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It's time to vote: *Let your voice be heard!*

Often regarded only as a political statement, "Let your voice be heard" is actually an encouragement for Believers to be prophetic.

There are three massive decisions that will be made on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8, along with the hundreds of other smaller decisions that will be determined. Two of those three key decisions will be made exclusively by Kentucky citizens, while the other one will be made in part by Kentuckians.

Control of the State House of Representatives is the first major decision, and it will be made by Kentucky citizens only. With the current ratio of Democrats to Republicans at 53 to 47, the narrowest margin in decades, all expect a spirited battle. Some Kentuckians like the strong leadership offered by Speaker Greg Stumbo, while others see him as controlling. Because of his strong style in that Chamber, his will, in essence, dominates the entire Legislative Branch since all bills must successfully pass both the Senate and the House. It is simple; any bill he does not care for does not make it to the House Floor for a debate and a vote.

"Stumbo operates by 'Rule 51,'" said Kent Ostrander, executive director of The Family Foundation. "If he has 51 of the 100 members of the House on his side, he does whatever he pleases – too often ignoring the will of the people of Kentucky."

The second major decision where Kentuckians, obviously, will play a small part is regarding the next President of the United States. Kentucky has been trending Republican in recent years, but Bill Clinton won the state in 1992 and 1996 . . . and it's his wife running now.

At issue in the race for president is the question of

who will shape the U.S. Supreme Court for the next 30 years. Generally speaking, the two major candidates are at opposite ends of the spectrum – one will go liberal, the other will go conservative. Likely the next president's legacy will be more about how he or she adds to the Supreme Court than about anything else that they do or don't do as President.

The third major decision – the second major decision that will be made exclusively by Kentuckians – involves who will control the U.S. Senate: Will incumbent Sen. Rand Paul hold the seat or will Lexington Mayor Jim Gray unseat him? If Gray wins, it will make a huge statement about Kentucky since he is an openly gay politician.

And then, there are *ALL* the other hundreds of decisions that Kentuckians will make in "lesser" races. These are also important because many decisions that effect the lives of Kentucky families are made at the local level. Also, many of these local leaders will one day be running for higher office.

What is clear is that *EVERYONE* should get out and vote . . . so that they "Let their voice be heard!"

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION:

The prayer gathering that had been set for Rupp Arena on Oct. 16 has been cancelled by the leadership team of that event.

However, the team encourages all faith and faithfulness at this time in our country's history. The team exhorts you to pray and to invite the Presence of God to forgive, heal and restore our land.

Remember, if God does not answer prayer, it is stupid to pray. But if God does answer prayer, it is stupid not to pray.



Kentucky Candidate Information Survey

To get info about the Nov. 8 General Election candidates *in their own words*, and . . .

To print off the **Survey** on races that you can copy and give to others, go to:

www.votekentucky.us

The **Survey** has been produced with IRS standards and is therefore suitable for churches and nonprofit organizations.

IMPORTANT! The **Survey** will be electronically distributed this year. If you don't have Internet access, contact us for a mailed copy:

859-255-5400

kent@kentuckyfamily.org

For a nonpartisan, 2-minute video clip that encourages everyone to vote and can be easily played in church, go to:

kentuckyfamily.org

Success follows *See You at the Pole* effort

When individuals – both adults and students – step forward boldly, something good happens.

Twenty-seven years after a small group of Texas teenagers gathered to pray for their schools, the fourth Wednesday in September has become part of a global movement in which millions of students gather around their school flagpoles.

Where students have gathered to seek repentance and prayer, there have been testimonies of salvations and lives changed. Bible clubs, prayer meetings, and other ministries have also been born out of the willingness of students to humble themselves and seek the welfare of their schools.

This year, the last Wednesday of September saw yet another example of one group making an impact. Tim Bargo, executive director of First Priority Tri-County, secured a proclamation from Gov. Bevin marking Sept. 28 a “Day of Prayer over Kentucky Students” and created a video promoting the event.

“We felt that it really went well,” said Bargo. “In the tri-county area we normally have 1,600 to 1,800 involved. This year we had a record 2,347 around the 28 flag poles.”

The Family Foundation partnered with First Priority and in promoted the day of prayer on Facebook. First Priority’s good work was rewarded – the Facebook post containing Gov. Bevin’s video reached several hundred thousand across the Commonwealth.

“The news of Gov. Bevin proclaiming the ‘Day of Prayer over Kentucky Students’ was



one of our most successful Facebook posts to date,” said Michael Johnson, policy analyst with The Family Foundation. “The overwhelmingly response reveals that Kentuckians are aware of the extreme challenges facing our students.”

Upset with the Governor’s proclamation, some critics claimed that *See You At The Pole* (SYATP) violated “separation of church and state.” Despite their claim, the legality of (SYATP) is clear: The constitutional right of students to gather and pray at school during non-instructional time has been affirmed by the 1990 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Westside Community Schools v. Mergens*.

In fact, *See You At The Pole* is specifically named as legal, appropriate, and protected by Dept.

of Education Guidelines which were created under President Clinton and have been upheld several times since then. Even more, the legality of those Guidelines was affirmed by the 12 legal organizations involved in drafting them (including the ACLU).

That small group of Texas teenagers in 1990 and Bargo’s ministry in Corbin are both examples of the widespread impact that can occur when individuals take a stand for what they believe. Without these individuals taking a stand, the last Wednesday in September would have been just another Wednesday.

Wait No More comes to Kentucky Nov. 2

This conference will provide information to interested adults and hope for the many children waiting for parents.

The Family Foundation has partnered with First Lady Glenna Bevin, Orphan Care Alliance, Spirit Radio, and Focus on the Family to bring the *Wait No More* conference to Kentucky on Saturday, Nov. 2. *Wait No More* is a Christian ministry which connects forever families with waiting children from the state foster care system.

The conference is designed for those who have a heart for adoption or who just want to find out more about adoption and foster care. To register for the conference or to find more detailed information, visit the website listed at lower right. This event is completely free.

Beginning at 10 a.m. and concluding at 2 p.m., the conference is being held at Little Flock Baptist Church, located at 5510 North Preston Highway in Shepherdsville, near Louisville. A variety of speakers will address many of the different aspects of adoption, each with a unique and important perspective. Some of the topics include the viewpoints of adoptive parents and siblings, orphans, adopted youth, and social workers.

In addition to the conference information, a free lunch will be provided for each attendee. And, each family that attends will leave with complimentary resources from *Focus of the Family* to assist them throughout their adoption journey. Several adoption agencies will also be onsite to answer questions, and the Kentucky Heart Gallery will be there to introduce families to the pictures and bios of waiting children. Most profoundly, there will be an opportunity to begin the journey of adoption before leaving on Saturday for those who believe this is their next step.

Since its founding in 1989, The Family Foundation has been built on the premise that the family is the cornerstone of society, and thus, has been committed to the health of Kentucky’s families and children. More importantly, according to Psalm 68:6, God delights “to set the lonely in families.” Those who adopt find themselves working very closely with Him and His deepest passions.

Individuals, churches and organizations that are interested in any complimentary promotional resources for the conference in order to help spread the news about the conference should contact Mary Kunze, The Family Foundation’s policy analyst who covers adoption. (To reach Mary, see box below.)

Examine some simple math: There are approximately 350 children in Kentucky who have had their parental rights severed and are waiting to be adopted. With 6,500 churches in Kentucky, it would take only one Christian family from every 18th church in Kentucky to adopt a waiting child in order to meet the need – by the Body of Christ alone.

Hence, there are many children hoping that they will have to *WAIT NO MORE!*



First Lady Glenna Bevin with The Family Foundation’s Mary Kunze at a conference planning meeting.

Contact Mary Kunze:

mary@kentuckyfamily.org

Website to register and to learn more:

www.iCareAboutOrphans.org

Stumbo Control: *Just look at the voting record!*

The BIG PICTURE: How the House Democrat Caucus votes WITH Speaker Stumbo, says it all about his control of that Chamber.

There were 128 bills that passed both the House and the Senate to become law in the 2016 General Assembly. When Speaker Stumbo himself voted, there were collectively 6,416 individual Democrat votes cast in those 128 bills. This takes into account the fact that at one point, prior to the four March 8 Special Elections, there were 50 Democrats in the House. After the Special Elections there were 53. But even more complicating, there were absences, as well as votes where some legislators did not vote for one reason or another.

The “proof is in the pudding,” as the proverb says: *So-o-o-o, . . . just precisely how often did Democrats in the House vote EXACTLY the same way as Speaker Stumbo?*

Excluding one outlier bill (SB269), on legislation that passed both House and Senate, individual Democrats voted 6,389 times *WITH* Speaker Stumbo and only 27 times

AGAINST him. That’s 99.6 percent of the time. Husbands and wives disagree more often than that!

By contrast, Republicans in the Senate voted differently than their Senate President, Robert Stivers, almost six times as often. Some suggest that the leadership style that Speaker Stumbo exhibits is

more like a totalitarian regime than a democratic assembly that represents the will of the people.

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Why does Speaker Stumbo have so much control? **Answer: Political leverage**

It’s really very simple and very legal . . . but very, very wrong – especially in “The People’s Chamber,” where ALL should be represented.

There are 100 members of the Kentucky House of Representatives and 53 of them are Democrats, making the Democrats the Majority Party of the House. Those 53 House Democrats decide who will be in the five “seats of power” in that Chamber: the Speaker of the House, the Speaker Pro Tempore, the Majority Floor Leader, the Majority Caucus leader and the Majority Whip.

Here’s where it gets interesting: In practice it only takes 27 votes in a 53-member caucus to install someone into one of the Leadership positions of the entire Chamber.

That’s where the “liberal” Democrats, many from Louisville and Lexington, exert their power to get their way – they have created a “caucus within the Democrat caucus” of roughly 12 members that wields unusual power over the House.

Originally made up of eight very liberal female representatives, they called themselves “The Bitch Caucus.” That name was dropped when some of them moved on and very liberal male representatives were added. Rep. Kathy Stein (*D-Lexington*) was one of the founders. She later was elected to the State Senate and then was appointed circuit court judge in Lexington by Gov. Steve Beshear.

Now imagine if you were running for a House Leadership position, say for Speaker, and your opponent (from within your Party Caucus of 53) has already secured 26 votes while you had only 15, mostly from around your region of Kentucky. All you would have to do is make a deal with the “liberal caucus” and they would vote as a 12-vote block to complete your need of 27 votes to become Speaker. *THEY* actually would control who is elected into Leadership by leveraging their vote as a block!

What would it take to be awarded their 12-vote block?

To secure their support a person only has to promise not to let “right-wing” legislation come to the floor (where it would likely pass). This includes bills that would limit or shed light on abortion (like The Ultrasound Bill); bills that would frustrate the pro-gay/pro-lesbian agenda (like The Bathroom Privacy Act); bills that would promote that old-fashioned concept of decency; and bills that would promote Religious Freedom.

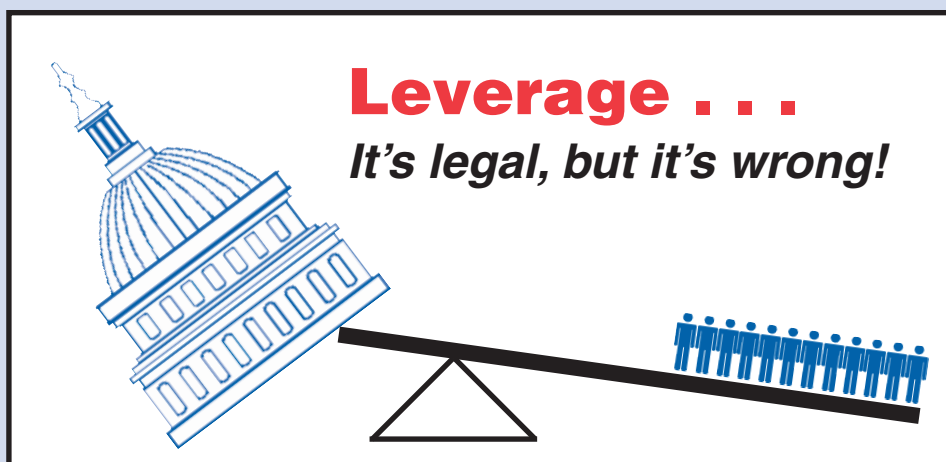
Speaker Stumbo understands this and capitalizes on it. Ultimately, it has meant that the liberal values from Louisville and Lexington are pushed statewide, while legislation that reflects rural conservative values is left to die in committee, never reaching the House Floor for a debate or vote.

That’s political leverage.

The House is controlling the entire Assembly

For the last 10 years, the name of the game has been “leveraging influence.” It is sad . . .

A small group of very liberal legislators, working with liberal lobbyists and liberal organizations, has been controlling the entire General Assembly on the “social issues,” such as the sanctity of life, religious liberty and bathroom policies. It’s actually very simple: As long as a group can control House Leadership, they can control the House, and since all bills must pass both Chambers, they control the entire General Assembly. This has been going on for more than 10 years.



Stumbo Control Example #1: Religious Liberty

In 2016 religious liberty bills didn't even receive a committee hearing, let alone a debate on the House Floor.

Of all the hot-button issues of the day, religious liberty is the one that has threatens the Constitutional understanding that America has had from its inception, particularly, aspects emerging from last year's *Obergefell* same-sex marriage decision. It is important to note that religious liberty/freedom of conscience is the *first part* of the *First* Amendment.

No, "religious liberty" must not be interpreted as a right to discriminate against others who you do not like or with whom you disagree; but it must be protected because a person's conscientious convictions should not be violated by government action – whether it be executive order, judicial decision or legislation. Government has no place dictating what someone believes or thinks, and it should not use the force of law to make someone conform to a government-sanctioned ideology.

The integrity of an individual is the cornerstone freedom of the United States. Even during World War II, when the nation's ongoing existence was in doubt, our government never forced the conscientious objector to pull a trigger and violate his conscience. Why is same-sex marriage changing the standard by forcing the baker, the florist and the photographer to participate in something that their faith requires them not to do?

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Should the baker sell cookies, cakes, muffins and pies to *ALL* who come in to the bakery? *Of course* – anything other would be discrimination! But does the

baker *have to* use his or her creativity and artistic energies to create a wedding cake honoring a ceremony that violates his faith? No. In fact, absolutely not! He or she should *not* be forced to violate their deeply held religious beliefs

Consider, did the U.S. Supreme Court's *Dred Scott* decision mandate that all Americans own a slave or be *for* slavery? Did the Supreme Court's *Roe vs Wade* decision require all physicians and nurses to participate in an abortion or hold a position *for* abortion on demand? *BUT*, many are now trying to use the *Obergefell* decision to demand that all bakers, photographers and florists honor a same-sex wedding ceremony with their talents – or be fined or jailed. Their goal, ultimately, is pastors and churches.

What did Speaker Stumbo and House Leadership do in the 2016 Session to correct

this potential injustice? Nothing. In fact, it was worse – they deliberately ignored Senate Bill 180 that would have brought clarification to the situation of conflicting rights.

Senate Bill 180 - Religious Liberty/Rights of Conscience Act

simply affirmed **Kentucky's Bill of Rights Section 5** which says clearly: "*No human authority shall, in any case whatever, control or interfere with the rights of conscience.*" Since the same-sex marriage decision, individuals and groups have attempted to force others – in violation of their conscience – to participate in same-sex weddings. SB 180 passed the Senate 22-16, but was then ignored, dying in the House Judiciary Committee without a hearing. Shouldn't there at least have been a spirited debate on the House Floor?

Yes, a small tweak was passed to take the County Clerk's name off the marriage certificate – which helps the County Clerks – *but not one thing* was done for the rights of other citizens who can now be dragged into court to face a lawsuit if they do not participate with their skills and their time in a same-sex wedding ceremony. In other words, only the County Clerks have religious liberty/conscience rights in Kentucky.

But it is not just the religious liberty issues around same-sex marriage that are under fire and neglected by Speaker Stumbo and the House of Representative's Leadership team. Schools have been quietly infringing the First Amendment rights of students

Senate Bill 15 - Student Free Speech and Religious Liberty Act guaranteed First Amendment rights to students K through college. Here are a few examples of what it would protect: It would allow a valedictorian to "thank my parents and God" in their graduation address – no longer could the word "God" be censored. It would allow free artistic and literary expression when the school chooses to present plays that may have religious verbiage in them (i.e. *A Charlie Brown Christmas*). It would also clarify that school officials may not discriminate against a student group (like a Christian Student Fellowship) simply because the group elects leaders who agree with the organization's stated mission and conducts the group accordingly.

SB 15 passed the Senate on Feb. 4 with a 31-2 vote and then just sat, unheard in the House Education Committee for 39 days – no hearing, no debate.

With over 8,000 churches, Kentucky is a "religious state" – and there should be debates in the House, not just in the Senate, on the religious liberty issues of the day.



Example #2: Bathroom privacy for women

It's almost as if President Obama and some policy-makers have lost their minds with their federal mandate.

In *Roe vs. Wade*, liberal attorneys used the right of privacy to "find" a woman's right in the U.S. Constitution to terminate an unborn child. During the AIDS epidemic, when it was first called GRID (Gay-Related Immune Deficiency Syndrome) because so many homosexual men were infected, liberal legislators pushed the patients' right of privacy to initiate an extremely expensive overhaul of the entire medical system with the HIPAA Reform. Privacy was the focus. But now, when the liberal LGBT community is redefining how gender is determined, privacy means nothing – "You *WILL* share the bathroom, the locker room, the dressing room and the shower room with those who 'identify' with your gender."

Young students, particularly young women, should have a right of privacy and the freedom from being exposed to the naked body of a man next to them as they themselves are in some state of undress. Parents do not allow this at home – why would they want it to be the policy for their 12-year-old daughter's (or son's) middle school?

In 2015, Senate Bill 76 – The Student Privacy Act – passed the Senate 27 - 9 on Feb. 23

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and then died in the House Education Committee without a hearing. Why? According to *Herald-Leader* reporter Jack Brammer, Speaker Stumbo said on Feb. 23 that he "would look at it." Four days later Brammer reported that Stumbo "indicated that the measure won't win House approval."

No committee meeting. No discussion (except possibly behind closed doors.) Just his opinion, "the measure won't win House approval."

This year, House Bill 364 with the same language as SB 76 was introduced in the House, but it too was never given a Committee hearing or a debate on the House Floor.

Even if Speaker Stumbo thinks something is unconstitutional shouldn't the rest of the people's representatives be allowed to debate it and share their opinion *with their vote*? For Speaker Stumbo alone to make that decision *IS* the problem in Frankfort!

Both of these two bills would have allowed all school districts to compassionately accommodate any student who is "transgendered" (has gender dysphoria) in any way they desire . . . *except* by mixing the biological genders in bathrooms, locker rooms and the shower rooms at the same time. These bills were designed to simply protect the privacy of all students – especially female students – when they are in various states of undress.

Likely a bill like these will be offered in 2017. Will it have a hearing, debate and vote?



Example #3: The Sanctity of Life issue

When it comes to this issue – the lives of women and their babies – no one should be “playing politics.”



The issue regarding unborn children is perhaps the clearest of the issues that demonstrate the left-leaning posture of House Leadership as well as the control of Speaker Stumbo. The bottom line is this: For the last 10 years there have been no pro-life bills debated on the House Floor until this year. (The reason is obvious – it passed five weeks before four Special Elections that could have “flipped” the House from 50 Democrats and 46 Republicans to 50 and 50).

By the way, this bill passed the House with a vote of 92 to 3 with one absent

(and, of course, the four vacant seats not voting.) Given that overwhelming majority, this question must be asked: If the first pro-life bill in ten years passes with a 92 to 3 majority, what are the odds that some other pro-life bill would pass the 100-member House by a 85 to 15 margin? Or 75 to 25? Or even 55 to 45? But not with Speaker Stumbo.

Kentucky was once a leader

Kentucky was regarded as a leader in the nation regarding the protection and safety of women and unborn children in this area. As recently as 2006, Americans United for Life, a national pro-life education, research and advocacy organization, ranked Kentucky 10th in the nation regarding mother and unborn child legislation, but the recent efforts by Speaker Stumbo and House Leadership to block all bills has the Commonwealth now ranked at 20th.

Consider the Ultrasound

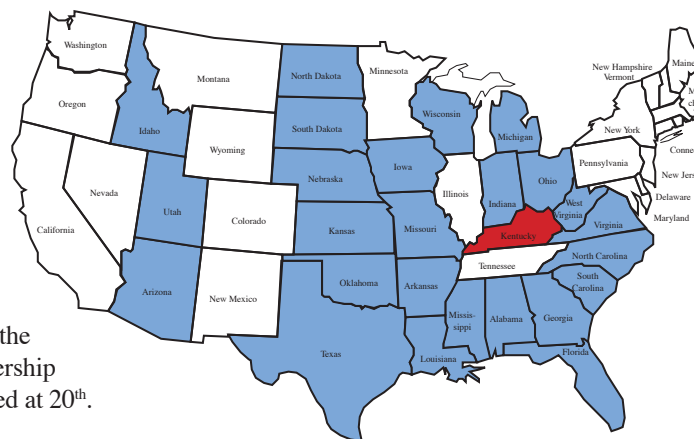
In the last 10 years there have been many different kinds of pro-life and safety bills proposed, but *ALL* bills have been blocked. An ultrasound bill is the one that causes the most incredulity. The ultrasound is that “window into the womb” which every woman should have the opportunity to see before she makes her final decision.

What doctor does not offer his patient the chance to see and discuss their x-ray, MRI, CT Scan or ultrasound on any and all other treatments? Yet

on this issue, the pro-choice lobby, enabled by House Leadership, refuses to allow any debate on the House Floor.

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25 other states have an Ultrasound Law



The number of bills killed says it all

In the 2016 Assembly Session, eight pro-life bills were introduced – an average year. Different this year was that one actually passed (right before four Special Elections). Yes, there are pro-life Democrats in Frankfort – they just don’t “rock the boat.” Speaker Stumbo knows how to keep them in line – grown men do not cross him. Until Senate Bill 4, which simply corrected a mis-interpretation of a 1998 law, *ALL* pro-life bills since 2004 had died in House Committees.

Like previous years, pro-life bills failed. Below is a partial listing of those introduced in 2016 (excluding SB 4).

Senate Bill 7 - Bans State funds to Abortion Clinics Passed Senate 32-4 (on Feb. 2, 2016).
Died in House Appropriations and Revenue Committee without a hearing – never considered.

Senate Bill 25 - Bans Sale of Fetal Body Parts. Passed Senate 36-2 (on Jan. 27, 2016).
Died in House Judiciary Committee without a hearing – never considered.

Senate Bill 152 - The Ultrasound Bill. Passed Senate 32-4 (on Feb. 29, 2016).
Died in House Health & Welfare Committee without a hearing – never considered.

House Bill 257 - Requiring Humane Disposal of Fetal Remains Never considered
Died in House Health & Welfare Committee without a hearing – never considered.

House Bill 492 - Regulating Abortion Clinics like other Facilities Never considered
Died in House Health & Welfare Committee without a hearing – never considered.

Those arguing against an ultrasound bill often say that it will increase the cost of an abortion, but the doctors that operate both of Kentucky’s two abortion clinics (in Louisville and Lexington) advertise on their website that they already do an ultrasound for each patient.

What are the legislators wanting to hide? And worse, why is Speaker Stumbo allowing this to happen. (See “Political Leverage” on page 3)

In each of the last nine years, ultrasound bills have been introduced in the General Assembly, most by Senate Republicans, but at least two by House Democrats. These two had 60 and 62 co-sponsors – easily enough for passage! But none were allowed on the House Floor. Legislators knew they would pass . . . but passage of one would have broken the alliances that keep the power-brokers in power.

This man-made impasse is certainly a creation only of the House – the Senate always passes bills dealing with mothers and their unborn children; while the House never even allows them on the House Floor.

Several times in the last 10 years Republicans have initiated a parliamentary procedure where the entire House votes up or down as to whether to move a pro-life bill straight from its House committee onto the House Floor for a debate and vote. At that moment, pro-life Democrats as well as pro-choice Democrats go silent – they don’t vote lest they offend Speaker Stumbo.

The deceit is evident

A quick glance of a 2008-2009 manipulation illustrates the on-going problem over the years: House Leadership uses committees to strategically kill pro-life bills.

In 2008: After The Ultrasound Bill unanimously passed its Senate committee and then the full Senate by a wide bipartisan margin of 32-4, there was a significant reaction when then-House Judiciary Chairperson Kathy Stein (D-Lexington) personally killed it by denying her committee members the opportunity to vote on it.

In 2009: With Stein now a Senator (gone from the House), when The Ultrasound Bill had passed the Senate with a similar 33-4 majority, Rep. Tom Burch (D-Louisville), chairman of the House Health and Welfare Committee, publicly promised to kill it if it was sent to his committee. Sure enough, House Leadership sent the bill to Burch’s committee – *not to the Judiciary Committee* where the new chairman was supportive of pro-life bills.

Proponents and opponents alike believe it would have passed the full House with more than 80 votes.

Control: By the Numbers

It is about committees and numbers that make control possible.

One of the subtle strategies that Speaker Stumbo employs effectively is the manipulation of the committee system by controlling *ALL* committees with slanted partisan ratios and, in particular, certain key committees with overwhelming numbers.

Consider that the House has a ratio of 53 Democrats to 47 Republicans. With 100 members, it's an obvious and close 53 percent to 47 percent. However, the makeup of all the House Standing Committees in the House *in toto* is 237 Democrats to 163 Republicans – almost 60 percent to 40 percent. (A Standing Committee is a permanent committee with a special focus, like health or education.) To reach this lopsided advantage, individual Democrats serve on more committees than individual Republicans. Not so in the Senate.

Compare the House Committee makeup to that of the Senate. In the Senate, Republicans have the majority with 27 members; the Democrats have 11. That's 71 percent to 29 percent. That is right in line with the ratio of all the members in the Senate Standing Committees, which is 73 percent to 27 percent.

But even more important are the key committees that operate each Chamber – the Committee on Committees and the Rules Committee. These are the “Command and Control” centers of each Chamber.

In the House, the Committee on Committees has six members, only one of which is Republican. (That's 83 percent Democrat.) To make matters worse, all five Democrats are those in House Leadership positions. Similarly, the Rules Committee is made up of 13 Democrats and 7 Republicans, *with Speaker Stumbo* as the Chairman. (It, therefore, is 65 percent Democrat.)

Altogether, the two committees are 69.2 percent Democrat. In a Chamber that is 53 percent Democrat, it is easy to see the deliberate bias.

Compare these numbers with the Senate's Committee on Committees and the Rules Committee: Each of the Committees have eight members with three Democrats on each, that's 62.5 percent Republican and 37.5 percent Democrat. That's *much more power* to the Minority Party than the 71 percent to 29 percent makeup of the Chamber would suggest.

One last point about the makeup of Committees. Speaker Stumbo keeps his Speaker's post secure by making sure that he caters to the liberal wing of his Party and Caucus. Here's how:

Certain committees are more likely to handle socially conservative bills. With pro-life bills, it's the Health and Welfare Committee. With Student Free Speech and Religious Liberty bills, it's the Education Committee. Similarly, it's the Education Committee for the hot-button “bathroom” issue – “Should biological sexes be mixed in bathrooms, locker rooms, shower rooms and overnight sleeping arrangements on trips?”

Consider that the Health and Welfare Committee has 15 members, 9 are Democrats (60 percent) and most of them are radically pro-choice (and from Lexington and Louisville). The Education Committee has 33 members, of which 21 are Democrat (63.6 percent) and only 12 Republican (36.4 percent).

Are principles of democracy and fairness leading the House or is it the desire for political control? You decide.

5 to 1
53% to 43%
70% to 30%
21 to 12
69.2%

Stumbo's liberal tilt . . .

It's hurt him, and the state.

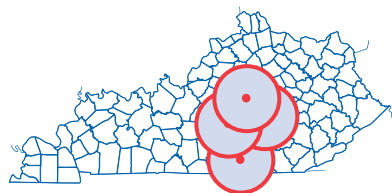
On election night last Fall after Gov. Bevin had been elected, Speaker Stumbo endorsed Hillary Clinton in his speech and he set in motion a number of concerns. Did he fully understand the ramifications of what he was saying?

Was he truly embracing her radical “Pro-Choice” abortion-paid-for-by-government-funds agenda? Certainly all the pro-life bills he's blocked raise serious questions!

Was he really endorsing the new Obama-Clinton EPA standards that have reduced coal jobs in the state to the lowest level since 1898? *Reports say there are now only two coal mines operating in his own Floyd County.*

It is now so bad in Eastern Kentucky that people often cannot even sell their homes to move elsewhere to find work. No buyers! (No jobs means no one wants to move there.)

Kentuckians are generally conservative, (including rural Democrats). Stumbo's left-leaning was likely why he had a serious contest in the May 17 Primary this year: Stumbo received 4,400 votes; his opponent 3,739. But, Stumbo spent \$171,000 – *five times* his opponent's \$34,000!



The Kentucky Marriage Movement

Nicholasville, Oct. 21-22

Love and Respect Conference - Eggerichs
New Hope Fellowship
1451 South Main St., Nicholasville, KY 40356

Nancy/Somerset, Nov. 6

Love and Lordship presentation - Greg Williams
Okalona Baptist Church (AM & PM services)
2816 Hwy 235, Nancy, KY 42544

Nicholasville, Nov. 12

Love and Lordship Conference - Greg Williams
Turning Point Church
514 North Main St., Nicholasville, KY 40356

Richmond, Nov. 20

Love and Lordship presentation - Greg Williams
Red House Baptist Church
2301 Red House Rd., Richmond, KY 40475

For more information, call (859)255-5400 or go to www.kentuckymarriage.org

“Kentucky Family Values” is a Super PAC; It is **NOT** The Family Foundation! *(Pass this on.)*

This Kentucky-based Political Action Committee’s primary “values” are to get Democrats elected . . . at all costs.

Since the 2010 Supreme Court campaign finance decision, new groups have emerged on Kentucky’s political scene. Often referred to as Super Political Action Committees (Super PACs), they influence elections by making independent campaign expenditures to support or oppose candidates.

The Kentucky Registry of Election Finance (KREF) designates Super PACs as “unauthorized campaign committees” and lists 16 registered in Kentucky as of the last election cycle of 2014.

One of these Super PACs, Kentucky Family Values (KFV), has attracted attention because of controversy surrounding its methods and messaging. At issue are KFV’s logo and name and its claims to support conservative family values and oppose out-of-state big money groups that influence Kentucky elections.

“What initially caught our attention was that their logo and messaging was strikingly similar to that of The Family Foundation,” said Joyce Ostrander, policy analyst for The Family Foundation. “Many of their radio ads described the organization and their candidates as having ‘family values’ or being ‘conservative,’ but their objectives and what they supported are vastly different than what The Family Foundation stands for. Therefore, one has to wonder if misleading voters was accidental or intentional.” *(See logos above)*

Voters were misled, and during the last weeks of the Nov. 2014 election, The Family Foundation staff received many frustrated calls and emails. “Citizens assumed the ads they were hearing and seeing were from us. Many were upset about the positions and candidates they thought we were supporting,” said Sarah Roof, office manager. “We repeatedly explained that Kentucky Family Values is not The Family Foundation, and furthermore, The Family Foundation does not endorse candidates.”

The Family Foundation logo (left) compared to the Kentucky Family Values logo (right).



**Was their
choice
deliberate?**



The Family Foundation supporters were frustrated because candidates endorsed by Kentucky Right to Life Association were opposed by KFV. According to reports filed with KREF, in one race alone (House District 62) KFV spent \$129,978 opposing pro-life incumbent Ryan Quarles (R) and supporting his opponent, Chuck Tackett (D).

“Clearly KFV defines family values differently than conservative traditional family values groups such as The Family Foundation,” said Martin Cothran, senior policy analyst. “Most Kentuckians consider the sanctity of life, sanctity of marriage, and religious freedom to be examples of traditional family values issues.”

So just what was KFV’s goal?

According to Kenny Colston of WFPL News in Louisville, Kentucky Family Values is a Democrat Super PAC “helping Democrats beat back the GOP’s attempt to take control of the House.” Investigation into their spending in the last two general elections confirms that all

money KFV spent was to elect Democrat candidates and defeat Republican candidates.

And where did their money come from?

Despite KFV’s radio ads stating that voters were “tired of out-of-state big money influencing elections” and “spending millions to buy this election” and that KFV was from “here in Kentucky,” donor data obtained from the KREF shows that for the November election, the majority of KFV’s donations came from out-of-state “big money,” mostly powerful Washington, DC-based unions.

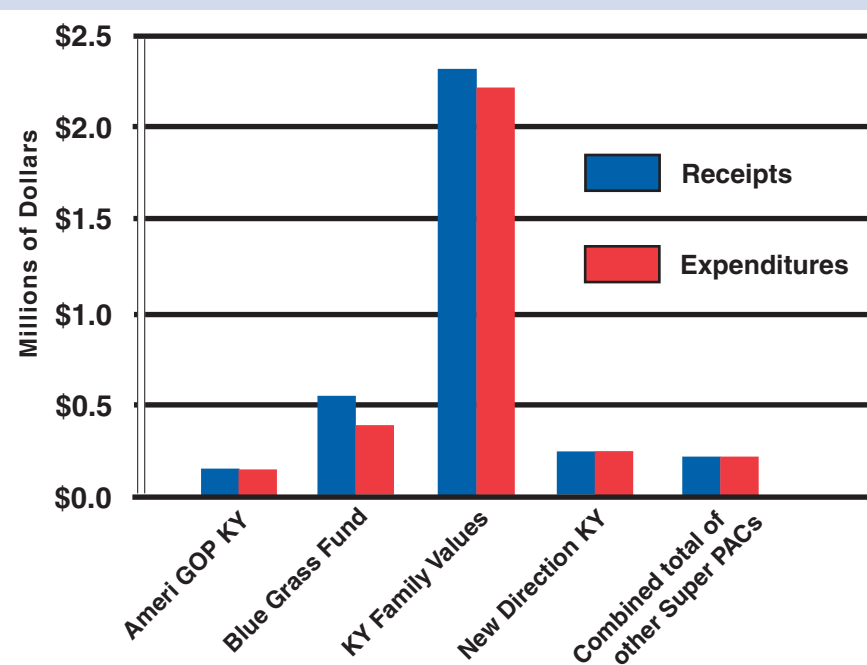
In both the 2012 and 2014 general elections, KFV spent over \$2 million. KREF reports for the Nov. 2014 election show KFV spent more than all of the other Kentucky registered Super PACs combined (*See chart left*). All the races it targeted were Kentucky House races.

“Kentucky Family Values would be more accurate if they said they are an out-of-state, big money union group trying to keep Democrats in control and are masquerading as family values conservatives in order to fool Kentucky voters,” said Joyce Ostrander.

Kentucky Super PAC Activity Reported in 2014

Kentucky Family Values:

- Dwarfed all other PACs in receipts and expenditures.
- Outspent and outraised all other Kentucky Super PACs **combined**.
- Raised most of its money from outside Kentucky for General Election of 2014:
 - \$862,500.00 reported from out-of-state donors.
 - \$755,075.00 reported from in-state donors.
- All money is spent only **for** Democrat candidates or **against** Republicans.





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KY Right to Life sets conference for Nov. 12

Those who have a sanctity of life conviction are gathering in Louisville, hoping that Kentucky will soon be a light to the nation.

The state's largest and oldest right to life organization, Kentucky Right to Life Association (KRLA), will be hosting its annual convention on Friday, Nov. 12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Louisville. Though there will be many presentations, the two headliners are Brent Bozell and Kristan Hawkins.

Bozell is the founder and president of the Media Research Center, the largest media watchdog organization in America. He is a lecturer, television commentator, debater, marketer, businessman, author, publisher and a syndicated columnist to more than 50 newspapers around the country, as well as an ardent prolife activist.



Brent Bozell



Kristan Hawkins

Hawkins was hired in 2006 to lead Students for Life of America (SFLA). Since launching SFLA's full-time operation, Kristan has helped more than triple the number of campus pro-life groups in the United States, from 181 to over 1,031 in all 50 states, and grow the SFLA National Conference from 450 in 2007 to 2,000 in 2015.

“We’re optimistic that this conference will equip those who come with valuable information as well as perspective,” said Mike Janocik, the organization’s assistant director. “This is important because the Kentucky state government is inching forward to taking a clear pro-life stand that the people have so desperately desired.”

KRLA has been hosting annual conventions for 40 years.

The conference will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 2:00 PM. The Crown Plaza Hotel is located at 830 Phillips Lane, just off I-264 (Louisville 40209). Right To Life's phone number is 502-895-5959. More information can be found at krla.org, as well as ability to register for the conference. Students receive a significant registration discount.

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Us!**



The Family Foundation is already preparing for the 2017 General Assembly Session, which will begin in early January and run through March.

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