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INTRODUCTION

Liberals are adept at twisting the truth to fit their political agenda and ignoring facts that do not support that agenda. In political campaign after campaign, liberals cast themselves in the image of the party of *compassion*. They deceitfully use envy to promulgate class warfare in the name of fairness. Further, aided and abetted by left-leaning journalists and media outlets, liberals falsely impute negative concepts such as “corporate greed,” “religious intolerance,” “war mongering,” and “environmental pollution” to conservatives and then demand that they defend these topics. Too often, conservatives allow liberals to put them on the defensive in this way.

Ironically, solutions that liberals propose to social problems in America are anything but solutions. Their never-ending attempts at social engineering by government fiat not only fail to solve America’s social and economic problems, they prolong and perpetuate them. For example, consider the left’s so-called war on poverty—a war the government has been losing since the Lyndon Johnson

administration. The net result of the government's various anti-poverty programs is that they have not only failed to end poverty, they have actually increased it and created a permanent under-class of people living in financial slavery to government entitlement programs. The left's misnamed "anti-poverty programs" have achieved little other than creating bloated bureaucracies in the federal and state governments that American taxpayers are expected to finance at ever increasing levels.

The time has come to set the record straight and to stop allowing liberals to place conservatives on the defensive. For too long liberals have caused problems with their left wing policies and then deceitfully blamed the problems on conservatives. This is the *big lie* concept in politics, a strategy that can be effective when the press and media are on your side. But truth has a way of eventually rising to the surface. Unfortunately, liberals have tipped the scales so far in the wrong direction that America cannot afford to sit back and wait for truth to eventually win out. Conservatives need to facilitate the process.

It is time for conservatives to stand up and speak out—to require liberals to accept the con-

sequences of their left wing beliefs and policies. Conservatives are prepared to enact real and lasting solutions to the problems facing America, notwithstanding the political posturing, self-serving rhetoric, and overblown hyperbole of the left. Conservative solutions to America's most pressing problems are explained in plain, unadorned language in *The Right Wing Handbook*. It has been designed to help the reader understand conservative positions, defend those positions, and refute the big lies of liberals on the following issues:

- Reducing poverty and homelessness without taxes
- Improving education and cutting costs
- Improving healthcare and saving money
- Ending racism and giving everyone a chance to achieve the American dream
- Ending war for good
- Debunking the fallacy of corporate greed
- Supporting gun ownership

- Ending abortion and same-sex marriage
- Freedom of religion, not freedom from religion
- Harvesting natural resources and protecting the environment
- Bonus Section: Debunking the claim that “Jesus was a Liberal”

Thinking Americans who want a peaceful and prosperous nation must read this manual. But just reading it is not enough. Having read it, Americans need to stand up and speak out for our country. As the Occupy Wall Street protest phenomenon has shown, too many Americans who have been pampered by the fruits of a free-market economy now, ironically, think socialism is a superior system. The battle against left wing thinking has two elements: 1) speaking out against left wing policies promulgated by liberals who are determined to transform our country into the United *Socialist* States of America, and 2) educating ignorant, indoctrinated Americans who are susceptible to deceitful liberals who are wolves in sheep's clothing.

The following pages will help conservatives battle effectively against both elements of leftwing thinking. In brief exposition, the ten biggest lies of liberals are not only exposed, they are refuted. Each lie is treated in sufficient depth to give conservatives the ammunition they need to do verbal battle with liberals and win. The *Right Wing Handbook* shows conservatives how to use logic and critical thinking to overcome the emotion-laden arguments liberals are so fond of foisting upon an unthinking American public. The reader is encouraged to study the material presented herein and put it to good use in forcing liberals to come face to face with the consequences of their misguided policies—policies that have turned America into a debtor nation financially enslaved to its own enemies.

LIE #1:

Conservatives don't care about POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS

With any and all problems the immediate response of liberals is to look to the government for the solution. Aided and abetted by the

left-leaning media and government schools, liberals have been successful in convincing a broad cross-section of Americans that government is the universal solver of all human problems. But as thinking Americans know, government does not solve problems, it causes problems and then just makes them worse.

For example, consider the dual problems of poverty and homelessness. Since President Lyndon Johnson enacted his *War on Poverty* in the mid-1960s, the problems of poverty and homelessness have just gotten worse. The federal government now has more than 120 anti-poverty programs and has spent more than \$13 trillion on these programs since Lyndon Johnson declared his war on poverty. This figure (\$13 trillion) amounts to approximately \$15,000 for every poor man, woman, and child in America. Since the poverty line is around \$11,000, it would have been more effective to simply give every poor person a check for \$15,000.

Why Government Programs Do Not Help

As government programs to combat poverty and homelessness have expanded, the number

of people living in poverty has just increased. In fact, the research on this subject is clear. Government poverty programs provide short-term relief but actually hurt recipients in the long run by ensuring that they remain poor, that they become dependent on government subsidies and never break the cycle of poverty. By perpetuating the cycle of poverty, government programs have the effect of passing it from generation to generation until living in poverty becomes a normal way of life for the poor—the only way of life they know. Just as the children of college graduates tend to become college graduates, the children of welfare recipients tend to become welfare recipients, and the cycle continues.

The reasons why government programs do not and cannot reduce poverty and homelessness is simple: 1) they do nothing to eliminate the root causes of the problems—out-of-wedlock births, single-parent families, high school dropout rates, drug and alcohol abuse—and a problem cannot be solved without eliminating its root causes, and 2) they reward poverty and the homelessness that goes with it. It is important to understand this second fact because an unchanging rule of hu-

man nature is that, when dealing with people, you get more of what you reward. Reward poverty and you will get more poverty. Government programs reward poverty by providing financial assistance to the poor without requiring a quid pro quo of responsible, positive behaviors that would pull them out of poverty.

Strategies for Reducing Poverty and Homelessness without Taxes

Since the best solution to poverty is jobs, it stands to reason that creating jobs while improving the job skills of the poor must be a large part of the solution to poverty and homelessness. Thinking Americans understand that businesses create jobs. Government creates dependency. To create jobs, businesses must increase their sales volume or decrease the cost of doing business, or both. Only when businesses can anticipate sustained growth will they add jobs and hire people to do them. The following strategies will help businesses in America get back in the game in the global arena and start winning again. This, in turn, will do more to end poverty than all government programs combined.

- Enact tort reform to decrease the job-killing expenses associated with malicious and opportunistic lawsuits.
- Make substantial reductions in business taxes.
- Make substantial reductions in burdensome, unnecessary, and expensive regulations
- Enact tax incentives to be provided to employers that fund in-house training and apprenticeship programs. Make the incentives higher for taking on welfare recipients and the long-term unemployed as apprentices and trainees.
- Reform of the minimum-wage law to encourage teenage and career start-up employment.
- Couple any and all government anti-poverty programs with requirements that recipients undertake serious and concerted efforts to get employed and off of government assistance within a specified period of time. Eliminate all

incentives to remain on government assistance.

The bottom line for the government when it comes to job creation is not to *do something*, but to get out of the way. When it comes to job creation, the best thing the government can do is remove bureaucratic obstacles to job creation and simply get out of the way and out of the pockets of businesses.

LIE #2:

Conservatives want to defund EDUCATION

Public education represents a major government expense at the local, state, and federal levels, an expense that continues to grow. Over the past 60 years, spending on education in America has increased by approximately 800 percent. American taxpayers spend a lot of money on public education, but the results make clear they are not getting their money's worth. For example, the Washington, D.C. public school system—the one President Obama refused to enroll his children in—spends more per pupil on education than al-

most any other school system in America but still produces some of the worst results.

The United States spends more per pupil on public education than any other industrialized nation in the world, but gets a paltry return on its investment at best. Consider the following fact: The United States spends more per pupil on education than Canada, Italy, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Japan, Korea, and China, yet students from these countries consistently outperform American students on standardized tests of Mathematics, Advanced Mathematics, Science, Reading, Physics, and problem solving. Other countries whose students also consistently outperform American students include Norway, Sweden, the Russian Federation, Denmark, Slovenia, Australia, Cyprus, Latvia, Switzerland, Greece, the Czech Republic, and Austria. One might reasonably ask if there are any industrialized countries whose students do not outperform American students. The author is not aware of any.

Another question one might ask is this: How do other industrialized nations that spend less than the United States per pupil on education achieve better student performance? The answer

to this question is simple. Other industrialized nations require that their schools focus on student performance and intellectual discipline—with an emphasis on the STEM curriculums of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math—while American schools focus on indoctrination, socialization, and, as a result, remediation. Education is a less expensive endeavor when schools focus on helping students become intellectually-disciplined, critical-thinkers who can form their own opinions, solve problems, and think for themselves. This is what schools in the other industrialized nations of the world do.

But education becomes a much more expensive endeavor when schools: 1) are used as platforms for left-leaning political indoctrination where students are forced to robotically comply with the tenets of political correctness rather than learning how to think, 2) provide watered down, do-nothing courses in the name of socialization and building self-esteem, and 3) adopt policies that promote inclusion rather than excellence (e.g. everybody makes the team, all teams get a trophy, no valedictorian, no class ranking, etc.). This is what schools in America do, and with predictable results.

Because schools in America are focused more on inclusion than excellence and more on self-esteem than self-discipline, they end up spending enormous amounts of money on remediation when students cannot perform at grade level. With all of the money spent on remediation in America's public schools, a high percentage of students still graduate from high school unprepared for either the workplace or college. The unpreparedness of American high school *graduates* can be seen in the fact that one of the most important departments in community colleges nationwide is the college-preparatory department in which high school graduates are provided remedial courses in Reading, English, and Mathematics to bring their academic skills up to the college-entry level. Remediation amounts to paying twice for the same education. Small wonder education in America is so expensive.

Strategies for Improving Education While Cutting Costs

Schools in America can improve student performance to globally-competitive levels and still reduce costs by applying the following strategies:

- Return schools, once again, to being educational institutions rather than centers of left-wing indoctrination and socialization, publicly-financed childcare centers, and places to warehouse young people to keep them off the streets.
- Focus on student performance, excellence, and intellectual discipline rather than self-esteem, socialization, and inclusion. Reward critical thinking and self-motivated, independent learning.
- Right-size the curriculum so that the focus is on the fundamentals of reading, writing, and calculating at the elementary levels followed by a greater emphasis on the STEM disciplines thereafter.
- Eliminate the emphasis on diversity, multiculturalism, tolerance, and political correctness and replace it with open and honest treatments of important social and cultural issues while teaching students to view each other as individuals rather than as members of

racial, gender, cultural, religious, and geographic groups.

- Require students to perform at grade level before being allowed to advance to the next level. Require students to perform at the 12th grade level before being allowed to graduate from high school.
- Require that public education be a partnership of the student, parents, and teachers with high expectations of all three partners and consequence for failing to be an active partner.

Education is not an overly expensive endeavor when done properly. It only becomes expensive when schools go beyond the mission of teaching students to read, write, compute, think critically, form their own opinions, solve problems, and be good citizens. But education can become exceedingly expensive—financially and socially—when the mission is blurred by political correctness, left-wing indoctrination, inclusion over performance, and self-esteem over self-discipline.

LIE #3:

Conservatives aren't concerned about
HEALTHCARE

America has historically provided some of the best healthcare in the world, but how long this will continue is an open question. Left-wing politicians and opportunistic trial lawyers are rapidly transforming one of the best healthcare systems in the world into one of the worst. In the meantime, the cost of healthcare continues to skyrocket. Healthcare costs in America are approaching 18 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) or more than \$7,000 per person per year, making ours the highest healthcare costs in the world. Worse yet, healthcare costs continue to grow at a rate of almost 7 percent per year at a time when wage rates show little or no growth and high unemployment continues to plague America. Liberals are fond of saying that America is in the midst of a healthcare crisis. A more accurate statement would be that America is in the midst of a *political* crisis that is creating a healthcare crisis.

Strategies for Improving Healthcare and Saving Money

Healthcare in America does not need to cost more to improve. In fact, rising costs have done nothing to improve healthcare. The quality of healthcare in America can be improved and healthcare costs reduced by applying the following strategies:

- Focusing more of the overall health-care effort on prevention rather than after-the-fact treatment. America has the highest obesity rate in the world. Obesity among children in America is at epidemic levels. Obesity has caused increases in high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes, which, in turn, has increased the number of people seeking medical treatment. Any attempt to improve healthcare must begin with improvements to the lifestyles of Americans.
- Enact tort reform aimed at ending medical lawsuit abuse.

- Require face-to-face eligibility checks of Medicaid recipients including annual drug testing.
- Enact tax credits for families to be used to purchase health insurance on the free market.
- Enact healthcare membership associations that allow individuals to join nationwide insurance pools. These associations will increase access to free market insurance while decreasing costs.
- Make broader and better use of telehealth technologies. Arkansas, Alaska, and Pennsylvania have experienced excellent results and reduced healthcare costs using telehealth technologies that monitor patients constantly and provide services online rather than face-to-face in a physician's office or in a hospital.
- Establish a nationwide digital health information system—with appropriate security controls—for sharing of

patient information by medical professionals locally, regionally, and across state lines. Lack of immediate access to patient information leads to thousands of costly and even fatal medical errors every year. These errors increase the cost of healthcare for everyone.

Remove politicians and trial lawyers from the mix, and the quality of healthcare in America can be improved while the costs are reduced.

LIE #4:

Conservatives believe **RACISM**
is a non-issue

Those who fought and died to establish civil rights in America must roll over in their graves when they see how the term *racism* has been devalued today. During the civil rights movement of the 1960s, racists lynched black Americans, blew up churches killing little black girls, set snarling police dogs on black demonstrators, and assassinated black leaders. The perpetrators of these terrible crimes were, indeed, racists in the worst possible sense of the word.

Unfortunately, since the 1960s, the term *racism* has come to be used to gain political advantage and to frighten away political opponents. As a result, a term that is supposed to describe a serious social problem in America—a problem that still exists and must be confronted openly and honestly by Americans who want to solve it—is being devalued to the point that it is losing its meaning.

For example, during the Obama administration liberals devalued the concept of racism by referring to anyone of any race who disagrees with the president as a racist. Recently, the term has been devalued even further by liberals who refer to any successful black American who dares to profess conservative views or who joins the Republican Party as a racist. It must have come as quite a shock to presidential candidate Herman Cain—a successful black business leader who grew up in the hot-bed of racism that was Birmingham, Alabama in the 1960s—to hear himself called a racist by people who never experienced what he did growing up. This situation with Herman Cain illustrates two of the factors that have served to perpetuate racism in America: hypocrisy and deceit. People who hypocritically

and deceitfully misuse the term to gain political advantage or to bludgeon political opponents rather than engaging in open, honest, and frank dialogue on the issue only help perpetuate a concept that Americans should have long since put behind them.

Strategies for Ending Racism in America

Racism can be ended in America. Further, all Americans can have opportunities to pursue the American dream. Not all will achieve the American dream—many Americans whose opportunities have not been inhibited by racism have failed to achieve the American dream, but they did have opportunities. No person can be guaranteed equality of results. Too many factors other than opportunity impinge on an individual's success: motivation, talent, preparation, ambition, perseverance, and, sometimes, luck. But Americans can be guaranteed equality of opportunity if we are willing to do what is necessary to end racism. The following strategies will help:

- Reject attempts by liberals to misuse the term for political advantage, to

bludgeon opponents, or to advance an agenda that has nothing to do with eliminating racism.

- Understand that bias is not racism. All people of all races, genders, cultures, and nationalities have biases. People are not born with biases, but they are born with a propensity for learning them. Watch little children at play. They do not care about the race or gender of their playmates. They are just happy to have someone to play with. But as they grow, their parents, peers, teachers, and society in general teach them—knowingly and unknowingly—to develop biases. This is true across all races and cultures. In fact, people who make comments such as “I don’t have a biased bone in my body” are either lying or engaging in self-deception. But bias and racism are not the same things, and understanding the distinction is important for conservatives who wish to confront the disingenuousness of liberals on this subject. Bias is like

anger. Everyone feels anger, but anger does not become a problem until it is acted out in ways that are inappropriate or hurtful. Racism occurs not because people harbor biases, but because people choose to act out their biases in inappropriate and hurtful ways. It is not uncommon for easterners to have biases against westerners and northerners against southerners and vice-versa. Frankly, most people are more comfortable with others who look, talk, speak, dress, and eat like them. In fact, research has shown conclusively that people—no matter where they are from—are prone to think more positively of others from the same community or region than they do of “outsiders.” To have biases is to be human. But to act on those biases in ways that are hurtful is unacceptable in the same way that acting on anger in hurtful ways is unacceptable. Frank discussions among people of all races and political persuasions about human biases will

go much farther toward ending racism than will using the term *racism* as a weapon to gain political advantage or to advance an agenda that cannot be justified on the basis of logic, reason, and intellectual persuasion.

- Look for common ground between and among people of different races. The best tool for breaking down racial barriers between people is *common ground*. People of different races are always more alike than different. Take the skin off and you cannot tell a person's race. Inside we are all pretty much alike. Further, people of all races tend to have the same fears, hopes, needs, and dreams. When open and honest dialogue is encouraged between people of different races, common ground is easy to find. For example, two Americans—one black and one white—who share the same political views will probably find they have more in common with each other than with members of their own race who hold different political views.

- Eliminate all government-mandated policies and practices that have the effect of segregating by race (e.g. requiring job applicants to indicate their race in order to satisfy EEOC regulations). If liberals are truly concerned about barriers between races, they need to stop erecting them. We need to require that all government documents be race-neutral. De facto segregation practices such as requiring job applicants to indicate their race force Americans to focus on how they are different when we need to focus on how we are alike.
- Encourage Americans to relate to each other as individuals rather than as stereotypical members of racial groups. The problem with stereotyping is that it encourages people to lump all members of a racial group together and view them as if they are somehow robotically uniform. Liberal press and media organs do this when they talk about the so-called *black vote* in America. They

stereotypically lump all blacks together and assume they all think and vote alike. This is why the press and media become so irate when an individual such as Herman Cain—who happens to be conservative and black—comes along. He defies their comfortable stereotypes and preconceived notions.

- Understand the distinction between *opportunity* and *outcome*. Liberals like to brand policies and practices as racist if they do not produce equal outcomes. Opportunity is when everyone gets to begin at the same starting line. Providing equal opportunity in a world that is inherently unequal is a major challenge unto itself, although a worthy goal. But to expect—as liberals do—equal outcomes in life is absurd. In any endeavor, even when people have the exact same opportunity, outcomes will differ. People with precisely the same opportunity do not have the same ability, ambition, motivation, perseverance, or luck. These are factors that cannot be

controlled. Consequently, to mandate equal results—as liberals attempt to do—just perpetuates racism by favoring one race over another.

LIE #5:

Conservatives love WAR

Who would not want to end war for good? This is a goal that conservatives and liberals could probably agree on if liberals would drop their finger-pointing rhetoric. Listen to liberals and you will think that wars are caused by conservatives who are heartless war mongers bent on sending America's best into harm's way for fun and profit. Liberals are fond of displaying bumper stickers and posters containing such slogans as "Give Peace a Chance" and "Make Love Not War," as if bumper stickers and posters can bring an end to wars.

In addition to displaying bumper stickers and posters, liberals illogically advocate on behalf of organizations such as the United Nations in spite of the fact that no organization in the history of the world has been more pathetically impotent

when it comes to preventing wars. The only thing the United Nations has been effective at doing is giving enemies of the United States unfettered access to our country and a global forum for their anti-American rhetoric.

Strategies for Ending Wars

There are things Americans can do to lessen the likelihood of wars, but they do not include displaying bumper stickers and posters or putting our trust in the United Nations, all favorite tactics of the left. What Americans can do is apply the following sensible tactics:

- Understand that as long as sin in the form of hate, envy, greed, and covetousness resides in the hearts of men, there will be wars. Consequently, Americans—liberals and conservatives alike who are interested in putting an end to war—can begin by getting down on their knees before Christ and asking Him to take away the hate, envy, greed, and covetousness that resides in their hearts. Understand, however, that this

is just a first step since everyone else in the world will need to do the same thing before war will be eliminated as a human enterprise.

- Accept that the world is filled with people who hate the United States and everything it stands for and that some of these people are determined to do everything in their power to bring our country to its knees. Worse yet, some of these hate filled fanatics are willing to gladly lose their lives if, in doing so, they can kill innocent Americans in the process. Do not accept the naïve pos-turing of liberals who think they can sit down with those who despise America and talk reason. Unmitigated hatred knows no reason. America's enemies use dialogue and so-called *peace talks* to gain the time and access they need to plan and carry out their attacks against our country.
- Reject all attempts by liberals and misguided conservatives to balance

the budget on the backs of the military. There has never been a time in the history of our country when having a strong, well-equipped, properly-trained, and fully-supported military was more important than it is now. Picture a tourist with pockets full of cash getting lost and walking through the most dangerous, crime-ridden neighborhood in America at night. The unfortunate tourist will not be able to negotiate his way out of this predicament. This is the same type of situation in which America finds itself right now. The world is an increasingly dangerous place for America and Americans. There is only one way to effectively prevent wars in this environment. That is to field the best-equipped, best-trained, most dedicated military in the world—a military that can quickly and effectively make the cost of attacking the United States too high to even contemplate, and then taking the gloves off the military

and letting it do what it is trained to do. Shackling American warriors who are sent in harm's way with politically-motivated rules of engagement that only empower the enemy is no way to prevent wars. In fact, pandering to the enemy just encourages more attacks on America.

LIE #6:

Conservatives approve of CORPORATE GREED

Liberals are fond of playing the *envy card* in attempts to gain political advantage, especially with people who are looking for someone to blame for their own failed dreams. One of the favorite targets of the left is *big business*. When liberals use the term *big business*, they do not mean corporations that create a lot of jobs and pay a lot of people to do those jobs. Rather, they use the term as a pejorative that is supposed to conjure up images of greedy corporate executives who get rich on the backs of *little people* through unethical business practices. Americans have an inher-

ent mistrust of big enterprises. Consequently, it is easy for liberals to manipulate the so-called little people by making big corporations into bad guys.

Aided and abetted by left wing media outlets, liberals were practically gleeful when in October 2011 groups of Americans looking for someone to blame for their circumstances started a protest movement on Wall Street in New York City. When interviewed by the press, the protestors could not articulate what they were protesting against or what they wanted beyond their “fair share” of the earnings of “greedy Wall Street executives” and for “someone” to pay off the student loans they had amassed in college. The best the protestors could do was to loosely coalesce around the concept of *corporate greed*. The Wall Street protestors delighted liberal media outlets by spouting ill-informed socialist nonsense, instances of which received wide-spread coverage on liberal networks and in liberal newspapers. What received much less coverage from left wing media outlets were the embarrassing instances of protestors spouting racial epithets about Jews.

Are there greedy people on Wall Street? Of course there are. There are also greedy people

among the protestors on Wall Street. Greed is just another manifestation of the sin that resides in the heart of man. It is not indigenous to Wall Street executives, business leaders, or ill-informed protestors. It is a condition to which all people are susceptible and that all people should guard against falling prey to. The problems facing the Wall Street protestors did not originate with Wall Street executives. Rather they are a function of the misguided policies of liberals in Congress and the White House that are just exacerbated by the ignorance and ill-informed, disjointed world-views of the protestors.

Debunking the Charge of Corporate Greed

Conservatives should be able to explain to anyone who might actually listen to logic and reason why the charge of corporate greed is false. The following facts will help debunk the charge of corporate greed:

- Corporate executives are paid large sums of money because stockholders in their companies think they are worth it. Otherwise, stockholders would not

be willing to pay them the high salaries. There is certainly nothing greedy about accepting what you are worth for doing a job. This is how the free market—something of which the Wall Street protestors are woefully ignorant—is supposed to work. When Wall Street executives cease to perform at a level commensurate with their compensation, they are fired.

- People who decry corporate greed need to stop and ask themselves who should be put in charge of determining how much individuals get paid. Are politicians so noteworthy for their lack of greed that they are qualified for this task? Or should anyone who can organize a street protest be allowed to make this decision? If the protestors had the same responsibilities that corporate executives have, would they be willing to allow a government organization or a spontaneous mob inform them when enough is enough? Charges of corporate greed say more about those who

make the charges and the concept of envy, than they do about corporate executives and what they get paid.

- People who demonstrate against so-called corporate greed have little or no understanding of how the free market works. This is why they are so susceptible to the allure of socialism and the lies of liberals.
- People who demonstrate against so-called corporate greed do little or nothing to create jobs and wealth. In fact, if the Wall Street demonstrators are any indication, anti-corporation protestors simply want to be given the money that others work long and hard to earn. There is a name for this worldview. It is called *socialism*.

Here is an activity the author has used on occasion in college classes to demonstrate what socialism means in practical terms. I give students the following explanation and then ask them to choose which grading system they want to use:

We can use a free-market grading system in this class or a socialist grading system. It is going to be your choice. With the free-market system, you will be given several assignments to complete and five tests. Your average score on all of the assignments and tests will be the score used to determine your grade. With the socialist system, you will have the same assignments and same tests. But this time I will take all of your grades on the assignments and tests and compute the class average. Everyone in class will then get the same grade—the class average. If you make an “A” on your assignments and tests but the class average is a “C” you will receive a “C” for the course, as will everyone else in the class. Which system do you prefer?

Every time I have used this activity, the overwhelming majority of students choose the free-market grading system. Only the few marginal students who think they might flunk the class opt for the socialist system. It is easy for liberals to

sell socialism to ignorant people who do not think critically. But when the concept is explained in terms they can understand, most people will change their minds about such concepts as socialism and corporate greed.

LIE #7:

Conservatives have a love affair
with **GUNS**

Listen to the rhetoric of liberals and you would think that guns are the world's greatest evil. Liberal orthodoxy suggests that all America has to do to end crime is take guns away from Americans—not just criminals, but all Americans. To liberals, the drafters got it wrong when they included the Second Amendment in America's Constitution. The Second Amendment says:

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.

Because the Militia, in the days when the Second Amendment was adopted, consisted of private

citizens, the Constitution has been interpreted from the outset to mean that the right of private citizens to keep and bear arms is guaranteed.

Since its adoption in 1791, the Second Amendment has stood up to on-going attacks from the left. The U.S. Supreme Court has consistently upheld the Second Amendment declaring that Americans have the right to own firearms and use them for such applications as defending their homes. Further, the Supreme Court has ruled that state and local governments are held to the same restrictions as the federal government in limiting gun ownership and use.

Responding to Liberal Attacks on Gun Ownership

The U.S. Supreme Court notwithstanding, liberals will continue to challenge the Second Amendment and attack gun ownership by private citizens. Consequently, conservatives and all thinking Americans must be prepared to respond in an informed and logical manner to the attacks of liberals on the Second Amendment. The following facts will help:

- Since criminals do not obey the laws that govern gun ownership, if you take away guns from Americans, only criminals will have guns. Gun control laws harm innocent, law-abiding citizens while failing to deter criminals.
- If Americans cannot have guns, they will have no effective way of protecting their homes from criminals who do have guns.
- After the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the District of Columbia's handgun ban and gunlock requirements, the murder rate in the District plummeted—just the opposite of what liberals loudly proclaimed would happen.
- With the exception of just two years, the murder rate in Chicago has increased in the 17 years since the City Fathers enacted a handgun ban.
- Guns do not kill people. Criminals kill people using guns as well as knives, baseball bats, bricks, crowbars, screwdrivers, their bare hands, and other weapons of

opportunity. Should the U.S. Supreme Court be asked to ban knives, baseball bats, bricks, crowbars, and screwdrivers? How about human hands?

LIE #8:

Conservatives hate **WOMEN** and **GAYS**

Of the various hot-button social issues facing Americans, two continue to attract more attention than the others. These two are abortion and same-sex marriage. What makes these two issues even more difficult to deal with is that they do not break down as comfortably along liberal and conservative lines as economic issues or even other social issues. In truth, there are liberals who support abortion and same sex marriage and there are liberals who oppose them. Ironically, there are people who claim to be conservatives who support both abortion and same-sex marriage. These people call themselves economic conservatives but social liberals. Historically, people who claim to be economic conservatives but social liberals were known as *Rockefeller Republicans*. More recently they have come to be

known as *RINOs* (Republicans in Name Only).

Those who oppose abortion and same-sex marriage, regardless of their political affiliation, tend to argue from the perspective of their Christian beliefs. It is these beliefs more than anything else that unites the opposition to abortion and same-sex marriage. Further, it is these beliefs that have the only chance of ending abortion and preventing the legalization of same-sex marriage. Ultimately, abortion and same-sex marriage are not political issues. They are religious issues. Hence, it is in the tenets of the Christian faith that solutions to these pressing social problems will be found.

To stop abortion and same-sex marriage it will be necessary to change the hearts of those who advocate for these practices. Although opponents of abortion and same-sex marriage should continue to work diligently to repeal any laws that encourage or enable these concepts, simply changing the laws is not sufficient. Repealing *Roe vs. Wade* and making abortion illegal will not put an end to abortion anymore than putting up speed-limit signs prevents speeding.

This need to change hearts and minds rather

than just changing the law can be a bitter pill to swallow for some opponents of abortion and same-sex marriage. But what may be an even more difficult pill to swallow is that ending abortion and same-sex marriage may require a complete change of tactics. Marching on abortion clinics and protesting in front of courthouses may help on the political side of the issue, but will not help on the changing-hearts-and-minds side. Think about it, have liberal marches or protests ever changed your mind or heart about a social issue? Further, although engaging in shouting matches with advocates of abortion or same-sex marriage might make one feel better for the moment, it will not change their hearts or minds. In fact, these tactics will probably have the opposite effect.

A hard truth that social conservatives and other opponents of abortion and same-sex marriage are going to have to accept is this: We must decide if we want to make noise or make progress. If we want to make progress toward ending abortion and same-sex marriage, we are going to have to adopt different tactics. We are going to have to turn down the volume and approach advocates of abortion and same-sex marriage in a spirit of

Christian grace rather than loudly attacking them as the enemy. Christ did not attack miscreants. He forgave them and then told them to go and sin no more. In the long run, the solutions to deeply personal social problems such as abortion and same-sex marriage are not and cannot be political. Rather, they are Christ-based solutions that change the hearts and minds of people.

Strategies for Effectively Opposing Abortion and Same-Sex Marriage

Although social conservatives and all opponents of abortion and same-sex marriage must continue their efforts in the legal arena, political remedies are not sufficient. Ending abortion permanently and reversing the trend toward the legalization of same-sex marriage will require a different approach, an approach that includes the following strategies:

- ♦ Change the nature of the debate from anti-abortion and anti-same-sex marriage to a new focus on the sanctity of life and marriage. Until Americans are willing to revere and celebrate the sanc-

tity of life there will still be abortions, whether legal or not. Advocates of abortion and same-sex marriage cannot be forced by legislative fiat to revere and celebrate the sanctity of life and marriage. Until Americans are willing to celebrate the sanctity of marriage, the same-sex marriage movement will continue. Further, until Americans are willing to celebrate the sanctity of life, other issues such as euthanasia and elimination of the severely disabled will remain potential issues in our not-too-distant future.

- Focus less on political strategies and more on speaking and teaching God's truth. The law that governs is God's law, not *Roe vs. Wade* or any state or federal law passed to enable same-sex marriage. We must be ready and able to show pregnant mothers and same-sex partners the truth that whatever benefits their decisions appear to bring for the moment will be far outweighed by the destruction they will cause in the

future. The ultimate solution to abortion and same-sex marriage is for their advocates and opponents to put their trust in God's law, not man's law.

- Undertake extensive efforts to provide alternatives to abortion such as homes for unwed mothers that provide a nurturing and caring environment in which to go through pregnancy and give birth. These homes should not just shelter pregnant women, but teach them the Word of God, and connect them with parents who can provide the Godly example that is missing in their lives, as well as with parents who want to adopt. It is not enough to tell a frightened young woman that she should not abort her baby. We need to provide realistic alternatives that show the mother a different and better way.
- Ask advocates of same-sex marriage to consider the long-term effects of the practice on society including weakening of traditional marriage, weaken-

ing of traditional family values, and the confusion of children over gender roles. Help them see that the issue is bigger than just them—that it has ramifications that go well beyond just their individual situation.

- When talking with women about abortion, be tactful and caring but use the correct language. Do not be harsh or accusatory, but call the concept what it is. The left has been successful in softening the reality of abortion by referring to it as “choice.” Opponents of abortion need to be prepared to make the point that women do indeed have choices, and lots of them. But these choices must be made before conception. Once a baby has been conceived the only choice left is to give birth. Using the rhetoric of choice to describe abortion may soften the image of the concept but it does not change what happens in the process, a fact that should be firmly but caringly pointed out in

discussions with pregnant women and abortion advocates.

- Ask same-sex marriage advocates to frankly and honestly discuss the research that shows that the homosexual lifestyle lowers life expectancy and can lead to psychological problems that can be passed along to children who are adopted into the marriage.
- Be prepared to deal forthrightly and honestly with the issue of *convenience*. Too many abortions result from the fact that a child would not be convenient at the moment. But if we take the lives of unborn babies because they are inconvenient, what are we going to do when Grandma becomes inconvenient, which she surely will? What if the pregnant mother later marries a man who, over time, begins to see her as inconvenient? Helping advocates of abortion understand the logical extension of their actions must be part of the dialogue on abortion.

LIE #9:

Conservatives don't want
FREEDOM OF RELIGION

The Constitution guarantees Americans freedom OF religion, a principle the left has purposefully transformed into freedom FROM religion. Freedom from religion is a fundamental tenet of the *religion* of secular humanism. The left's purposefully inverted interpretation of the First Amendment is that it requires a forced segregation of religion from all aspects of public life. This interpretation is both disingenuous and hypocritical. The disingenuous aspect is that the left knowingly and purposefully misinterprets the "Establishment" and "Free Exercise" clauses of the First Amendment which say: "*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof...*"

Beyond choosing to ignore the historical fact that America's founders intended this language to protect against the type of state-supported church they had fled England to avoid, the secular humanist's interpretation is disingenuous because it focuses on the first clause of the amendment while

ignoring the second. The hypocritical aspect of the left's interpretation of the First Amendment is that they are not really opposed to religion, just the Christian religion. Liberals are just as religious as the Christians they like to attack. The difference is that Christians worship the one true God of the Holy Bible while secular humanists worship man. This is one of the most important points to be made by conservatives when debating the issue of religion with liberals.

Liberals want to be their own god so they can determine right and wrong. Much of leftist orthodoxy falls apart if liberals admit that God the Father is the ultimate arbiter of right and wrong. People who do not wish to be bound by the moral constraints of Christianity must find an alternative. That alternative, at least for the left, is secular humanism. While Christians look to the Holy Bible and the example of Christ for guidance in matters of right and wrong, secular humanists rely on the concept of moral relativism.

Moral relativism is a fundamental tenet of the secular humanist's worldview. It claims right and wrong are culturally-based and manmade; thus they are subject to the determination of the

individual. This, of course, means that the individual is god, which is precisely the interpretation that liberals want. Their reason for purposefully misinterpreting the First Amendment is to take God out of the public square and the daily lives of Americans. If man decides right and wrong then man becomes god. This is the goal of the left.

In layman's terms, moral relativism means that there are no absolutes; each individual can decide for himself what is right and wrong. Of course, even a high school debater could point out that when liberals claim there are no absolutes they are, in fact, stating an absolute. This contradiction points to one of the keys to effectively debating political issues with liberals. Requiring liberals to consider the logical extensions of their views forces them to come face to face with their own faulty reasoning.

Secular humanists believe in the evolutionary view that life on earth is the result of countless cosmic accidents. This being the case, life is accidental and therefore lacks any meaning more substantial than whatever makes a given individual happy at the moment. Consequently, anything the individual chooses to do is acceptable because

in the long run it is not going to matter anyway. From the convenient perspective of moral relativism, if something is right for me, it is right period; an attractive point of view for those who feel constrained by Christian principles. In adopting moral relativism as part of their worldview, liberals are applying a strategy that is as old as mankind itself: if the rules inhibit the way you want to live, make new rules. For an example of how liberals change the rules to suit their lifestyles, just look at how they have purposefully misinterpreted the First Amendment to mean *freedom from religion*.

Refuting the Left's Lies about Religion

To liberals, the appeal of moral relativism is that it accommodates a *you-do-your-thing-and-I-will-do-mine* approach to life. Perhaps the most appealing aspect of moral relativism is that if stretched far enough it allows proponents to get away with doing pretty much anything they want to do. It is the perfect philosophical construct for people who do not wish to have their behavior constrained or their lifestyle inhibited by the rules of common courtesy, discretion, modesty or—heaven forbid—Christianity. Conservatives

should be prepared to articulate the following reasons why moral relativism does not work as a substitute for Christianity:

- Moral relativism is a concept that can say “yes” on moral questions but cannot say “no.” Even liberals understand that some things are not right. Hence, a worldview which posits that everything is relative simply empowers those who want to do things that even liberals know are wrong. A “you do your thing and I will do mine” worldview quickly falls apart when *my thing* is at odds with *your thing*.
- Moral relativism is a self-refuting concept. The idea that there is no absolute truth—the cornerstone of moral relativism—is itself a declaration of absolute truth.
- Liberals oppose Christianity because they do not want to be held accountable for a lifestyle they know is wrong but want to indulge in anyway. In this regard, liberals are like obese people who

know they should not eat certain things but want to so badly that they are willing to use any excuse for doing so.

- Secular humanism is the religion of the left. It has its own bible, *The Humanist Manifesto*; its own ethical corollary, moral relativism; and its own god, man. This is not just a clever ruse on the part of Christians to render the anti-religion views of secular humanist null and void. The Humanist Manifesto makes clear that secular humanism is a religion developed specifically to replace those religions of the world that are based on supernatural revelation. The facts are clear: Liberals do not oppose religion per se, just the Christian religion. There is a name for this point of view. It is called *religious bigotry*.

LIE #10:

Conservatives are indifferent about
NATURAL RESOURCES and
the **ENVIRONMENT**

If you hear a lie repeated often enough, you will begin to believe it. This is precisely what is happening in America today. In fact, the left has turned this maxim into one of their favorite propaganda strategies. Since they were old enough to listen and understand, Americans born in the 1970s and later have been bombarded with exaggerations, scare tactics, and manufactured myths by that bastion of leftist thinking: the *environmentalism movement*. Liberals have convinced a surprising number of Americans that harvesting natural resources and protecting the environment are mutually exclusive concepts. They are not.

Aided and abetted by left wing media outlets, liberals have repeated the myths of environmentalism so often that Americans have begun to accept them as facts rather than think critically and see environmentalism for what it really is: a politicized movement that liberals have turned

into earth worship, a religion in which man is the devil. In the religion of environmentalism, adherents kneel at the altar of mother earth rather than the throne of God.

The modern environmentalism movement is a confederation of earth worshippers, animal rights advocates, abortionists, anti-technology Luddites, and various other factions of the radical left. Actually, environmentalism is more accurately viewed as a denomination within the broader religion of secular humanism. The various factions of the environmentalism movement have different agendas, but the glue that holds them together is their common enemy: human beings. In reality, the modern environmentalism movement has become an umbrella organization under which all left-wing groups who see human beings as the enemy can plant their flags. Like all members of the radical left, environmentalists view human beings as entities to be controlled and manipulated by an all-powerful civil government.

Environmentalists try to portray their movement as an ideology concerned only with the health of the environment and the protection of the non-human elements of it, and they are de-

terminated to convince the majority of Americans to buy into this portrayal. However, because they are unable to offer viable energy alternatives that are realistic, convenient, and affordable, environmentalists are trying to use the ballot box to force Americans to use energy resources that cannot possibly meet the country's needs. The unofficial, unwritten—though widely accepted—motto of the left concerning environmental issues is this: *The world would be a great place if it weren't for all these people.*

Refuting the Myths of Environmentalism

Environmentalists demand that America shift to renewable energy resources right now—today. But what they choose to ignore is that renewable energy resources do not come even close to providing the energy needed by Americans. As they so often do, in debates over *resource sustainability* and *energy independence*, liberals simply choose to ignore the facts that do not support their agenda. Thinking Americans must, therefore, be prepared to demonstrate in simple but direct terms what the demands of the left concerning the overnight switch to renewable energy would mean.

- The issue of global warming is not a settled issue. Contrary to what liberals like to say, there is no consensus among climate scientists concerning global warming. In fact, there is much disagreement. But there is consensus among thinking Americans that our dependence on foreign oil represents a clear and present threat to our national security. Consequently, instead of debating the issue of global warming, Americans should be focusing on ways to become independent of foreign oil, and all good ideas should be on the table.
- Liberals use the term *energy independence* to mean ending our dependence on fossil fuels, but this is a false interpretation of the term. What Americans need to become independent of is their need for any and all forms of foreign energy, especially energy resources that come from Middle Eastern countries that use American dollars to finance terrorist plots against the United States.

- America has sufficient hydrocarbon-based energy resources—coal, shale, natural gas—to sustain our standard of living long enough to allow for the development of affordable non-carbon or carbon neutral resources, but it is the use of hydrocarbon-based energy resources that environmentalists are trying to eliminate overnight.
- If America is going to reduce and eventually eliminate its dependence on fossil fuels, nuclear power will have to be part of the energy mix. No other form of energy can provide the power necessary for Americans to maintain their standard of living or competitive status in a global world. But, once again, environmentalists continue to attack nuclear power using unfounded scare tactics and misinformation.
- All of the renewable sources of energy recommended by liberals such as solar and wind do not come even close to meeting America's energy needs.

Consequently, when the left insists that Americans convert to solar and wind power right now what they are really asking Americans to do is give up their standard of living and return to the pioneer days on the prairie.

BONUS SECTION (LIE #11):

Jesus was a LIBERAL

Of all the various examples of how liberals twist facts to support their political agenda and ignore those facts that run counter to leftist orthodoxy, none stands out so blatantly as their claim that “Jesus was a liberal.” Nothing is more presumptuous than recasting God in the image of man, a practice to be avoided by liberals and conservatives alike. Of course, what better way to give one’s views credibility than to claim that Jesus shared them? This, of course, is what liberals are attempting to do by claiming that Jesus was a liberal. Although even liberals must admit that there is a certain irony in secular humanists using Jesus—who reject Him and everything He stood for—to validate their political views.

Liberals and conservatives alike should step carefully when trying to say that Jesus was one of them. The Bible clearly cautions against this presumptuous practice in Romans 1:22-23: “Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man...” Neither liberals nor conservatives can lay exclusive claim to Jesus. He was not a political figure. Rather, He walked the earth as the son of God and at all times walked in accordance with his Father’s Word as set forth in the Old Testament (Torah).

However, what can be done without crossing a line that neither liberals nor conservatives should ever cross is this: compare the teachings of Jesus with the policies and worldviews of liberals and conservatives. When this is done, liberals do not fare well. Conservative Christians who hear liberals make the outrageous and even sacrilegious statement that “Jesus was a liberal” should be prepared to make the following points:

- A cornerstone tenet of the left is the legal right to abortion on demand. However, in following the Ten Command-

ments as set forth in the Torah, Jesus clearly rejected the practice of abortion (thou shalt not kill). Further, the life of Jesus clearly exemplified Proverbs 31:8 which requires us to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves and to ensure justice for those who are perishing—both of which describe unborn children.

- The legalization of same-sex marriage and open homosexuality in the military are two tenets of the left, but as a strict follower of the Torah, Jesus would have rejected homosexuality, a practice clearly proscribed in Leviticus 18:22.
- One of the favorite targets of the left is the military, but Jesus showed, in more than one instance in the Bible, that He was not anti-military. In Luke 22:36 Jesus admonished His followers to buy a sword. In His encounter with a soldier in Matthew 8:5-10, Jesus did not tell him to lay down his arms. Rather, He commended the soldier for having such strong faith.

- Concerning the left's propensity to promulgate envy and class warfare, Jesus would have been guided by the proscription against envy in Exodus 20:15-17. Once again, as a strict adherent to the Torah, Jesus would have rejected attempts by anyone to use the sin of envy to set one man against another.
- In addition to rejecting some of the left's most cherished beliefs, the example of Jesus supports some principles that are fundamental to conservatives. For example, Jesus worked hard—both as a carpenter and a teacher. He had a strong work ethic, a fundamental principle of conservatism. Another principle of conservatism is personal responsibility. Jesus forgave prostitutes and thieves, but then He told them to go and sin no more. In other words He told them to obey the law and take personal responsibility for their lives. A brief statement by Jesus—"Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's"—if studied in context appears to

support both limited government and low taxation, both of which are foundational tenets of conservatism.

Conservatives should not make the same mistake as liberals and attempt to dress Jesus in a business suit. He was not a corporate executive. Neither was He a conservative or a liberal. Rather, He was and still is the son of God who died on the cross to save mankind. It is presumptuous in the extreme for liberals to claim Christ as a supporter of their leftist causes and beliefs, and it would be equally presumptuous for conservatives to make the same claims. The proper approach would be for liberals and conservatives to study the example of Christ and attempt to emulate His example in their policies, decisions, and actions.

CONCLUSION

For too long, liberals have gotten away with ignoring facts, perpetuating myths, and telling outright lies. While the press and electronic media aid and abet the deceitfulness of the left, who will stand up for the truth? The obvious answer is that conservatives—America's

right wing—must come together to present the facts, dispel the myths, and demolish the lies of the left. The arguments and facts discussed in this handbook will help conservatives do just that. And in the process, it might help thinking Americans save America.

Liberals are not, as some conservatives believe, a bunch of political amateurs who have fumbled and bumbled their way into the economic and moral mess America now faces. Rather, liberals know exactly what they are doing and where they are trying to take our country. They have a statist agenda, the ultimate goal of which is to transform our country into the United *Socialist* States of America in the mold of European nations. They know that the more Americans look to government for their sustenance, the easier it will be to control the populace and secure votes for left wing policies and causes. They want Americans to vote in favor of their own wallets and purses, and they want to make sure that those wallets and purses are stuffed with government entitlements.

The only way to pull America back from the abyss and turn our country around is for think-

ing Americans to join together, stand up for the truth, and say “no more” to liberals. *The Right Wing Handbook* was developed to give conservatives ammunition in the great battle they now face to save the last vestiges of the “great experiment” envisioned by our founders. The battle is for the hearts and minds of millions of Americans who have been systematically indoctrinated in government schools and have become addicted to government handouts. It will not be an easy battle and winning it will require unrelenting determination and a steadfast commitment to the America set forth in the Constitution. But the battle can and must be won, and having read this handbook, you are now equipped to begin doing your part. Let’s get to work.

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