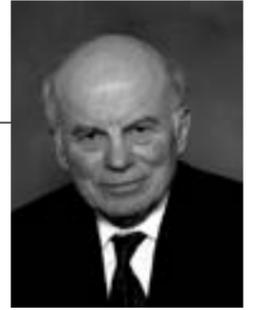


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Is a Clinton Progressive Police State
in America's Future?

RICHARD VIGUERIE



Richard Viguerie pioneered the use of computer technology with the art and science of direct mail marketing to build and fund grassroots groups ranging from ideological and political campaigns to charitable organizations.

Mr. Viguerie began his career in conservative politics manning the ramparts for Senator Bob Taft's 1952 presidential campaign, and has remained active at the national level of the conservative movement for more than 50 years.

In 1961 he became Executive Secretary of Young Americans for Freedom, working with William F. Buckley, Jr. and William Rusher to build the organization to become the frontline soldiers of the modern conservative movement.

In 1965 he founded The Viguerie Company, the nation's first political direct marketing firm, on the idea that he could use direct mail to bypass the hostile media and communicate directly with the thousands of conservative donors who had supported Barry Goldwater for President.

These "true believers" would form the base for the future of the conservative movement, and the cause of liberty in America. Within one year, that list grew 1,000 percent to 125,000 names.

Cliff White, campaign manager for Draft Goldwater campaign in 1964, as well as Ronald Reagan's campaign manager in 1968, co-authored a book, *Why Reagan Won*. In it he states: "In every election from 1966 onward, the Viguerie Company and its score of imitators...brought information to millions of Americans — information that quite often the people could not obtain from newspapers or television or mass-circulation magazines."

Viguerie, the Associated Press reported, "envisioned the letter as a tool to inform people and to induce them to take action, as well as to tap their pocketbooks."

The late John F. Kennedy Jr.'s magazine *George* declared the founding of Viguerie's company one of "the 100 defining moments in American politics in the 20th century."

Data-mining guru (and former Al Gore campaign manager) Hal Malchow declared that Viguerie is one of "the few who actually changed the world in profound and far-reaching ways." Viguerie is, Malchow said, "the father of my profession," "the creator of grassroots politics in America, a pioneer, and a visionary."

Today, with over \$7 billion dollars raised since 1965, Viguerie Political Lists has the world's largest donor list of its kind—no one else comes close—with TEN MILLION right-of-center donors to Republican, conservative, and charitable organizations.

But the most important information Richard Viguerie has on these conservative Americans is the issues they are passionate about: illegal immigration, border security, taxes, Obamacare, military & veterans, education, 2nd Amendment, life, and concerns of conservative seniors, Catholics, Protestants and Tea Party activists.

The author of a number of books on politics and the conservative movement, Viguerie's latest book is *TAKEOVER*, The 100-year War for the Soul of the Republican Party and How Conservatives Can Finally Win It.

Roger Stone wrote in 2012: “When the history of American Conservatives is written, it should be noted the second most influential man in terms of the Conservative Movement and country, after Ronald Reagan, is direct communication wizard and conservative activist Richard A. Viguerie. If William F. Buckley Jr. is the godfather of the modern Conservative Movement, Richard Viguerie has been its communications and fundraising spark-plug. Viguerie developed sophisticated direct mail techniques, which, in a day in which the liberal *New York Times*, CBS, NBC, and the establishment media were dominated by the left, became a form communication and information in addition to its fundraising capabilities. Viguerie not only raised millions for the conservative cause and its candidates, at the same time he educated and empowered millions of grassroots conservatives . . . Richard Viguerie has probably had a greater impact on the Conservative Movement and the nation than any living conservative; Bill Buckley and Ronald Reagan both having departed this mortal coil.”

In December 1999, he was cited in the *Washington Times* as one of 13 “Conservatives of the Century.”

The **AFL-CIO News** said that Viguerie “made it all possible” for conservatives.

The Washington Post has called him “the conservatives’ Voice of America.”

The Baltimore Sun called him the “architect of the New Right.”

The Edmonton Sun called him “the uncrowned king of the Right.”

Newt Gingrich once said of Viguerie: “Richard understands the values that help our government and economy serve the interests of the people. And he knows how to put those values into action.”

Alexander Cockburn of *The Nation* magazine called Viguerie “one of the creators of the modern conservative movement.”

Lanny Davis, a top adviser to Bill and Hillary Clinton, called Viguerie a man of “integrity, character, and honor.”

In 1979 *Time* magazine named him one of 50 future leaders of America, and in 1981 *People* magazine named him one of the 25 most intriguing people of the year.

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INTRODUCTION

“Depend upon it, sir, when a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully.”

- Samuel Johnson

The 2016 Presidential Election is fast approaching – a bit more than a fortnight – but close enough that it should concentrate the mind of every conservative and right-of-center voter in America on what the actual effects of a Hillary Clinton presidency would be on their lives and the lives of their fellow citizens.

Accordingly, this booklet isn’t about why conservatives should support Donald Trump, or Gary Johnson or Jill Stein or any other candidate running for President.

Instead, it is a cannonball through the doors of the Ivory Towers of those “conservatives” who continue to obdurately claim that a Hillary Clinton presidency might not be that bad, that the country can recover after four or eight years, and that her policies won’t be aimed at marginalizing, if not outlawing, the conservative worldview.

To outline and explain these dangers I asked a group of conservative leaders to share with me their assessment of what a Hillary Clinton presidency would mean to those Americans who hold traditional Judeo-Christian values and who believe in American exceptionalism.

Most of these leaders had not backed Donald Trump during the Republican Primaries, but the response was immediate and overwhelming – far beyond the expected pro forma election year support for the Republican candidate for president.

In fact, each of these respected conservative leaders saw Hillary Clinton not as merely a wrongheaded political opponent, but as a genuine threat to the future of the conservative movement and to the domestic tranquility of this great country.

The dangers that these leaders saw in a Hillary Clinton presidency represent not obscure Capitol Hill policy differences, but dangers to the peaceful lives of ordinary Americans.

What they told me was that Americans who believe in the right-to-life; Americans who believe that marriage between one man and one woman is Biblically ordained; Americans who own guns; Americans who believe in the rule of law and protecting our borders are all at risk. Perhaps most at risk from a Clinton presidency, are those Americans who believe that the Constitution is the law that governs and restrains government.

The one voice that is not represented, and from whom I expected to receive a response was my longtime friend, the First Lady of the Conservative Movement Phyllis Schlafly. Not only was Phyllis Schlafly the first major conservative leader to endorse Donald Trump, she was also conservatism’s most effective opponent of the radical Leftist Feminism to which Hillary Clinton subscribes and wishes to impose upon America.

What’s more, the Trump campaign’s populist – conservative coalition of outsiders seemed to be the very embodiment of her 1964 classic *A Choice Not An Echo*, committed as they are to breaking the power of the kingmakers, as Phyllis called the Wall Street – Washington – Silicon Valley Axis.

Unfortunately, before she could submit her response, Phyllis Schlafly passed away and it is to her and her lifelong struggle against the establishment kingmakers and the radical Left that this booklet is dedicated.

Richard A. Viguer

PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY’S ENDORSEMENT OF DONALD TRUMP



“I asked Donald Trump to support the Republican platform because this is the best and most conservative platform we’ve ever had. I gave him one of my copies of the 2012 platform. He endorses it and I believe he will stand by it. I am confident that Donald Trump will stand up against bad trade deals, reform bad immigration policies, and appoint constitutionalist judges like Antonin Scalia.

“We have been stuck with the losers chosen by the Republican establishment for so long, and it’s time for a change. Now we have a guy who is going to lead us to victory!”



GARY BAUER

DONALD TRUMP IS, ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, BETTER THAN WHAT PASSES FOR CONSERVATISM TODAY

Not long from now, the American people will go to the polls to elect the next president of the United States. We face tremendous challenges — a stagnant economy, racial tension and growing threats from radical Islam.

Voters increasingly feel the American dream is slipping away, that their children will be worse off, that the system is rigged against them and is not working for them. The vast majority of Americans — as many as two-thirds of us, according to the latest polls — know we are on the wrong track. We need a change.

In this election, Hillary Clinton represents the status quo — more scandals and more Barack Obama. I believe we have had enough of both.

But more importantly, I believe this election may be the last chance we have to stop Obama's fundamental transformation of America, and restore our nation and the values we cherish.

In the choice between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump, some Republicans say they may stay home or vote for third party candidates. Some say Trump really is not conservative. But I believe Donald Trump is, on a number of issues, BETTER than what passes for conservatism today.

For example:

- Trump has directly confronted the smothering, debate-ending left-wing dogma, euphemistically called “political correctness.”
- He has said he supports a litmus test on judges. His Supreme Court appointments WILL BE pro-life.
- He has made corruption in Washington, D.C. a major theme of his campaign.
- He rejects nation building in the Middle East — a utopian, not a conservative, adventure that ignores Islam's incompatibility with the basic tenets of freedom, including religious liberty and the equality of women.
- He exhibits Ronald Reagan's caution on the use of military force, coupled with Reagan's firm belief that when we do use force, we fight to win.
- Trump is confronting the putrid globalism that believes secure borders are passe and that all cultures are equal. He believes in American exceptionalism and the rule of law.
- Lastly, but certainly not least, Donald Trump's selection of Indiana Governor Mike

Pence to be his running mate was a grand slam home run. Mike Pence is a Ronald Reagan conservative who describes himself as “Christian, a conservative and a Republican — and in that order!”

I will not guarantee that conservatives will applaud everything Donald Trump does. But I can guarantee that Hillary Clinton will do nothing conservatives might applaud.

Conservative voters who doubt Donald Trump can trust Hillary Clinton to do everything she promises, such as:

- Impose a massive amnesty far beyond what Obama has done.
- Appoint pro-abortion, left-wing judicial activists who will gut the First Amendment and effectively repeal the Second Amendment.
- Put a lot of coal miners and other energy industry employees out of work.
- Increase the flow of refugees from Muslim nations by 500%.
- Raise taxes by \$100 billion a year.
- Continue Obama's foreign policy of appeasement, allowing nations like China, Iran and Russia to expand their influence while America retreats.
- Empower extremists on the left, such as the radicals in the Black Lives Matter movement and the anti-Israel fanatics on America's college campuses.

What on that agenda appeals to any conservative?

This November, voters who cherish faith, family and freedom have a very clear choice: Voting for Donald Trump gives us a chance to restore America. Not voting or dividing the conservative vote by supporting a third party candidate only empowers the left, and likely means the end of conservatism in America.

Gary Bauer is the founder of the Campaign for Working Families (CWF), a political action committee dedicated to electing “pro-family, pro-life and pro-free enterprise” candidates to federal and state offices, he is also the president of American Values, a non-profit organization “committed to defending life, traditional marriage, and equipping our children with” conservative values. An alumni of the Reagan administration he served as President Reagan's Deputy Under Secretary for Planning and Budget in the United States Department of Education,[8] from 1982 to 1987, and as an advisor on domestic policy from 1987 to 1988.



LT. GEN. JERRY BOYKIN

AN OLD SOLDIER'S CONCERNS ABOUT HILLARY

With over thirty-six years of service in the U.S. Army, I feel that I understand more than most how critical national security is to the future of America and to my own posterity. Today, our military is the most experienced military in the history of this nation, having been at war now for fifteen consecutive years. Our troops are combat-hardened and mature beyond their years as a result of their responsibilities as leaders under the most difficult circumstances that anyone can face, which is responsibility for the lives of others.

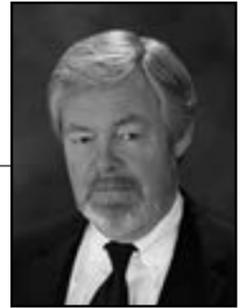
At the same time, our military is being devastated by the administration of Barack Obama and our military readiness is at the lowest point that I have seen since the end of the Vietnam conflict. Budget cuts have devastated military readiness with units now cannibalizing equipment to keep airplanes flying and tanks running. Morale is lower than I have ever seen it due to the social experiments and the assault on religious liberty. Good people are leaving and quality young men and women are discouraged from entering the services as they see what our armed forces have become and how they would be treated.

For these reasons, I have very grave concerns about Hillary Clinton as the next Commander in Chief. She has helped create this current crisis and will make it even worse as president. Remember that she left people to die in Benghazi, which is inexcusable. Furthermore, she compromised national security with her blatant disregard for classified materials rules and regulations that were designed to protect the nation by denying the enemy a knowledge of America's secrets.

Hillary will complete the Obama agenda of the complete destruction of America's Armed Forces by continuing and even accelerating the pace of the destructive policies of President Barack Obama. Consequently, my grandchildren will have a dubious future and America's enemies will grow in strength and boldness while Mrs. Clinton panders to her socialist allies who would love nothing more than to see this nation become a third rate military power.

Think it can't happen? Well, we are headed there rapidly right now.

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BRENT BOZELL

WHAT WORRIES CONSERVATIVES MOST ABOUT HILLARY CLINTON?

What bothers conservatives most about the specter of a Hillary Clinton presidency?

As head of two organizations with a combined social media reach of some 20 million along with another 1 million grassroots members, and after countless conversations and visits with leaders all over the country, I think I have a good sense of the mood of the conservative movement. It clearly fears another Clinton administration and most will agree with the proposition that after a third Obama term it will be impossible to return the toothpaste to the tube.

What drives that fear?

It could be economic issues. Obama has taken us where no nation in history has gone, wracking a higher debt than all his predecessors combined, still climbing at a breath-taking speed — and with nothing to show for it. We're stuck at the "new normal" of a 2% economy, the most anemic "recovery" in history. When one considers where we could be, it's shocking that anyone would accept this. Taxes are at an all-time high, and if that's not bad enough, throw in a regulatory secret police choking entrepreneurialism at every opportunity. On all fronts Hillary promises to double down: more wasteful spending, more unpayable debt, more ruinous regulation. This recklessness cannot be sustained.

But it's not economic issues that most bother conservatives.

It could be foreign policy. Not since the height of the Cold War has America been so threatened, and not in its modern era have we been so weak. Our enemies are saber-rattling, if not on the march, everywhere. China, North Korea, Iran, Russia — they and a dozen smaller regimes have no fear of the United States, especially after eight years of gutting the military and an Obama administration that has had no idea what it was doing. During most of this time our foreign policy was directed by Secretary of State Clinton. Can America survive four more years (at least) of this disastrous foreign policy under President Clinton?

A good question — but that's not it, either.

Social policy? Those unwilling to acknowledge that American culture has collapsed must concede we're on the brink. We live in a country where the killing of the unborn is legal and the demand that they taxpayer fund it, up until 2008 an unthinkable proposition, now mandated. After eight years of racial agitation by this administration, our cities are on fire with race relations as bad as they were in the '60s. The sanctity of marriage has evaporated. Religious leaders are now under assault, not just political but legal, for practicing their beliefs. God is dead — or at least they wish it to be so. Hillary? She promises more Planned Parenthood. More Black Lives Matters. More LGBT confrontation. More assaults on religious freedom. She wants the village to destroy the village.

But even that is not it.

It is the rule of law.

It's probably fair to say that every new president brings a certain amount of political baggage to the Oval Office. Bill Clinton arrived with suitcases stuffed with political, ethical and legal scandals. Whitewater and its attendant cover-ups. Illegal fundraising. Womanizing, harassment, even the allegation — I believe it to be entirely true — of a bloody rape. In each case Hillary was involved or involved in the cover-up, including the creation of the “bimbo patrols” to destroy the lives of any women whose lives had already been so badly damaged by her husband. For the next eight years at the White House the pattern continued — stealing FBI files, lying to the American people, illegal fundraising, renting the Lincoln bedroom, more womanizing, but this time a cocktail mixed with perjury — on and on it went, a total disdain for the law.

With Obama it got only worse. The IRS scandal is a hundred-fold more serious than Watergate, involving several branches of government directly involved in the cover-up. The VA scandals and the requisite lying about them. Solyndra and all the rest. Using Air Force One as a personal toy to go to luxuriously exotic places to play golf — hundreds of rounds — while the business of government is ignored, all funded by the American taxpayer. The optics could not be worse, but who cares.

At the epicenter of the worst scandals has been Hillary Rodham Clinton. Benghazi, its cover-up and the lying not just to the American people, but to the Congress under oath, the video story so thoroughly debunked with a refusal by this woman to apologize for lying to the families of the four dead men. *What difference does it make?* The private — which is to say, hidden — email servers, with not just the utter disregard for the law, and not just the utter disregard for the incredible consequences once these files were hacked by our enemies, which certainly they were, but the lies to the Congress and the Justice Department over and over, time and again, all documented, all irrefutable, and all dismissed as not illegal by the director of the FBI as America shook its head in disbelief.

And now pay-for-play, the Secretary of State using the most important branch of the federal government to steer hundreds of millions of dollars to her private foundation. It is the most stunning abuse of power ever exercised at that level of government, with the evidence emerging and the depth of the illegal activity deepening, pointing directly to the selling of access to the potential next president of the United States who, along with her husband, has pocketed over \$100 million since leaving government. The response from the Clinton camp? More lies, more smoke-screens and this time for good measure, blaming it on Colin Powell.

There is every reason to believe that if elected president, Hillary Clinton will oversee the greatest disregard for the rule of law ever, and woe to that person who rises to question her. With the rule of law firmly discarded, America becomes an oligarchy ruled by a dictator. That is what worries conservatives most.

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ADAM BRANDON



HILLARY CLINTON'S AMERICA: MORE DEBT, MORE REGULATION AND LEFTIST COURTS

This is what America looks like under President Hillary Clinton.

According to a recent analysis by the American Action Forum, Hillary Clinton will raise taxes to the tune of \$1.3 trillion over the next ten years. She is proposing \$2.8 trillion in new or increased spending over the same period, leaving a total budget deficit of \$1.49 trillion.

Our economy has not seen a single year of growth above three percent while President Barack Obama has been in office. This is a failure of economic policy not achieved since Herbert Hoover. The reasons why our economy is still struggling are because our already government already taxes and spends far too much, and in Clinton's America, we can expect more of the same.

In Clinton's America, the long-term fiscal challenges that face us, which are an even graver threat to our prosperity, likely go unaddressed. Despite collecting more revenue than any year since 2001, the budget deficit will rise higher than expected this year, to \$590 billion, according to the Congressional Budget Office. After this year, the annual budget deficit will continue to rise, eventually eclipsing \$1 trillion, and a larger share of gross domestic product (GDP). The share of debt held by the public will inch closer to 100 percent of the economy.

The further out the budget projections go, the worse the fiscal picture gets. Even absent Clinton's spending proposals, Americans can expect their share of the national debt to reach 141 percent of the economy in just a few decades. Greece and other European socialist welfare states began experiencing severe economic crises when their debts exceeded 100 percent of their economies.

The growth of the federal regulatory state is another serious concern. Representing a more than \$1.8 trillion annual burden on businesses and consumers, regulations are the silent killer. Red tape is strangling our economy. Just as concerning is that these federal agencies, which are part of the executive branch, have crossed constitutional barriers, taking power away from Congress.

In Hillary Clinton's America, the dramatic expansion of executive power left by her predecessor would be a floor, not a ceiling, and businesses and consumers will face increased costs that will reduce economic activity. Conservative thought leaders in Congress who have been working hard to end regulatory overreach — including members of the House Freedom Caucus and Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) — will do what they can to raise awareness to the unconstitutional regulatory state. But with the courts unmistakably tilting to the left, they will face a difficult task.

Last, but certainly not least, is the federal judiciary. Filling the vacancy left by the death of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is only the first battle. As many as three other seats could

come open on the High Court in a President Hillary Clinton's first term, in which the judiciary will drift further to the left.

There is no question that Hillary Clinton will nominate justices who will reject any notion of limited government and consistently defer to her White House and regulatory agencies and shred the Constitution. She has already indicated this with her short-list of Supreme Court nominees, which includes President Obama's nominee, Merrick Garland, who would enable her administration to run roughshod over its constitutional limitations, as he has demonstrated time and time again during his time on the federal bench.

The best places that conservatives can fight is to block as much of the worst policies as possible, protect conservative fighters in the House and Senate, and begin looking for limited government victories in the states. This is the best we can hope for under Hillary Clinton's presidency.

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DR. JAMES DOBSON



“WHY I’M VOTING FOR DONALD TRUMP”

Dr. James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family, founder and president of Family Talk, a ministry that promotes principles that support marriage, family, and child development and the radio program “Family Talk with Dr. James Dobson” has endorsed Donald Trump for President.

HERE IS THE FULL TEXT OF DR. JAMES DOBSON’S PERSONAL ENDORSEMENT OF DONALD TRUMP FOR PRESIDENT.

“I have decided to endorse Donald J. Trump for President of the United States, not only because of my great concern about Hillary Clinton. I am supporting Mr. Trump primarily because I believe he is the most capable candidate to lead the United States of America in this complicated hour. I am also very enthusiastic by the selection of Gov. Mike Pence as Mr. Trump’s running mate. Together, I believe they will make America great again.

“Mr. Trump has been unwavering in his commitment to issues that are important to evangelicals such as myself. In particular, I have been heartened by his pledge to appoint conservative Supreme Court justices, preserve religious liberty, rebuild the military, and defend the sanctity of human life. On the issue of abortion, I choose not to evaluate him based on his past position but rather on what he says are his current convictions. I believe God can change the hearts and minds of people and I celebrate when they support principles of righteousness.

“Without a doubt, my decision to endorse Mr. Trump has been influenced by the way his children speak of him as a father. As a psychologist and a family counselor, I have spent my life equipping and resourcing families. One thing I have observed is that you cannot make a child talk about his or her parents the way Donald Trump’s children speak of him. That is one of a man’s most significant affirmations.

“Of course, I make this endorsement in my personal capacity and not on behalf of any organization. Though I can tell you most evangelicals I know have decided for various reasons that they will really have only have one choice for president, and that is Donald J. Trump. I believe it’s a good choice. America needs strong and competent leadership.”

Dr. Dobson also recently shared with *Christianity Today* why he is voting for Donald Trump and his concerns about a Hillary Clinton presidency, with his permission we excerpt his article here.

What are the strongest arguments for a Christian to support Donald Trump for the U.S. presidency?

First, let me say that I will respond to your questions as a private individual and not as a

representative of the organization I lead.

I don't vote for candidates or political parties. I support those who will lead the country righteously, honorably, and wisely. In many ways, this is a single-issue election because it will affect every dimension of American life: the makeup of the Supreme Court. Antonin Scalia's sudden death made this election the most significant of our lifetime. The next president will nominate perhaps three or more justices whose judicial philosophy will shape our country for generations to come.

Unelected, unaccountable, and imperialistic justices have a history of imposing horrendous decisions on the nation. One decision that still plagues us is *Roe v. Wade*, imposed on America in 1973. It divided the nation and has led to the murders of 54 million innocent babies. This killing goes on every day.

That leads us to ask what the judiciary will look like in a Trump administration. I attended a June 2016 event called "A Conversation with Donald Trump" in New York, with more than 1,000 other religious leaders. Before the meeting, 30 of us met Trump in a private session in Trump Tower. Most were evangelicals or conservative Catholics. I asked the candidate about his concerns regarding religious liberty.

I liked that he promised us emphatically that he will work to protect our religious liberties. He has since released a list of potential Supreme Court nominees that is stellar. We must pray that, if elected, he will keep his word.

Trump's selection of Governor Mike Pence as his running mate was a hugely encouraging decision. I've been a personal friend of Gov. Pence for more than 30 years. He is pro-life, pro-traditional marriage, a godly family man, a solid conservative, and a competent leader. There is no politician whom I respect more.

Many supporters of Trump believe that Clinton would be a disaster for the country. What are your concerns about Clinton?

My greatest concern is related again to the judiciary. Clinton has said she will seek to overturn religious liberty and bring the power of government against people of faith. She has made this clear on many occasions, including a comment she made during the Women in the World Summit in 2015.

Laws about "reproductive health care" and safe childbirth "have to be backed up with resources and political will," Clinton said. "And deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs, and structural biases have to be changed."

"Reproductive health care" is a euphemism for abortion, so that threat should send chills down the backs of every true believer in Jesus. It blatantly contradicts guarantees of the U.S. Constitution. We dare not give ultimate power to anyone who does not respect or feel limited by this historic document. It is the basis for all the freedoms handed to us by the founding fathers.

I'm convinced that with the wrong president, we will soon see a massive assault on religious liberty. Certain powerful groups and organizations seek to weaken the church of Jesus Christ and limit what pastors and ministers can say and do publicly. They believe some of our teachings represent "hate speech" and must be stifled. They seek to severely restrict the freedoms of

Christian schools, nonprofit organizations, businesses, hospitals, charities, and seminaries. With Christian colleges and universities, they want to limit whom their leaders choose as professors and what their students will be taught. Government funding and accreditation will be in the crosshairs, and you can be sure that home schools will be targeted.

We at Family Talk have experienced this tyranny firsthand. The Department of Health and Human Services has mandated that Family Talk and many other Christian nonprofits cover contraceptives known as abortifacients in their healthcare plans. They include the morning-after pill and other medications that are known to prevent embryos from implanting in the uterus. They can be baby killers, and we consider them immoral. The Feds have forced us to sue to find relief. We are now in a federal lawsuit that may be decided by the Supreme Court. If we lose our case and refuse to comply, we'll face ruinous fines and will be forced to close our doors. It all will depend on five attorneys who sit on the Court.

There are many other concerns about Clinton's candidacy. She has proposed to pay for abortions in countries around the world, including generous funding for Planned Parenthood; and she is committed to the most radical demands of the LGBTQ agenda, to name but two.

Dr. James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family, founder and president of Family Talk, a ministry that promotes principles that support marriage, family, and child development



ELAINE DONNELLY

THE IMPORTANCE OF MILITARY CULTURE, COHESION, AND CORE VALUES

It is often said that if Hillary Clinton wins the election, we will lose the Supreme Court. We will also lose the culture and character of our military, and therefore the ability to defend America. Like a shaky tower of Jenga blocks, the All-Volunteer Force is stretched out and vulnerable due to what has been taken away and burdens of social engineering loaded on.

According to a recent *Military Times* survey, support for President Barack Obama among active-duty subscribers has “tanked” because of “controversial social changes while seeking to rein in defense spending.” This should matter to conservatives who support the troops.

Obama has forced the military onto the cutting edge of social revolution, and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton wants to push it further. The 2016 Democratic National Platform praises Obama’s military/social policies, starting with LGBT law and regulations that have had predicted, harmful consequences.

For example, activists keep intimidating military chaplains, demanding that religious liberty and expression be limited to worship services. At the same time, numbers of female and male sexual assault cases have escalated steeply, and annual Pentagon “Pride” events have become special-interest lobbying bonanzas for the LGBT Left.

Because the administration has decided to treat transgenders as a special, protected class, military doctors and nurses will have to provide or condone medical treatments that many consider unethical. Young women who are concerned about personal privacy and “gender pretenders” in private facilities will have no recourse.

The Democratic Platform and Hillary Clinton also support Obama’s women-in-the-infantry mandates, and an army of advisors and sensitivity trainers are planning to wear down “hyper-masculine” attitudes and “unconscious bias.” Gender-neutral standards that are equal but lower than before will leave men less prepared to fight the enemy, but all will be schooled in gender identities, gun control, “white privilege,” and climate change.

In the event of war, officials will order (not “allow”) minimally-qualified women to serve in the infantry, even though scientific research shows that women face disproportionate risks of injury and cannot perform as well as men. In this social experiment, lives and missions will be needlessly lost.

If multiple threats overwhelm the All-Volunteer Force, forcing reactivation of Selective Service, co-ed conscription of thousands who are not physically qualified would jam the system and weaken readiness at the worst possible time.

People who are not concerned about these consequences of social engineering can vote for Hillary or help her to win. All should remember, however that military cohesion — bonds of trust that are essential for a strong fighting force — rely on core values such as honesty, integrity, and truthfulness. It would be difficult if not impossible to establish bonds of trust under a Commander-in-Chief who abandoned Americans under fire in Benghazi and then lied to grieving families about causes of the attack.

With the approval of presidential nominee Donald J. Trump, the 2016 Republican National Platform states, “*We reject the use of the military as a platform for social experimentation . . . Military readiness should not be sacrificed on the altar of political correctness.*”

The platform also includes this key plank: “*We call for an objective review of the impact on readiness of the current Administration’s ideology-based personnel policies, and will correct problems with appropriate administrative, legal, or legislative action.*”

In accordance with these principles, the Republican platform specifically supports the exemption of military women from direct ground combat (infantry) battalions, opposes any modifications or lessening of standards to achieve nonmilitary agendas, supports the All-Volunteer Force and women’s exemption from Selective Service registration, opposes compulsory national service, supports rights of religious liberty for military chaplains and people of faith, opposes special interest demonstrations, and supports due process rights in military justice systems.

The Democratic Platform honors diversity as a paramount value, but the Republicans call for “*American military superiority, which has been the cornerstone of a strategy that seeks to deter aggression or defeat those who threaten our vital national security interests.*”

Because conservatives united to elect President Ronald Reagan, we did not have to watch the Soviet Union win the Cold War. Now we need to think about the national security consequences of electing a president who fails to restore the strength of our depleted and demoralized military. This is the only military we have, and there is no excuse for helping Hillary to win.

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DR. JERRY FALWELL, JR.

AMERICANS MUST UNITE BEHIND TRUMP AND PENCE OR SUFFER DIRE CONSEQUENCES

Dr. Jerry Falwell, Jr., President of Liberty University, was one of Donald Trump's early movement conservative supporters. On August 19, 2016 he published an op-ed in *The Washington Post* detailing his concerns about the future of America under a Hillary Clinton presidency and why he supports Donald Trump, that article is excerpted here with his permission.

The policies of Obama and Clinton have made the world unstable and unsafe and created a world stage eerily similar to that of the late 1930s. We could be on the precipice of international conflict like nothing we have seen since World War II. Obama and Clinton are the Neville Chamberlains of our time. The deal to make \$150 billion available to Iran, the leading state sponsor of terrorism in the world and a nation committed to the destruction of Israel, clearing the way for Iran to become a nuclear power, reminds me of Chamberlain's deal with Hitler in 1938, when the British prime minister declared "peace for our time."

Domestically, Obama and Clinton have pushed to \$19 trillion the debt that our children and grandchildren will somehow have to find a way to repay. Even our noble law enforcement has been demonized by the Obama administration, and anarchy is erupting in our cities.

Thank God we now have the opportunity to elect a strong leader, one who is not afraid to call the enemy by its name and to take the battle to that enemy if necessary.

Continuing the policies of Obama and Clinton internationally and domestically would be the definition of insanity: repeating the same mistakes over and over and expecting a different result.

I chose to personally support Donald Trump for president early on and referred to him as America's blue-collar billionaire at the Republican National Convention because of his love for ordinary Americans and his kindness, generosity and bold leadership qualities. My family has grown to love all of the Trumps because they are wonderful people willing to sacrifice much for their country. The public perception of Trump that has been created by the media is simply false.

We are at a crossroads where our first priority must be saving our nation. As Churchill did, Trump possesses the resolve to put his country first and to never give up in a world that is increasingly hostile to our values.

Despite our differences, Americans from all walks of life must unite behind Trump and Indiana Gov. Mike Pence or suffer dire consequences. If Clinton appoints the next few Supreme Court justices, not only will the Second Amendment right to bear arms be effectively lost, but also activist judges will rewrite our Constitution in ways that would make it unrecognizable to our founders.

And this country will have as its president a person who jeopardized our national security

by negligently sending and receiving classified emails on a private server and then repeatedly making inaccurate statements about it, all while her family's foundation accepted millions of dollars in donations from foreign countries. Will time reveal the *quid pro quo*?

Our nation's future truly hangs in the balance. As far as I am concerned, the credibility of anyone who ignores Clinton's temperament while attacking Trump's is suspect... It is naive or deceptive for conservatives to claim that a write-in vote or a third-party vote will not benefit Clinton.

A vote for Donald Trump and Mike Pence is a vote for more freedom and less government, a vote for national security and responsible immigration policy, a vote to finally fight radical Islamic terrorism. It is a vote to rebuild America's respect overseas and a vote for strict-constructionist and pro-life Supreme Court justices. Remember when Iran held American hostages for 444 days, only to release them the day Ronald Reagan took office? Expect those kinds of results under Donald Trump's leadership.

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JOSEPH FARAH

ONLY TRUMP CAN SAVE US FROM HILLARY

Many major public opinion surveys continue to have Hillary Clinton leading the contest against Donald Trump, the GOP nominee.

Clinton is perhaps the most corrupt major American political figure in the last 50 years, shamelessly using political self-dealing to enrich herself and her family – a woman of no significant actual accomplishment, one who has been permitted by her friends in high places to avoid prosecution and punishment for serious crimes and whose radical anti-liberty, Big Government, one-size-fits-all platform poses an existential threat to the remaining vestiges of freedom and justice under the law.

Donald Trump, on the other hand, has proposed real change in Washington – no more business as usual, leadership that will, first and foremost, protect the security of Americans and watch out for America’s national self-interest. He promises to stimulate the economy through tax cuts and deregulation. And he certainly doesn’t need government service to make him richer. He has already revealed the kinds of Supreme Court justices and federal judges he would appoint to return lawmaking to the people, where it rightfully and constitutionally belongs.

So what’s wrong with this picture?

If the election were held today, it appears Clinton likely would win the presidency – and time is running it out.

If Hillary Clinton wins the 2016 presidential election, it may very well be the last meaningful presidential election in American history.

Donald Trump is right about Clinton: She is the most corrupt, least accomplished, most vindictive, least trustworthy, most dangerous and least presidential person ever to seek the office.

Four years of Hillary Clinton’s Supreme Court and judicial appointments will turn her into a virtual dictator and end constitutional government in America – perhaps forever.

In the 1990s, her “co-presidency” with her husband resulted in the most flagrant political abuse of the Internal Revenue Service in history – until, of course, Barack Obama’s presidency. We can expect much worse – a kind of scorched-earth policy against her political adversaries and anyone who has ever crossed the Clintons. (Her campaign has already proclaimed what’s coming by threatening to destroy alternative media outlet Breitbart.com.)

Obamacare’s planned obsolescence and failure will be morphed into a single-payer Hillary-care monster that will destroy, once and for all, the greatest health-care system the world has ever known.

The kind of self-dealing that enriched the Clintons for their “public service” will continue, rewarding capitalist cronies, Wall Street and scam startups designed to spread the wealth around – to the Clintons, their corporate friends, Democrat-backing unions and “community activists.”

The borders will remain wide open. Illegal aliens, including criminals, will not be returned or prosecuted. Instead, they will be welcomed by the millions as future Democratic Party constituents who will turn the country over to one-party rule.

The flood of unscreened “refugees” from the terrorist enclaves in the Middle East and Africa will increase under Hillary Clinton’s reign, she boasts, by 500 percent, ensuring America will be living with terrorism on a daily basis as in Europe, Turkey and Israel.

Hillary Clinton proved as secretary of state that she herself represents a national security threat. Putting the nuclear football in the hands of someone who should be in prison for clear violations of the Espionage Act is not even an option the American people should entertain.

Donald Trump truly represents our only hope in stopping Hillary. He is the only person standing between her and the White House. It’s time for all clear-thinking, patriotic, liberty-loving Americans – Republican, independent or Democrat – to rally around him before it’s too late.

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NEAL B. FREEMAN

AVARICE AND MENDACITY HAVE BEEN THE HALLMARKS OF HILLARY CLINTON'S CAREER

Hillary Clinton should not be promoted from her last job. Why? Because she should have been fired from her last job.

When she left her employees unprotected in a foreign consulate, and then showed little interest in learning why they had been murdered, she should have been fired.

When she destroyed thousands of government documents to cover up her financial and political activities, she should have been fired.

When she accepted tens of millions of dollars for her private ventures from the same foreign interests she was negotiating with as our Secretary of State, she should have been fired.

The hallmarks of Mrs. Clinton's long career in public life have been avarice and mendacity. At every stop, she has sought to monetize her public service and then lie about what she did. She should be the last woman President, not the first.

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DAVID KEENE

IF HILLARY CLINTON WINS WE FACE A FUTURE IN WHICH OUR FUNDAMENTAL LIBERTIES WILL BE IN CONSTANT JEOPARDY

I've been involved in politics for more than half a century and have rarely supported or voted for a candidate with whom I found myself in agreement with 100% of the time. As I decide to back a primary or general election candidate, I ask myself the same question who among those running and who has a chance of being elected is most likely to advance the conservative agenda? It's a real world question and it is one anyone seeking to influence the direction of the country should ask before making their choice.

This year's election may well be the most important of our lifetimes. The effort of President Obama and his party to "fundamentally change" this country is well underway and if his successor continues us on the path he has us on, the nation we inherited from those who came before will be changed in ways that would shock the founders. If we are to pass the nation and the values on which it was founded on to our children and grandchildren we must prevent that from happening.

Donald Trump was not my first choice as the year began, but he won the Republican nomination and any hope we have of turning things around depend on supporting him this fall. I don't agree with his every position, but he is all that stands between us and a future in which our fundamental rights and freedoms will be in constant jeopardy. It's really just that simple. The next President will appoint several Supreme Court Justices and untold numbers of District and Circuit Court judges. If Hillary Clinton is President, we know just what kinds of men and women she will appoint to these positions.

I am of course concerned about what this would mean for the Second Amendment, but I am just as concerned about the First Amendment guarantees of free speech and religion and the Fourth Amendment guarantees of due process. Her appointees will have the power and inclination to rewrite the fundamental rules that have made it possible for generations of Americans to create the freest, most prosperous nation in the history of the world.

Donald Trump's election will prevent this and that alone is reason enough to support him. He is firmly committed to appointing men and women who will defend rather than rewrite the Constitution; who will be guided by the principles of the founders rather than the whims of today's liberals. When I talk to conservatives who don't particularly like Donald Trump because they don't trust him, fear that he might ignore Congress or pursue policies we don't like, I remind them that while they may not be sure of what he will do if elected, they can be absolutely certain of what Mrs. Clinton will do if she prevails. We can certainly trust her to do everything she can to continue her predecessor's policies, to rewrite the Constitution and to pursue a foreign policy devoid of principle.

Staying home in November, voting for a third party candidate with no chance of winning

or even voting for Mrs. Clinton as some unthinking conservatives hostile to Mr. Trump seem prepared to do are not rational options for one who cares about the future. Donald Trump can win in November, but he won't win if those of us who care about the freedoms and values that we say are so important to us don't do our part to help him win.

The consequences of undermining his candidacy at this point are not difficult to predict and won't be pretty. If conservatives desert at this juncture, Mrs. Clinton will end up with a Democratic Senate and if that happens she will get just about everything she wants. Her Supreme Court appointees will eventually be confirmed, treaties that are awaiting ratification will be ratified, the power of an already too powerful executive will increase and many of the freedoms we have always taken for granted will be in danger of becoming mere memories.

I don't personally know how any thinking conservative will be able to look in the mirror if the future Mrs. Clinton and her party envision for us becomes a reality because he or she deserted our forces and the allowed the free nation we love to slip away.

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TIM MACY



HILLARY CLINTON'S FIVE POINT PLAN TO DESTROY THE SECOND AMENDMENT

The Left got their undergarments in a twist in August when Donald Trump noted that "the Second Amendment people" could prevent Hillary Clinton from fundamentally transforming the Supreme Court.

"If she gets to pick her judges, nothing you can do folks," Trump said, before adding: "Although the Second Amendment people, maybe there is, I don't know."

Dan Gross, head of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, thought he heard gun violence in Trump's remark. According to Gross, Trump was "literally using the Second Amendment as cover to encourage people to kill someone with whom they disagree."

Or maybe Trump was "literally" urging gun owners to get out and vote.

Trump, who only recently started using a teleprompter, could have spoken more clearly – but his underlying message was on the money.

With an estimated 80 to 100 million gun owners in America (about a third of the electorate) pro-gun voters could put an end to the political aspirations of the current generation of Clintons.

And gun owners have every reason to shudder at the thought of another Clinton in the White House.

With the Supreme Court evenly divided on several crucial gun decisions, the justice who replaces the late Antonin Scalia could potentially erase the Second Amendment as an individual right.

Before the D.C. v. Heller ruling in 2008, most Courts of Appeals held that the Second Amendment protected a collective, states' right. In Heller, the Court ruled in favor of an individual right.

If Hillary wins, you can all but kiss the Court's recognition that individual right goodbye.

But Hillary Clinton's attack on the Second Amendment involves more than just stacking the courts with anti-gunners.

Hillary talked about the Second Amendment with George Stephanopoulos, a Democrat operative who also happens to host the ABC news show "This Week."

Stephanopoulos asked Clinton about claims that she wanted to abolish the Second Amendment.

He quickly answered for her – "I know you reject that" – before letting her go on to explain why, under a Clinton presidency, the Second Amendment would be dead.

First, in her one sentence windup, she distorted more than 225 years of American history,

maligned one of the great jurists of our time, and flat out made up her own facts.

“I think for most of our history,” Clinton said in the June 5th interview, “there was a nuanced reading of the Second Amendment until the decision by the late Justice Scalia and there was no argument until then that localities and states and the federal government had a right, as we do with every amendment, to impose reasonable regulation.”

In other words, there really wasn't a Second Amendment right until Scalia came around and invented it. Now that would be an odd position for an originalist like Scalia to hold, to say the least.

Clinton went on. She will continue to push for “comprehensive background checks, closing the gun show loophole, closing the online loophole, closing the so-called Charleston loophole, [and] reversing the bill [giving gun manufacturers] immunity from liability.”

Having established the fact that Second Amendment rights are “loopholes,” and that the only proper thing to do with a loophole is to close it, let's look at these proposals in a little more detail.

#1 Comprehensive Background Checks

What, exactly, is meant by “comprehensive background checks?” Currently, any person who buys a firearm from a licensed firearms dealer, in every state and at any location, must undergo an FBI background check, in addition to various state laws.

Sounds pretty comprehensive. (Incidentally, this also gives lie to the supposed “gun show loophole.” The rules inside a gun show are exactly the same as outside the gun show.)

What Clinton is talking about is an unprecedented expansion of the police state. Under a “comprehensive” background check system, all PRIVATE gun sales will also be subject to a criminal background check.

Selling a gun to a neighbor? Under Hillary's plan, be prepared to go to the FBI so the buyer can prove his innocence.

Giving a gun to a friend? Not until the FBI says you can.

“Comprehensive” background registration checks will eradicate the individual right that Justice Scalia sought to protect, turning it into a mere privilege.

#2 Gun Show Loophole

As we've already seen, no such loophole exists.

What Hillary is talking about are private sales at gun shows. It's individuals with their individually-owned private property, selling it to another private individual at a place where such buyers and sellers are likely to gather – a gun show.

Such sales would be outlawed under the Clinton plan.

But there's more to it. Gun show promoters would be held liable for unauthorized gun sales, a risk that promoters would be unlikely to take.

Closing the “gun show loophole,” therefore, is just a euphemism for ending gun shows completely.

#3 The Online Loophole

This is a more recent variation of the gun show loophole and, like its progenitor, is entirely made up.

The rules for gun sales – whether by a licensed dealer or an individual – are the same online, offline, in a gun store, at a gun show, from the back of a car or at your kitchen table.

All gun dealer sales go through a background check. And it's illegal for anyone to sell a firearm to someone the seller knows to be a prohibited person. Likewise, it's illegal for the prohibited person to attempt to buy a firearm.

Individuals cannot ship firearms across state lines, unless it's to a licensed gun dealer. The fact that a contact for a sale is made online does not void the myriad of gun laws currently in place.

At least one, and probably several, laws will have to be broken for a prohibited person to buy a firearm under any circumstances. But the solution from the anti-gun crowd, as usual, is to pile on yet another law.

#4 The Charleston loophole

The so-called Charleston loophole gives the government carte blanche to delay firearms sales.

Currently, the federal government has three days to determine whether or not a gun purchaser is a prohibited person. The reason for this requirement is obvious. To borrow a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “a right delayed is a right denied.”

Hillary would remove that time constraint, allowing the government to put gun sales on hold indefinitely.

#5 Bankrupting the Firearms Industry

Hillary Clinton criticized her primary opponent, Bernie Sanders, for voting for a bill to prohibit frivolous lawsuits against gun manufactures.

Passed in 2005, the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act was enacted at a time when some of the country's largest cities employed a novel approach to eradicate the Second Amendment: bankrupt the firearms industry through a multitude of frivolous lawsuits.

Of course, gun makers could be held liable for injury caused by defective products. But these lawsuits sought to hold manufacturers liable for injuries caused by the criminal misuse of non-defective firearms.

It would be like suing Chrysler for damages caused by a drunk driver.

The purpose of the lawsuits was clear. What the gun control crowd couldn't achieve through the legislative process, they would attempt to win in the courts.

One mayor behind the suits, Joseph Ganim from Bridgeport, Connecticut, admitted that their goal was “creating law with litigation.”

Hillary has vowed to repeal that law, opening the floodgates to lawsuits that, even if

unsuccessful in the courtroom, would bankrupt the entire industry.

There's more to Hillary's anti-gun agenda than these five proposals. She supports the so-called "assault weapons" ban, which would actually ban many common semi-automatic firearms, and she supports a gun ban for people on the government's secret watch lists.

Clinton also praised Australia's mandatory gun buyback program, which resulted in the destruction of hundreds of thousands of firearms, as a good first step.

Donald Trump was right to single out the gun vote.

The author of "The Art of the Deal" may speak inartfully at times, but the "Second Amendment" people could very well determine the outcome of this election.

And between Hillary's Supreme Court picks and her legislative agenda against gun rights, make no mistake – the Second Amendment itself may as well be on the ballot this November.

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PENNY NANCE



HILLARY CLINTON IS WRONG ON LIFE, RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, AND THE REST OF THE CONSERVATIVE AGENDA

I look forward to the day when we have a woman president, but it should never be Hillary Clinton, and many Democrat women agree. According to polling data, she is not trusted. She has used incredibly poor judgment in foreign policy, and as more information is released concerning her email scandal, we know she is either a liar or incompetent (or both) and, thus, unfit for the presidency.

Hillary Clinton is a hypocrite, as she claims to advocate for women's rights today, but attacked anyone who spoke out against her husband. I was a twenty-something lobbyist during the Clinton years, and I remember well Hillary going into full force to harass, discredit, demean, and vilify each woman brave enough to speak out about the sexual harassment they encountered at the hands of her husband. For Hillary to now say that women who are victims deserve to be believed is the height of hypocrisy. No, Hillary Clinton does not support women.

Hillary Clinton stands for big government, is weak in foreign policy, is against secure energy, and is pro-abortion. Hillary will fight to repeal the Hyde Amendment, which has passed every year since 1976, always with strong bi-partisan support, and is credited with saving over 1 million children from abortion.

Hillary Clinton will seek to destroy religious freedom in America. People of faith who refuse to fall in line on the issue of same-sex "marriage" have been fired from jobs, fined, jailed, forced into silence, and discriminated against for government contracts. The IRS has already done its dirty work on conservative organizations, and religious charities have had to comply or shut down. Expect it all to get worse under another Clinton Administration, and this time pro-lifers will become the target. The goal is not just to abort babies; it's to force all of us to be complicit in that choice and to further marginalize and penalize those who won't fall in line.

At a speech at the Women in the World Summit in New York City, Clinton lectured that, "Laws have to be backed up with resources and political will. And deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs, and structural biases have to be changed." In other words, Clinton decrees that people of faith need to get over it. Never mind that we have specific Scriptural dogma as well as incontrovertible scientific reasoning. Our beliefs are, in her mind, discriminatory.

The next president will also likely be nominating multiple Supreme Court Justices, and we know exactly the type of justice Hillary will nominate — they will be legislators from the bench. For the sake of our country and all that we were founded for, we must stand against that type of nominee.

Donald Trump is not a perfect candidate, far from it. However, as a pro-life American, I must not contribute to the destruction of human life. I could never support Hillary Clinton, and if you disagree with her policy — woman or man — you should vote against her. In this election, that means voting for the only other viable candidate, Donald Trump.

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DANIEL OLIVER

THE EASY CASE FOR DONALD TRUMP

Donald Trump, the Republican Party's nominee for President? Argh!

It is difficult to argue with that sentiment. Still, Argh! is not a political program suitable for a self-governing people.

What *are* we to do?

We might ask, What would William F. Buckley Jr. recommend? As it happens, Buckley addressed precisely this question.

In November, 1956, when the choice facing the voters was Eisenhower or Stevenson, Buckley wrote:

The argument by relative merit is wonderfully persuasive. In some cases, it is, I think, conclusive. If one master will enslave me ninety days a year, a second only eighty-nine, if I may choose between them and must choose one, I shall unhesitatingly, all else being equal, elect to serve under the latter, and I should find no difficulty whatever defending my choice. My reasoning becomes inadequate, and perilously so, only when, in my zeal to stress the relative merit of the less exacting master, I find myself speaking approvingly, even enthusiastically about him. When that happens, there is danger to mind and morals.

The danger to the Republican Party of today lies bare breasted in its universal emblem, I like Ike. It should read, I prefer Ike.

The danger in supporting Trump is that the necessary attendant activities might slide over from opposition to Hillary Clinton — born to lie, born to cheat — into enthusiastic approval of her opponent.

The program and goals of the Democratic Party are to enlarge the already extended interference by the state into the lives and freedom of the people, extracting, always, more of the fruits of their labor.

The purpose (assuming it still has one) of the Republican Party, founded to promote freedom, is not just to resist the continued collectivizing efforts of the Democrats, but actually — yes, actually — to roll back the state, to extend freedom.

Conservatives should note that supporting Donald Trump is less apparently dangerous to the integrity of the Republican Party (which he has crashed), and therefore to the Republic, than was supporting Bob Dole, John McCain, or Mitt Romney, who were enthusiastically welcomed by the establishment Republicans, but none of whom would have made any serious

attempt to roll back the intrusions of the progressive state, accepted by President Eisenhower but nurtured, effectively and disappointingly, by President Nixon, as well as by legions of progressive Republican office holders in the subsequent decades.

In 1972, many conservatives decided to withhold their support from the numbingly big-government, bureaucracy-building, wage-and-price-controlling President Nixon — until the Democrats nominated George McGovern, who, conservatives decided, was just ... too ... dangerous to let become president. A reasonable Republican today, dissatisfied with Donald Trump, could come to the same conclusion about Hillary Clinton: born to lie, cheat, and steal — and, born to collectivize, and therefore born to enslave.

Donald Trump is no conservative, but neither is he more dangerous to the mission of the Republican Party than legions of progressive Republicans have been. And supporting Trump will at least tend to help other Republican candidates get elected.

And *nota bene*: if Trump wins and turns out to be a *serious* danger to the Republic, the Republicans can call for his impeachment — finally, a constitutional project a Liberal could love — a project made all the easier by Trump's selection of Gov. Mike Pence as his running mate.

Mega-crony capitalist/socialist Barack Obama and his would-be successor Hillary Clinton are the two people on the planet most destructive of traditional American values. Read Holman Jenkins in the *Wall Street Journal* for a quick review of how awful for America President Obama has been. And then remember: Hillary will be worse.

I prefer Trump.

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RICK SANTORUM

NEVER HILLARY

Donald Trump or Hillary Clinton. We have a binary choice. One or the other will be our next president. Let's be clear if you are a republican or a conservative and you don't vote for Trump you are helping Hillary Clinton become the next president whether you vote for her or not.

I served in the House of Representatives and United States Senate during Bill Clinton's presidency. I saw the scandals, the lies, and the corruption up close and personal. I saw Clinton's vetoes of common-sense bills like the ban on partial birth abortions and welfare reform in large part because of pressure from Hillary and her allies in the administration!

But eight years of being the progressive force in the Clinton White House was not enough, Hillary would turn around and carpetbag her way into the Senate from New York. There she showed her true colors leading the charge on abortion, opposing sanctions on Iran's nuclear program and voting to raise taxes, bail out Wall Street and explode the size of government.

It's a true statement of how far the Democratic Party has lurched left when she has found detractors within her own base. Her record as a Senator, and more recently as Secretary of State, is one that should excite even the most hardened leftist. But this is exactly why every conservative should oppose her.

As a Secretary of State, from the Russian reset, which included canceling missile defense systems for our closest allies in Eastern Europe to advocating for intervention in Libya, she has been a disaster. Inexplicably she supported radical Islamists against our allies in Egypt in the Arab Spring and stood silent as the number one sponsor of Islamic terror, Iran, crushed the best chance to topple our most dangerous enemy. Add to this the key role she played in the Syrian disaster we see playing out on the nightly news, the turning of our back on Israel, and tragically the disaster in Benghazi. With that foreign policy record Hillary Clinton is the last person we should promote to Commander-in-Chief.

But what really pushed me over the edge was the death of my good friend Justice Antonin Scalia. Scalia was the gold standard by which all conservative legal minds should be judged. He was a brilliant man, who combined wit and reason to not just make rulings but persuade his colleagues on the Court. Now our next President will appoint his successor.

Worse yet, a President Clinton would more than likely appoint two or three more Supreme Court justices. This would set in motion not just the next four to eight years of our nation's policy making and jurisprudence, but the next generation. No doubt she would pick forty- or fifty-something year olds who see the constitution as an annoyance to be discarded on the ash bin of history. Over the next 30 years we will lose our republic and become another godless autocratic European socialist state devoid of religious liberty or value for founding principles men like Madison engrained in our Constitution. We will cease to be America.

Some conservatives have a problem with Donald Trump. Many of them have stood on purist principle to declare Never Trump. But by declaring Never Trump, they have declared they are sitting out this election at a time we all need to coalesce around the a candidate that has not only vowed but has produced a list of outstanding nominees for the Supreme Court.

In the end the court is everything. I don't want to be to blame for the wreckage we all know would come through a Clinton Supreme Court. I want to look myself in the mirror knowing I did everything I could to stop it. And that is why this conservative will be voting for Donald J. Trump this November.

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CRAIG SHIRLEY

HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON, THE 21ST CENTURY'S RICHARD MILHOUS NIXON. PUTTING HILLARY ON THE COUCH

Two Thousand and Sixteen might be the first election in history which is a referendum on the challenger and not the incumbent or their legacy. To great effect, Hillary Clinton and her large faction of the complicit and often supine media have successfully absolved her of almost every one of her failings and controversies by perpetually making the assertion that what Donald Trump has said is worse than what Hillary Clinton has done. Words are now more important than deeds. Saying you care is more important than doing good works. It is important to be generous with other people's time and money.

It's time to get back to the facts.

The most powerful man in the world, Richard Nixon, walked away from his office in part because he deleted eighteen and a half minutes of tape which were under subpoena and the Washington Post went into a two-and-a-half-year frenzy. Hillary Clinton deleted 30,000 emails from an unsecure personal server, while they were also under subpoena and the Post yawns, unable to muster even the charade of professional interest. Liberal corrupt double standard? You bet. And if something doesn't change soon, Hillary is about to become the most powerful person in the world.

Richard Nixon, by every metric, was a deeply paranoid man. He demonstrated outright contempt for liberals and their sycophants in the media. When cornered and caught in lies he portrayed himself as a victim, being "kicked around." The most telling flaw was his inability to accept even the notion that he was wrong. Hillary Clinton, going on over 200 days without a press conference, manufacturing an "alt-right" movement that is out to get her and dismissing every criticism as personal seems to place her well down the Nixonian path.

Jean-Paul Sartre famously said "I am the architect of my own self." We are the sum of what we do, yet Clinton has cast herself time and time again as the victim of a "vast right-wing conspiracy." A seeming paranoia that a clandestine force is out to sabotage her life, and yet every time she has been caught behaving, at best questionably and at worst dishonorably, she has completely abandoned any form of responsibility or accountability. Only retroactively claiming that she "regrets" a decision. She behaves like a child caught in a lie.

Or maybe as a child, even her imaginary friends wouldn't play with her.

What we must understand about the mindset of people like Hillary Clinton and Richard Nixon is that they don't espouse facts or their beliefs, instead they give "iterations of the truth." For example;

When the email scandal first broke: Clinton said she did what I did out of "convenience" and everything was "approved and legal." Then when we found out that wasn't true, she said "I regret the decision" but "I never sent or received classified documents while Secretary of State." Then when that wasn't true she said "I never sent any material that was marked classified."

Then when that wasn't true she said "Director Comey said my answers were truthful, and what I've said is consistent with what I have told the American people, that there were decisions discussed and made to classify retroactively certain of the emails." Then, when that wasn't true, she said her brain "I short-circuited." This is Nixonian for "I don't remember."

To be fair, I think we can all agree she's been "short-circuiting": for some time. Clinton makes a seemingly firm statement but it is always just vague enough to back out if she's caught. When she's caught she falls back on the next iteration, and again, and again, and again. Meanwhile, her proxies and allies focus on identity politics, asserting her unpopularity is due to sexism and politics.

The mere fact she has and continues to believe in a "vast right wing conspiracy" by definition demonstrates a paranoid and persecution complex, just as Richard Nixon possessed. Plus, it shows she hates legitimate opposition, thus showing a supreme lack of character, a prohibition to the presidency by the reasoning of the Framers Jay, Hamilton and Madison. But they are just "dead old white guys," by the sophistry of Hillary's lovers.

Hillary's delusion of persecution by reason of her recent rant again the "Alt Right" shows a paranoid personality. If she is elected, Hillary will be the most distrustful president since Richard Nixon, which explains much. As a member of the committee created to prosecute Richard Nixon, she displayed a disqualifying hatred and unethical behavior that got her fired. Shakespeare said the eyes are the windows to the soul. Nixon had the eyes of a deeply troubled individual. Hillary's eyes are just the same.

Hillary—deeply disturbed and possibly in need of clinical assistance—would have fit in perfectly in the paranoid Nixon White House.

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WHY TRUMP?

As a national security leader said to me, “Donald Trump’s victory may not be the conservative movement’s victory, but his defeat is America’s defeat. His win gives us room to maneuver, while his defeat seems poised to end our liberties.”

As progressives erode and weaken what is exceptional about America, I worry we may not have four more years to spare. I fear we are sliding towards “the darkness” Ronald Reagan warned of when he said, “We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness.”

Though I thought another candidate best, Americans disagreed. Donald Trump seems to love America and what made it great. He is now listening to men and women I respect in the public square right now on many matters, including national security. He has shown the courage to confront political correctness, a malignant weapon making America less safe today as it infects our law enforcement and national security. Far from perfect, Donald Trump is refreshingly common sensical and patriotic, and the only viable option available to keep another progressive from wielding American power.

Hillary Clinton supports policies pulling America apart. She would continue the failed progressive policies of President Obama, who has polarized the nation with identity politics, weaponized bureaucrats against his opponents and set up two sets of rules where Washington picks winners and losers. Hillary Clinton has not distanced herself from any of these dangerous developments.

Hillary Clinton weakened America as Secretary of State. Breaking a time-honored American ethos of coming to the aid of all Americans under attack abroad, she left Americans who were under attack behind in Benghazi, Libya in September 2012, and then lied to the rest of us about some videotape. She seems to have supported the release of GITMO prisoners, and the giving cash for Iranian hostages, opening all American travelers and those who serve our nation overseas to greater risk.

By associating with America’s adversaries in the war on terror, Hillary Clinton puts us all at risk with open borders, refugee policies being designed by the United Nations, and foreign policy that offends our traditional allies and emboldens America’s enemies. Her failed foreign policy should be reason enough to deny her the presidency.

Hillary Clinton doesn’t represent all women. She only supports liberal women and causes. Thus, her candidacy is no reason for the rest of us women who love America and the values that sustained it since the Founding to celebrate. I also don’t want the first woman President of the United States to be under a cloud of controversy because she and her husband used public office for private gain. Hillary’s embrace of two sets of rules would continue to denigrate America, where her limousine liberal donors, the mainstream media and Hollywood elites would benefit,

while the government is turned upon the rest of us.

Having just finished Kim Strassel’s new book, *The Intimidation Game*, I firmly believe our government will more aggressively come after those who align themselves with constitutional governance if Hillary Clinton is elected. If you are paying attention, our right to self-defense, to associate, to practice our religion and petition our government is threatened, among others.

We know what Hillary Clinton, working with her borderless world friends, will do to us and to the American institutions that made us great. The only alternative for this election is Donald Trump, who is committed to bringing Americans together again, not practicing a divisive identity politics.

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SORRY FRIENDS, IF YOU ARE #NEVERTRUMP THEN YOU ARE #4HILLARY

On December 9, 2015 when I endorsed Ted Cruz for President I said, “conservatives and Republicans are often not the same. However, they definitely have one thing in common: They desperately want to win the White House in 2016. For Democrats this election is important, but for Republicans and conservatives 2016 is not just crucial to the survival of this country and constitutional liberty — it is the ball game.”

In the seven months since I made that statement the picture has gotten bleaker than it was back then. I still think Ted Cruz is the best candidate conservatives had in the race, but he is unfortunately not the candidate who won a majority of the delegates – that distinction goes to Donald Trump — and it is to Trump that right-of-center voters will have to look if our country and constitutional liberty are to survive.

And make no mistake, this election *is* about the survival of the country that Donald Trump has promised to make great again. Obama, Hillary Clinton and their far-left allies have increased the tempo of their assaults on constitutional liberty and the external threats to our national security and domestic tranquility have grown ever greater.

Why then, in the face of the indisputable threats facing our country, would mature men and women who purport to be leaders of the Republican Party and the conservative movement do anything that strengthens Hillary Clinton, that gives her even one more vote?

I find it very strange that many of the same individuals who decry Donald Trump’s deviations from conservative orthodoxy were quick to try to explain away the Romney family’s support for Planned Parenthood and other decidedly anti-conservative organizations and institutions.

And I find it stranger still that many of the Republicans and alleged conservatives who huddle over their smartphones tweeting outrage over Trump’s kneecapping of his various primary opponents were on strict radio silence when Romney did much the same thing to Newt Gingrich.

If you are angry and think Trump can’t be trusted or that he won’t fulfill his promises I say grow up and get in the real world – no politician, including Ronald Reagan the greatest president of my life time, fulfills 100% of their campaign promises.

The question is not will Trump bat 1000? It is will Trump try to undo the damage eight years of Obama and a feckless GOP Congress have inflicted upon America? And the undoubted answer to that is YES.

And in this dangerous environment I can think of nothing that is more disrespectful of the dire situation facing our country than the idea lately propounded by Bill Kristol that some obscure writer for National Journal has a legitimate claim to enter the presidential contest because Donald Trump is not a conservative — this nothing more than a fraternity house prank,

and a demeaning one at that.

For those who say they are #NeverTrump because “Donald Trump is not a conservative” on this and that issue I’m curious as to what version of conservatism they subscribe to – the George W. Bush version that says Islam is a religion of peace and led us into an apparently endless and inconclusive war in the Middle East, or the Donald Trump version that says defeat radical Islam wherever we find it?

Or maybe it is the Paul Ryan version of conservatism that says we should fund Obama’s extra-constitutional amnesty for illegal aliens, the Planned Parent Industry of Death and a grotesque list of crony government raids on the taxpayers for things like “green energy” and bailouts of Puerto Rico?

The fact of the matter is that when one examines the views of many of the Republican and allegedly conservative #NeverTrump holdouts they are a lot closer to Hillary Clinton and the rest of the DC elite than they are to the views of the millions of country class citizens who turned-out to support Donald Trump.

Many #NeverTrump adherents seem to reject even a conversation about the threat of radical Islam. They are all about the econometric model of open borders that is supported by both the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and far-left racial interest groups, and they have no interest in cutting spending or limited government, because government power is how they enforce their elitist views on the rest of us.

If this is standing for conservative principles I must have missed a turn in the road between the day in 1961 when I was hired as Executive Secretary of Young Americans for Freedom and today’s debate over whether or not the congressional Republican leaders who presided over an 80%+ increase in a national debt that now stands at over \$18 trillion should get their hands dirty by endorsing Donald Trump.

The news media and DC’s elite pundits like to dance around the facts with euphemisms like “spoiler,” but it is time for those Republicans and conservatives who say they are #NeverTrump to come clean; to look in the mirror and repeat this list:

I’m OK with Hillary Clinton appointing three or four Supreme Court appointments.

I’m OK with Hillary Clinton appointing hundreds of Federal Court Judges.

I’m OK with Hillary Clinton stripping me of my Second Amendment rights.

I’m OK with Hillary Clinton using the power of the IRS and other federal agencies to terminate my First Amendment rights and the First Amendment rights of other Conservatives.

I’m OK with Hillary Clinton expanding Obama’s open borders and unlimited immigration policies.

And, I’m OK with the Hillary Clinton deciding the outer limits of my freedom of conscience and whether or not I can worship as God and raise my children as my conscience dictates.

I say to anyone who claims to be a #NeverTrump conservative, look in the mirror and read that list, and if this is you, then be honest and admit that you prefer Hillary Clinton in the White House and why. Then drop the charade and have the guts to defend your choice to advance Hillary Clinton’s campaign and take ownership of the destruction of liberty and constitutional government that her election will surely bring.

CONSERVATIVES, I URGE YOU TO JOIN ME: UNITE BEHIND TRUMP AND PENCE

Last week conservatives, me included, collectively released what I hope will be one last primal howl of frustration with the Republican Party's 2016 ticket when Donald Trump announced Indiana Governor Mike Pence as his running mate.

The establishment media naturally saw in this the opening of some big fissure in the Republican coalition because they didn't understand that our frustration with the choice of Mike Pence was not that Governor Pence isn't a conservative, he is.

In fact, Mike Pence is the most conservative candidate for Vice President since Sarah Palin in 2008, and then you'd have to back three more cycles to find another with the kind of conservative credentials Mike Pence has; my old friend the late Jack Kemp who graced the 1996 ticket.

But just as the conservative movement isn't a lapdog for the Republican establishment, neither can it or will it be an uncritical cheerleader for any candidate, including our friend and fellow conservative Mike Pence.

The Bible tells us in 2 Timothy 4:2:

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

So it was, and is, in the spirit of correcting and encouraging Governor Pence that we reminded him that his decisions on Common Core and amendments to Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) let down major constituencies in the conservative movement.

We're not opposed to Mike Pence; we want him to recover the fighting spirit he had as a member of the House of Representatives and to be the clear advocate of conservative principles that he was when he was the lone, and prophetic voice fighting the Wall Street bailout.

And Mike Pence's speech after Donald Trump announced him as his choice for vice president gives us hope our encouragement is having some effect.

We knew Mike Pence walks with us, and when he described himself as "a Christian, a conservative and a Republican, in that order," he described himself as one of us.

And his remark that his first thought when Trump offered him the vice presidential nomination was, "Who am I, oh Lord?" showed that he not only speaks the language of the Bible, he thinks its teachings as well.

Friends, we've had our howl of frustration — and after over 50+ years of involvement in the conservative movement at the national level I can say with certainty there will be more times between now and Election Day when we are frustrated with our candidates.

But it is time for conservatives to start spending our energy fighting and winning the election we have, rather than wasting our time and energy wishing for one that is not to be.

And Donald Trump, Mike Pence and the conservative — populist coalition they are assembling have all the tools necessary to win this election:

First, and perhaps most importantly, we have a candidate — Donald Trump — who is a fighter and who will take the fight to Hillary Clinton and the Democrats in a way John McCain and Mitt Romney never would or could.

Second, we have the makings of a new and energetic conservative – populist coalition that clearly represents majority opinion on major issues that move voters; securing our borders, winning the war Islam has declared on the West, rebuilding our economy and creating jobs, and standing for law and order, to name but a few.

Third, in Hillary Clinton we have an opponent who has just been labeled by the Director of the FBI a liar who was extraordinarily careless with classified national security information, and who remains under multiple investigations for that and the corruption of her eponymous Clinton Foundation.

Fourth, Republican political alignment is stronger than it has been in generations: Republicans hold 31 governorships, and 54 Senators and 247 Members of the House of Representatives are Republicans, this is the strongest the Republican national party has been since the 1929-1931 election cycle.

Fifth, the Democratic Party has moved far to the Left under Barack Obama, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi, Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton. It is now the party of same-sex bathrooms, same-sex marriage, government paid abortions, gun confiscation, open borders, job killing trade deals and the endless importation of welfare-dependent aliens. These policies are deeply offensive to a majority of Americans who can be motivated to vote for change if they are presented with a change agenda – which Donald Trump is doing, despite the criticism and opposition of the Republican establishment.

Sixth, and perhaps second only in importance to Trump's willingness to take the fight straight at Hillary Clinton, is his commitment to confront the elitism that is poisoning our society and to fight for America's forgotten working families.

And finally, we have a candidate for vice president, who walks with us — a committed cultural conservative who thinks and speaks our language and has been a fighter for our issues.

Friends, this is now a binary choice: Trump and Pence vs. Hillary Clinton.

In this battle there is only the victory or defeat of constitutional liberty and the rule of law. In this battle there is no third option, there is no compromise, there is no sitting out the election. I'm all in for Trump and Pence and I urge you to join me and them in making America great again.



GEORGE RASLEY

THE NEW PURITANS VS. PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY'S REVOLUTIONARY CONSERVATIVES

The post-Convention Republican presidential campaign has exposed a stark rift in the conservative movement that threatens to undermine the hard-fought gains conservatives of the Buckley and Reagan eras made over the past fifty years.

On one side are those conservatives who take their inspiration from the politics of Ronald Reagan, but the spirit of their movement from Phyllis Schlafly's 1964 classic *"A Choice Not An Echo."*

Mrs. Schlafly, long-considered to be "the First Lady of the Conservative Movement" wrote her initially self-published attack on "the kingmakers" in Washington, D.C and the state capitals in support of Barry Goldwater's bid for president.

The premise of the book was that the "kingmakers" using every trick of politics "dictated the choice of the Republican presidential nominee just as completely as the Paris dressmakers control the length of women's skirts."

In that incisive observation Schlafly, who just passed away at age 92, may have been the first conservative to articulate that the first impediment to governing America according to conservative principles is not the Democratic Party and liberals, but the entrenched special interests running the establishment Republican Party.

The original version Schlafly's 1964 indictment of the power of the kingmakers and the need for a grassroots conservative revolution was updated in a fiftieth anniversary edition of *"A Choice Not An Echo"* that brought the critique of the destructive DC power structure and the call for revolutionary change into the 21st century, but one key premise remained the same – anyone running for president who threatened the power of the kingmakers would be destroyed.

So it came as no surprise to those who knew Schlafly's work that the charges the kingmakers leveled against Barry Goldwater in 1964 would be eerily repeated against Donald Trump in 2016:

Scranton camp followers spread shocking tales suggesting that Goldwater was perhaps in league with neo-Nazis in Germany – and this about a man whose own father was Jewish. Scranton himself attacked Goldwater; in his challenge to a "debate" in tones plainly implying that Goldwater was not only wrong but actually evil.

And it likewise came as no surprise that Mrs. Schlafly was an early and enthusiastic endorser of Donald Trump, saying "Trump is the only hope to defeat the kingmakers... Because everybody else will fall in line. The kingmakers have so much money behind them."

"The kingmakers," Schlafly told Breitbart, "have picked our last bunch of losers. And there's one loser after another because they were more interested in maintaining their flow of money from the big donors and their cooperation with the Democrats—their bipartisanship—and that's not my goal. I'm for America [Schlafly slams hand on table] and America first [slams hand on table again]."

However, Schlafly's analysis and calls for a grassroots revolution against "the kingmakers" is loudly rejected by a newly surfaced stream of conservative thought that rejects the practical politics of Schlafly, William F. Buckley and Ronald Reagan for one that sees voting as a personal and profoundly moral act that should reject any candidate who does not meet a test of moral rectitude.

These individuals reach back to such 19th century public intellectuals and preachers as Charles Haddon Spurgeon for their inspiration.

Spurgeon, whose aphorism "Of two evils, choose neither" is posted widely on social media by Christians and others who find themselves in a moral conundrum at the very thought of voting for either Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump.

Thus National Review writer and erstwhile presidential candidate David A. French can tweet, "Trump is more than just a "bad candidate." He's a moral and political disgrace."

Strangely enough, this suddenly prominent New Puritanism also found its first articulation in 1964 in the rejection of twice-married New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller by none other than Senator Prescott Bush, father and grandfather of the presidents Bush:

Have we come to the point in our life as a nation where the governor of a great state—one who perhaps aspires to the nomination for president of the United States—can desert a good wife, mother of his grown children, divorce her, then persuade a young mother of four youngsters to abandon her husband and their four children and marry the governor?

The problem with the exacting standards of this New Puritanism is that in a country where the divorce rate now approaches 50 percent it would disqualify nearly half the population, including conservative President Ronald Reagan, from public service.

What's more, as Pastor John Barber of Jacksonville, Florida observed, it has no Biblical basis.

Many Christians, said Rev. Barber, wish to avoid choosing between the lesser of two evils is because they confuse an evil with a wrong. An "evil" is something that brings suffering. Evil is therefore broader than a wrong. For example, my back pain is an evil. To alleviate it, I may choose back surgery, an even greater evil. But my hope is that, although super painful in the short-term, surgery will facilitate complete relief long-term. Starvation, poverty, and disease, are also forms of evil. James says that "God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone" (1:13). He means we shouldn't use evil as an excuse to sin. Also, the devil is called "the evil one" (1 John 5:19). So we see the breadth of evil.

A "wrong", explains Pastor Barber, is a sin against God. Steal a candy bar from the 7-11 and you've committed a wrong.

I am rather confident, said Barber, that "No Trump" evangelicals incorrectly assume that a

vote for Trump is a wrong—a sin against God.

Rev. Barber makes sense of the conundrum this way:

Imagine our two families are miles from land in a sinking boat. Suddenly, out of the mist, come two boats to save us. One is captained by an adulterer; the other is captained by a thief. Which boat will you get into? You say, “Neither one. I’m waiting for the evangelical boat which is captained by a devout Christian who will end abortion.” I say, “You’re kidding, right?” You reply, “Both these guys are reprobates and I’m not going to choose between two evils.”

You see what you’ve done? For one, you failed to prioritize scripturally. *The immediate priority is to save our families so we can fight another day. Scripture passages against thievery and adultery simply don’t apply here.*

Second, you confused an evil with a wrong. As bloody painful as it is for you to sit in the adulterer’s boat on the way to dry ground, God doesn’t view you as an adulterer. Neither does he view your choice to get your family into the boat as a “wrong.”

Pastor Barber then offers this insightful observation:

Is it possible that God, in his infinite wisdom, has brought Trump along, if for no other reason than to prevent this nation from sinking permanently into the abyss of PC progressivism? And that he has done this so that when this nation is back on the ground we can then plan for the kind of constitutional conservative we need for the future?

Right now our nation is sinking says Pastor Barber. And two boats are on the way. God is not asking you to pick between “the lesser of two evils.” He asking you to: (1) Prioritize what Scripture prioritizes. (2) Distinguish an evil from a wrong.

Finding sin and moral purity tests where the Bible imposes none and calling one’s opponents a “moral and political disgrace” are strangely reminiscent of the kingmaker-created anti-Goldwater hysteria Phyllis Schlafly inveighed against in 1964.

Conservatives won in 1980, and in 1994 and in 2010 and 2014 because the wise leaders of the Reagan and Tea Party movements mastered coalition politics and brought together economic conservatives, national security conservatives, cultural conservatives, and eventually limited government constitutional conservatives and “small L” libertarians to create a winning coalition.

How can this new and dangerous division in the conservative movement be healed?

It won’t be easy because of the personal invective coming from both sides, particularly through social media. One place to start might be to agree, as Rev. John Barber suggests, that the priority in this election is defeating Hillary Clinton to preserve the future opportunity to choose a Godly candidate, a goal upon which the broader conservative movement could certainly all agree.

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HILLARY CLINTON IN HER OWN WORDS

A Path to Full and Equal Citizenship for Illegal Aliens

“We need comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to full and equal citizenship. ... We can’t wait any longer for a path to full and equal citizenship.”

Hillary Clinton.com website

Hillary Clinton Wants to Shame Americans With Concerns About Muslim Terrorism

“...we are focused on promoting interfaith education and collaboration, enforcing antidiscrimination laws, protecting the rights of all people to worship as they choose, and to use some old-fashioned techniques of peer pressure and shaming [against those who offend Islam].”

Sec. Clinton’s address to the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), July 15, 2011

Hillary Clinton Demands Pro-Life Americans Change Their Religious Beliefs

“deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed” to give women access to abortion.

Hillary Clinton address to sixth annual Women in The World Summit, March 23, 2015

Americans Can’t Be Trusted to Make Their Own Healthcare Decisions

“...we just can’t trust the American people to make [healthcare related] choices... Government has to make those choices for people.”

“The Seduction of Hillary Rodham” by Media Matters founder David Brock, pp 333-334.

Hillary Clinton Wants a 550% Yearly Increase in “Refugees” from Muslim Terrorist Hotspot Syria

“I would like to see us move from what is a good start with 10,000 to 65,000 [Syrian refugees].

Clinton appearance on CBS News’ “Face the Nation,” September 20, 2015.