

Southerners Riding the Red Wave

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America's talking heads on the right and left are predicting a conservative "red wave" in the 2022 midterm elections. They predict that "conservatives" will take control of both Houses of Congress. If, and that is a big if, it happens, what opportunities will it present to those of us who want to put an end to modern Reconstruction's anti-South cancel culture? Will we be wise enough to leverage this "conservative" victory into a real political effort to halt the destruction of Southern monuments, symbols, and our honorable heritage?

When left to themselves, Republicans have a dismal history of using their control of Congress to roll back liberal legislation and an even worse record of promoting conservative values. In 2016 the GOP controlled both House and Senate and had a Republican President, but they did nothing to roll back Obama's liberal programs. They did little to promote conservative values—big talk but little action.

Currently 19 states have passed a call for a Constitutional Convention of the States to submit to the states amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Most Southern states are in that number. But if the required number of 34 states is reached and "we the people" are not organized at the local level the amendments submitted may not be effective or worse, they may be counterproductive! If "we the people" allow the very politicians who are actively or passively responsible for our current condition to be the ones attending the Constitutional Convention, then what will be the outcome? Beelzebub will not fight against Satan! By acting locally "we the people," if organized, can determine who will represent us at any Constitutional Convention. If the Convention submits amendments harmful to our conservative values, we will then be in an organized position to defeat state ratification of the dangerous proposed amendment. But the likelihood of such a Convention being called is slim at best. More important is to be organized at the local level to bring pressure to bear upon our Senators and Representatives—insisting that they submit legislation in Congress protecting all historical monuments placed on Federal property.

We are currently being attacked by the nation's left-of-center political establishment. This leftist political establishment is supported by the mainline and digital media which serves as the establishment's ministry of propaganda. We are currently in a war for our survival. This is not a war about history or a war about truth. It is an ideological war waged by neo-Marxists who are determined to destroy all traditional values—values on which our Western Christian civilization is based. We are in a political war—one in which we have been reluctant to be actively engaged. It is time for "we the people" at the local level to initiate a political effort to challenge the leftist effort to cancel Southern culture. We need to organize in every conservative Congressional District and begin attending Town Hall meetings demanding that our elected representatives in Congress submit and pass legislation that prohibits the removal of or contextualizing of all monuments on Federal property. There are enough Southern heritage

organizations across the South to turn this into a reality. While 501(c)3 organizations cannot engage in direct political action, such as endorsing candidates, funding candidates, or holding rallies for specific candidates, they can, in a very limited manner, promote legislation that will advance their social goals. Members of 501(c)3 Southern heritage organizations can, as individuals, organize direct political action groups if they do not mix the activities of the two groups.

What would be the benefits of such activities? Many will dismiss this proposal because they think even a Republican controlled Congress will not pass such a bill. Or if it did pass, Biden would veto our legislation. There are at least two answers to such a “defeatist” attitude. First, the effort at Town Hall meetings and collecting of names on petitions at gun shows and local festivals will create public understanding of our Cause. It will put local and state politicians on notice that if they move against our heritage, they will incur the wrath of an organized, local, Southern heritage group. It gives us an opportunity to educate the public about the necessity of preserving our Southern heritage. Second, it sets the stage for submitting our legislation after the 2024 presidential election if conservatives elect their candidate as president.

It appears that the “silent majority” of Americans are beginning to reject Woke/politically correct leftist ideology. Southerners warned their fellow Americans that the attack against our honorable Southern heritage is just the beginning of an all-out attack upon all traditional American values. Our fellow conservative Americans ignored our warnings but today they are seeing the results of ignoring our warnings. The conservative South should shock America by initiating an effort to deny the radical left future opportunities to destroy America’s ancient monuments and symbols—such as the Confederate monument in Arlington. We have before us a golden opportunity to make a dramatic statement in defense of our Southern heritage. Will we be audacious enough to leverage this opportunity?