors and secretaries of state in the disputed states (AZ, GA, MI, NV, PA) illegally changed election laws without their state legislature's approval; courts denied almost every lawsuit; White House Counsel blocked President Trump from appointing a special counsel; Vice President Mike Pence never received a briefing; the Department of Justice was strangely silent. This all-out effort to sabotage the U.S. election system had been building up to a coup d'état in the 2020 Presidential Election.

As for Texas's part in it, we failed miserably in getting strong election integrity bills passed by the 86th Texas Legislative Session. The Texas Senate, having a Republican majority, passed several solid election integrity bills out of the Senate. The Chair of the 86th Texas House subcommittee on Election Integrity, GOP Representative Stephanie Klick (R-N. Richland Hills), slow-walked the bills and eventually killed them all in her committee.

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The 87th Legislative Session does not look very promising, either. Out of a dozen bills already filed, only three could be considered a decent start, but none address cyber fraud or mail-in ballot fraud. On the contrary, the bad bills seek to expand voter registration, early voting days, and vote locations. One House bill recommends jails for polling locations. What could go wrong there?

It gets worse; on January 19th, the Commissioners Court of Dallas County passed a resolution entitled, “Simplified Voting to Strengthen Our Democracy” (they still don't know that we are not a democracy, but I digress). This resolution asks the 87th Texas Legislature for online voter registration and for easier access to mail-in ballots. GOP Commissioner JJ Koch, District 2, voted against the resolution, but it passed 4-1. The Democrat members of the Court also recommended the U.S. Congress enact automatic voter registration, restore the Voting Rights Act, expand early voting, and do whatever it takes to prevent those pesky long lines at the polls.

Thankfully, Republican Party of Texas (RPT) Chairman Allen West has made election integrity the top priority for the upcoming legislative session. Unfortunately, Governor Abbott has yet to make a public statement about how he will give us

transparent, honest elections, and legitimately vetted voter rolls. If we Texans want believable election results, we cannot wait for Governor Abbott to make it happen, and we must not ask Chairman West to do the heavy lifting. It's our Country, our State, our future, and our job. We need major election reform, and we need fearless fortitude to make it happen—beginning with knowing what good election law looks like.

A newly formed working group in Dallas has outlined some of the key characteristics of elections that we can trust. Perhaps it is an understatement to say that honest elections are run by honest people. That requirement is outside the scope of this article, but the idea should be addressed at some point in the near future. With that in mind, however, we should build an election system with the idea that man is neither perfect nor perfectible.

We need an election system that takes into account the fallibility of man, which calls for a system that is limited, auditable, transparent, and unhackable. We need enforceable election law with consequential penalties when violated. Starting with no electronics in the polling place except a ballot scanning device, we want paper ballots marked by permanent markers, paper poll books, precinct-only voting, clean voter rolls, limited early voting, vote-result tapes printed early and often during early voting, limited mail-in ballots, no mobile voting, no delay between early voting and election day voting, unexpired-photo-ID-only, and serious chain of custody measures. Said another way, we want to make it as hard as possible to steal an election. We do not want to make voting easier because doing so would make it almost impossible to ensure a trustworthy result.

We also need to make it impossible for the courts to deny our petitions. Citizens and poll watchers do have standing! Investigations must be mandatory and affordable when requested by a candidate. Freedom of Information Acts (FOIAs) and subpoenas cannot be ignored. Foreign companies cannot be connected in any way with our voting systems. The Secretary of State must not be allowed to make discretionary changes to our election laws.

The bar is high but the need is higher. Without honest elections, we will lose our State, our Country, and our lives to a godless, tyrannical beast. The U.S. and state constitutions will cease to exist and your voice will no longer matter. Other Republican Party platform priorities will be decimated: religious freedom, abolition of abortion, constitutional carry, banning child and gender modification, protecting history by protecting our monuments, and banning tax-payer lobbyists.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Election fraud has not been debunked. Our voices have been silenced by politicians. Together, we must make our GOP state legislators understand we want good election reform THIS session. It's time to stop playing nice. Republicans have a majority in both the House and Senate in Texas, so there is no excuse. To join TEF's efforts for election reform, please contact Beth Biesel at ncriver@me.com.

All Politics Is Local

By **Anne Schlafly Cori**, Eagle Forum Chairman, 1/23/21

Each one of us can have a tremendous impact on our community by being politically active at the local level. A movement bubbles up from the ground and we should start the pot boiling.

Here is what YOU can do that will have an impact on the direction of our Country. We need thousands of active and engaged citizens across America.

1. Become a precinct chairman. The power at the precinct level is the power to choose candidates and decide elections.
2. Get to know your councilman and mayor personally. Make an appointment with your representative, compile a list of issues, and express yourself to the public servant. Your representative should represent YOU.
3. Do the same at the state level; identify and call your state representative and state senator and make an appointment. Even if the representative is on the “other side,” it is very important for them to hear your concerns. They are elected to represent YOU. Most state legislatures are in session right now, so meet them now. Prepare a written list of the issues that you want to discuss.
4. Election integrity is vital (the article on the cover of this issue agrees with these reforms). Every state should require paper ballots, notarized signatures on all mail-in ballots, and no ballots accepted after the polls have closed. Implement in-person paper ballots, because they can easily be recounted, and cannot be manipulated electronically or via the internet. Our signatures are verified with in-person voting, so signatures must be verified or notarized for voting by mail. Mail-in or absentee ballots must be requested and returned by the date of the election. Any unmanned ballot drop boxes must be banned. Do not blindly trust your election system, but verify that your vote

will not be stolen in the next election by becoming a poll worker or election judge yourself. Seeing is believing.

5. Vote in every single election, including dog-catcher.
6. Verify your news sources as we are awash in fake news and misleading reporting. Eagle Forum, EagleForum.org, and our monthly newsletter, *Eagle Forum Report*, offer more facts in fewer words!
7. “Cancel Culture” must be cancelled itself. Our free speech depends on others having free speech. Defend the rights of all to express. Do not be intimidated by those who slur. Stand up and be heard because America needs our voice. Write letters to the editor, submit articles for any publication, and communicate respectfully with your neighbors. Do not let the threat of censorship silence you.

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REASON, not treason.”*

8. Protest “reprogramming camps” for conservatives—or anyone—and attempts to rewrite history. The Left is trying to suppress opposition. Do Democrats today support President Roosevelt’s internment camps for Japanese Americans?
9. Do not allow police to be defunded. Check budgets for your community, city, county, and state to ensure policing and taxpayer money is not redirected to “social workers.”
10. Last year, many small businesses were destroyed as the government shut them down, while allowing their competitors—big businesses—to flourish and expand. Our government should stop kowtowing to big businesses and start representing the interests of mom-and-pop.

I believe that America will survive the implementation of the Leftist agenda of the next year—but ONLY IF WE STAND AND SPEAK OUT with real communication. Eagle Forum supports REASON, not treason.

Texas Faith & Family Day, March 17

Save the date! The 2021 Texas Faith & Family Day at the Texas Capitol will be on Wednesday, March 17th. Make plans now to join us for an impactful day where you can equip yourself on the most important pro-life and pro-family values issues, gather with like-minded Texans and have an opportunity to meet with your legislators. Details TBA. SOURCE: texasvalues.org





Texas Judge Stops Biden's Deportation Freeze

Calling them “unlawful” and “perilous,” a federal judge in Texas has halted President Joe Biden’s plans to stop deportations, one of Biden’s first executive actions. The lawsuit was led by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who argued that Biden had failed to provide any concrete, reasonable justification for a 100-day pause on deportations.

“Texas is the FIRST state in the nation to bring a lawsuit against the Biden Administration AND WE WON. Within six days of Biden’s inauguration, Texas has HALTED his illegal deportation freeze,” said AG Paxton.

SOURCE: *The Texas Minute*, 1/27/21

Newspaper Pulls the Plug on Its Fact Machine

The Washington Post will have a lot more time on its hands now that Joe Biden has been sworn in. According to the paper’s spokesperson, they are calling off their whole fact-checking operation. Apparently, it’s not necessary now that their preferred party is in office. *The Daily Caller*’s Shelby Talcott reached out to the *Post* after it published its final tally of “lies or misleading statements by Donald Trump.” The newspaper’s alleged total? 30,573! Now, regardless of Biden’s own issues with the truth ... dating as far back as 1987 ... the *Post* says it has “no plans” to keep a Biden database of falsehoods “at this time.” This should make it clear: the press has an agenda—and protecting Democratic leaders is one of them. Ironically, this news broke on the same day as a new poll showing record numbers of Americans think the press is intentionally trying to deceive us.

SOURCE: Tony Perkins, *Washington Update*, 1/21/21

Activist Teen Says Green New Deal Is Not Enough

The teenage environmental activist Greta Thunberg, who lives in Sweden, claims the radically liberal Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s (D-NY) Green New Deal is “very far from being enough” when it comes to fighting climate change. “How can we expect people to support any kind of action when public awareness is so low when it comes to the climate. ... [T]he climate crisis has never once been treated as a crisis. The Green New Deal it’s not obviously—if you include crucial aspects like the aspect of equity and it being so far from being in line with the Paris agreement,” she said. This comes after Thunberg trolled Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX) for his condemnation of President Joe Biden rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement. “By rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement, President Biden indicates he’s more interested in the views of the citizens of Paris than in the jobs of the citizens of Pittsburgh,” Cruz wrote. “This agreement will do little to affect the climate and will harm the livelihoods of Americans.” Thunberg is still just a teenager, yet she has long been the face of the radical climate-change movement, traveling the world to lecture the rest of us about how evil we are when it comes to the environment.

SOURCE: James Samson, *LifeZette*, 1/23/21

The End of Women’s Sports?

All the polling data show that young women voted overwhelmingly for Joe Biden. And his response to those young women was to issue an executive order that may well eliminate women’s sports as a place for young women to excel. For 49 years, Title IX has required schools and universities to create spaces for women to excel in athletics. The reason is science shows us that there are significant physical differences between men and women. So along comes the far Left and its gender politics, claiming that you can choose your gender. I don’t believe this executive order, which will potentially destroy women’s sports over the next decade, can stand up under constitutional scrutiny. But, parents and daughters need to rise up as one to fight it.

SOURCE: Gary Bauer, *American Values*, 1/25/21

Quote of the Month

“Americans, who honestly still believe in the ideals of the Declaration of Independence, the founding principles of the Constitution, and the values within the Judeo-Christian heritage at the heart of America, must bind together with one another—individuals and organizations for there is strength in numbers.”

~ Dennis Jamison,
“Requiem or Revival for the Trump Revolution,”
Canada Free Press, 1/21/21

Great American Quote

“If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent, we may be led, like sheep, to the slaughter.”

~ George Washington. 1783

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