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Mr. Brian Lamb - C-Span  
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While talking with a young woman from US NEWS & WORLD Report, you ask, "Do you ever get frustrated with the public?"

Unfortunately, I understand your feelings. I try to temper them by believing that the public is poorly informed by the press. It is frustrating for me to hear the inane attacks upon Clinton, especially since so much is going on and ignored.

Zedillo in Mexico is the successor to Colosio! This is the man looked at suspiciously for his role in the assassination!

Greenspan is making a political attack on Clinton. Yet the public still isn't being told that the Fed is no part of the Government; that it is a private bank, acting in the interests of other banks. (By the way, let's get back to Treasury notes vs Fed notes. Do we pay interest on them when the Fed issues them?)

When you look at the impact of interest rates on the Federal Budget, you note that one-third used to be simply interest on the debt--- \$330 billion I believe. Now it's down to \$240-Billion! That makes a tremendous difference to all taxpayers!

You don't discuss economic-democracy much. But when you do discuss the Fed, you must include the economic discussion: How much harm does it do the country's taxpayers when Greenspan seeks to "insure" against inflation that is visible to no one, by increasing interest rates. There is more danger that increasing these rates creates inflation.

Thanks Brian

Did I say you are do a wonderful job for the nation...? Love ya all



3/31/94

Dear Brian,

*Religion is Political:-*

*"Using God to Raise Money" per Sen. Barry Goldwater*

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*Note the enclosed NY Times clipping, Catholic & Evangelical Agreement to cooperate. Bottom line: Money*

*Very interesting that this includes an alliance with Chuck Colson (Watergate fame) who complains of "militant nation of Islam" but neglects the Catholic propensity to violence, from abortion clinics, to their once powerful Army and Navy!*

*Catholics are in effect frightened by the loss of membership to the Evangelicals in Latin America, Central Europe and Russia. This is not spiritual anxiety, it is financial anxiety. Thanks to the gutsiness of Sen. Goldwater (who has done more to stand up for Pres. Clinton in Whitewater than Demcorats have done!)--- we get a clearer look at the extremism of the GOP. Goldwater cites his disdain for those who "use God to Raise money"--- and mentions Pat Robertson by name...and his disdain for him.*

*This is politics:--*

*Religions are not in the main democracies---our nation is.*

*Religions such as Catholicism and Evangelicals are anti-women... and Pat Robertson, Jerry Fallwell and others have vicious things to say of women. This is political!*

*American taxpayers are subsidizing the Jerry Fallwells, and Pat Robertsons, and O'Connor's pedophile-payoffs. We subsidize churches in America, but few taxpayers seem to get it. The National Catholic Bishops Lobby is active full time petitioning Congress for taxpayer dollars. Curently, they want \$800-million to pay for asbestos removal from Catholic schools! Do Americans have an opinion on this? How do we know? The issue is hidden.*

*The issues upon which Evangelicals and Catholics are going to cooperate are political: abortion, school choice, traditional families.*

*Anti-Abortion stances seek to limit women's freedom, their rights to decide their own reproductive futures. Right-wing\* religion seeks to re-gain control of women's reproduction.*

*School -Choice. Catholic schools are losing. To stay open they need taxpayer \$'s. In Germany, I believe, there is still an automatic tax on citizens to support the Catholic Church! In France, 150,000+ citizens took to the streets to*



overturn right-wing decisions to give French taxpayers money to Catholic schools.  
How many Americans know that?

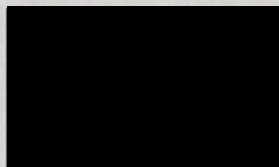
"Traditional family" is an effort to continue to mandate marriage for heterosexual men and women in an effort to continue high levels of population. It's an effort to make such families "first-class" and others "second-class"-- It's an effort to continue to spread hatred against homosexual males and females. (Obviously, the ancient ban on masturbation and homosexuality had to do with the desire for procreation and new church membership!)---- Let's recognize that the family is all of one's natural family...plus those who we choose to love and be with.

I don't think our founders intended that we make all Church income (real estate holdings and stock portfolios) tax-exempt. About 20% of every town's property is Church property, and tax-exempt. This is wrong. This must face challenge and questioning. Questionable institutions stay in business only so long as they can limit questioning and challenge....or are willing to use violence.

As far as my feelings are concerned, Pat Robertson is violent towards women---as a class---in speech and desire.

This is all political.

Let's go C-Span!



\*right wing, because Pope John XXIII (1960's) told Catholics "to use your own personal conscience to decide for yourselves whether or not to use birth control."



# Catholic and Evangelical: Seeking a Middle Ground

*Some on Both Sides See Ways to Cooperate*

By PETER STEINFELS

In a statement with both strong religious and political overtones, a group of prominent Roman Catholic and evangelical Protestant scholars and leaders pledged yesterday to reduce frequent conflicts between their different Christian traditions. They also promised to cooperate on questions of common concern like abortion, parental choice in schools and strengthening the traditional family.

The 39 scholars and church leaders who endorsed the statement emphasized that it was not an official document speaking for their denominations or committing them to any specific actions. Many points in the statement were developed between Catholics and evangelicals during the 1970's and 1980's in dialogues that were sponsored by the Vatican, the Baptist World Alliance, agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention and other groups.

But the document is more sweeping than many previous declarations precisely because it was not written under any official church auspices. And it is noteworthy on the evangelical side for drawing support not only from scholars but also from figures like Pat Robertson, the chairman of

ism in traditionally Catholic Latin America and, more recently, in traditionally Catholic or Eastern Orthodox areas of Central Europe and Russia.

Other scholars and church officials who endorsed the statement include Dr. Richard Land and Dr. Larry Lewis, two officers of the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Protestant denomination in the United States, and the Rev. Avery Dulles, a prominent Catholic theologian.

But the effort was also rooted in practical alliances in the United States between evangelicals and Catholic groups opposed to abortion, sexual permissiveness in the media or school programs intended to promote tolerance of homosexuality as an alternative life style.

"We have differences," Mr. Colson said today in a telephone interview. "Nonetheless on the ancient creeds and the core beliefs of Christianity we stand together. Christianity is besieged on all sides — by a militant nation of Islam, by pantheists who have invaded many areas of life, including the church through the New Age movement, and by the aggressive secularism of Western life."

## More Animosity Than Love

The statement declared: "We together, evangelicals and Catholics, confess our sins against the unity that Christ intends for all his disciples. In many parts of the world, the relationship between these communities is marked more by conflict than by cooperation, more by animosity than by love, more by suspicion than by trust."

The statement urged evangelicals and Catholics to avoid "misunderstandings, misrepresentations and caricatures of one another." It condemned recruiting already active members of one another's churches.

The statement contained a joint affirmation that "Christians are to teach and live in obedience to the divinely inspired Scriptures, which are the infallible word of God," an important point for evangelicals. But it also recognized that the development of the New Testament and the formation of Christian teachings about Christ and the Trinity in the ancient major creeds was the work of the church guided by the Holy Spirit — an important point for Catholics who believe that the church transmits Scripture and basic doctrines.

At the same time, the statement rejected "any appearance of harmony that is purchased at the price of truth," and it listed a dozen areas where Catholics and evangelicals still hold different understandings of the church, sacraments, ministry, saints and the role of the Bible.

Besides mentioning abortion and parental choice in schooling, the statement welcomed "a growing convergence" between evangelicals and Catholics in opposing views of church-state separation that exclude religion from public life.

## Common ground is found on issues like abortion.

the Christian Broadcasting Network, who have often been at arms length from Catholics.

On the Catholic side, almost all the endorsers represent more conservative views within the church, including John Cardinal O'Connor, Catholic archbishop of New York, and the Rev. Richard John Neuhaus, a Catholic theologian who heads the Institute on Religion and Public Life, a research and education institute in Manhattan. Father Neuhaus said that he had kept Vatican officials, whom he declined to name, informed of the project and that they had given it their blessing.

"We hope it will create a climate encouraging more official actions" to bring evangelicals and Catholics together and to better understanding and cooperation at the grass roots, Father Neuhaus said.

The effort to write the statement was initiated in September 1992 by Father Neuhaus and Charles Colson, an aide to President Richard M. Nixon who founded the Prison Fellowship ministry after going to jail for his role in the Watergate cover-up.

Both Mr. Colson and Father Neuhaus said in telephone interviews that they and their colleagues were distressed by the clashes arising from the growth of evangelical Protestant-



nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party, said the Zulu thirst for revenge was so great that unless elections were postponed South Africa would descend into "ungovernability and violence beyond control."

Among less partisan observers, the killings raised questions about the ability of Zulu rejectionists to frighten voters away from the polls, and about the trustworthiness of the police who are supposed to help maintain order during the elections.

Judge Kriegler, however, tried to put Monday's chaos in the past.

"Quite frankly, it does not seem to me at this stage to impact directly on the prospects of a substantially free and fair election," he said.

Violence has risen sharply in Natal, where Inkatha and the African Na-

tional Congress have fought for a decade. The independent Human Rights Commission said today that 266 people had been killed in Natal this month, the worst monthly toll ever.

The African National Congress has urged that army troops be sent to take control of KwaZulu. President F. W. de Klerk has said such a step might only worsen the violence.

Mr. Kriegler said today that his panel had sent one last delegation to test prospects for winning Chief Buthelezi's cooperation.

He would not say what the commission would recommend if the delegation failed, but he said canceling elections in the province, as Chief Buthelezi has demanded, was not under serious consideration.

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3/23/94

Dear Brian:

Britt Hume (ABC) 3/22: Thanks for this look at Hume. Obviously, there isn't much there. By the way, did Bill Casey own Capitol Cities which owned ABC?

Some questions and ideas I hope you can tackle.

How does the nation feel about NBC (GE's) ownership --and how this came about? Recently I discovered that NBC-GE-RCA were once all one company!

*Cable* gave us some breathing room for a while re escaping the established press. Now unfortunately they are establishing their base in cable and bringing over all the old players. They have tackled as well environmental news which we certainly never saw on network news. (Mainly Ted Turner's CNN, of course...)

Ownership of the press must be examined.

Additionally, I'm happy to see another female in training! I'd like some news on how Congress is feeling about gender balance laws...and if there is even any legislation moving on it.

Re term limits: I think limiting the Presidency to two terms has hurt us, because it sets the VP up too strongly. The country was given an over-emphasis on the importance of the "individual" which took the spotlight from the Party Platform. We must come back to the meaning of the PARTY, AND WE MUST FIND A BETTER WAY TO LIVE WITH THE "anointed" VP and encourage the party to put forth opposing candidates. When Ted Kennedy tried (correctly) to oppose Carter during his run for a second term, there were many hard feelings, yet I think we should encourage that kind of contest. it is better for the country.

The Press has little mentioned the increased use of women in programming--- (I have no idea if things have improved in printed press for women) since the Election of '94. Yet there is little acknowledgement of this fact, because to acknowledge women and their impact is to encourage more of the same.

Perhaps you could consider spending more time with the women of Congress? Perhaps even as a large group? How much power do they have to move an agenda? What are their frustrations? What do they think of the press? What issues concern them?

Re the courts: I think we need to re-visit the idea that a company has the same rights as an individual. Also, the Supreme Court decision that money (a business's money) is free speech! Someone recently said lobbyists are speaking thru a megaphone and the public is whispering. I think these decisions have been disastrous for the nation.

Thanks

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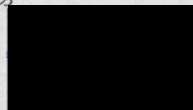
Dear Brian:

Business Roundtable: 270 companies' CEOs

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Come on Brian, let's get some light shed on these guys....

Thanks



Opposed civil rights reinstatement legislation for women & minorities 1991

Opposed Pres. Clinton's national health care 1994...



NY TIMES REPORT: 5/25/91

Re Congressional Civil Rights Legislation to  
Reinstate Civil Rights for Women & Minorities

Business Roundtable (270 Companies)  
Battling Civil Rights Bill  
Some Companies Deserting Group

----- 21 Major Corps/200 Big Corps.

All requested to sign "MISSION STATEMENT"

FEA (Fair Emp. Coalition)\*

- Large retailers -

General Electric	AT&T
General Mills	Bk of America
B.F. Goodrich	NY&SA
General Motors	Bell South
Prudential Ins.	Eastman Kodak
	Hallmark Cards
	Goodyear T & R
	Southwestern Bell
	Hershey Foods
	NY Nex
	Pacific Telesis Group
	Scott Paper
	Sears Roebuck & Co
	TRW Inc.
	EXXON

Reportedly trying to distance themselves-

\*FEA Ex Dir Peter Lannie:-

"We're trying to get as many as we can  
just to get cover for everybody..."

"The associations are not a problem, but  
the companies are because of not very  
veiled threats of boycotts."

NAACP Dir.-Washington office...

"The withdrawal of these companies confirms  
our belief that these companies were  
unaware of the cynical campaign undertaken  
by the Coalition's Washington representatives."

FEA and Business Roundtable made up of the Chief Ex. Officers of  
the nation's largest corporations-

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Business Round-Table Opposes Clinton  
Health Care Plan:

B. F. Goodrich head, John Ong  
Chair of the Business RoundTable  
and Prudential ceo Robert C. Winter  
headed the task force on health, welfare  
and retirement income, which drew up  
the position before it was voted on by  
the policy committee.

The Rountable mtg would not make Mr. Winters  
available to reporters. But Mr. Ong said  
there was no conflict of interest for the  
insurance executive. ("We try to ignore as  
much as we can the interests of our companies.  
I don't think there is any merit in supposing  
that Mr. Winters of anybody else had any bias  
or prejudice." )





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