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The Kochs have a long history of quietly propping up and funneling money to political front groups to do their bidding, thereby creating a “diverse, national echo chamber” for their self-serving agenda. Through this network of astroturf organizations, the Kochs target specific constituencies such as seniors, millennials, and Latinos to push the Koch agenda.

This report, ¿Cómo Se Dice, “Koch Front Group”? Answer: LIBRE Initiative, gives an overview of the Kochs’ “Latino” organization, the LIBRE Initiative. Founded in 2011, the Koch-funded group disguises itself as a non-partisan, economic free-market, grassroots organization whose mission is to “equip the Hispanic community with the tools they need to be prosperous.” Despite LIBRE’s claims of working for and advancing the well-being of Latinos, their deceiving tactics belie an agenda that simply advances the Koch brothers’ financial interests, at the expense of Latinos and their families.

LIBRE is active in 16 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. LIBRE’s affiliates use community service activities and free giveaways to lure people to their organization. Some of the activities include distributing free student backpacks and school supplies, delivering turkeys for Thanksgiving to Latino neighborhoods, offering English and driving instruction classes, and helping with citizenship and DACA applications. LIBRE uses these non-political events to co-opt the trust among those in the Latino community, and subsequently gathers personal individual information for the “Koch database system” so the Koch brothers can sell and share the research with Republican candidates to microtarget and persuade potential voters.

With no regard to its adverse impacts on Latinos, LIBRE is vocally opposing the deferred action programs for Dreamers and parents of U.S.-born children. By opposing DACA and DAPA programs, LIBRE is essentially calling for the criminalization of undocumented immigrants and the tearing apart of millions of families. LIBRE’s weak-spoken rhetoric in support of immigration reform is silent in calling out anti-immigrant politicians who use disparaging attacks against hardworking immigrants in this country.

Recently, LIBRE campaigned against any debt restructuring relief to Puerto Rico, despite the group’s outreach efforts to engage with Puerto Rican voters in Florida or at job fairs in San Juan, PR. As a result of Puerto Rico’s debt crisis, hundreds of thousands of Puerto Ricans have become economic exiles to the mainland due to the vulture investor-caused debt crisis. More than 150 schools were forced to close and the 3.5 million American citizens throughout Puerto Rico are faced with a shortage of healthcare, public services, and public safety.

In 2012, LIBRE unseated two Latino Democratic congressmen – Pete Gallego in Texas and Joe García in Florida - both champions for the Latino community who spearheaded the fight for immigration reform and other economic policies that benefit Latinos. In Texas, as a result of unseating Pete Gallego, LIBRE helped elect one of the most ardent anti-immigrant politicians, Will Hurd, who opposed President Obama’s immigration initiatives and has voted to criminalize DREAMers and hardworking immigrants several times.

In spite of calling themselves a Latino organization, LIBRE promotes a conservative, free-market, limited government agenda that hurts the Latino community, calling to overturn the Affordable Care Act, which has helped more than five million Latinos access affordable health insurance, and opposing raising the minimum wage, which would lift millions of Latinos out of poverty.

LIBRE has worked with a budget of more than \$16 million, and it has proven over and over that behind their non-partisan guise, LIBRE is part of a well-built political machine designed only to serve its patrons, Charles and David Koch.

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Los hermanos Koch tienen una larga historia de contribuir dinero y de establecer organizaciones de fachada política que actúan bajo sus ordenes para crear una audiencia diversa a nivel nacional que favorece a su agenda. Por medio de este mecanismo, los Koch se enfocan en grupos específicos como personas de la tercera edad, jóvenes, y la comunidad Latina para promover la agenda Koch.

Este reporte, ¿Cómo Se Dice, “Koch Front Group”? Answer: LIBRE Initiative, ofrece un análisis de la organización “latina” de los Koch, llamada Iniciativa LIBRE. Fundada en el 2011 y financiada por los Koch, LIBRE se disfraza como una organización que es no-partidista, que está a favor del mercado libre y que es de origen local, cuya misión es “equipar a la comunidad Hispana con las herramientas que necesitan para prosperar.” A pesar de las afirmaciones de LIBRE, diciendo que trabajan para el bienestar de los latinos, sus tácticas decepcionantes apuntan a una agenda que simplemente avanza los intereses financieros de los hermanos Koch a costa de los latinos y de sus familias.

LIBRE está establecida en 16 estados, en el Distrito de Columbia y en Puerto Rico. Las organizaciones afiliadas a LIBRE usan actividades de servicio comunitario y obsequios para conseguir miembros. Algunas de las actividades incluyen ofrecer clases de inglés y clases de conducir y ayudar a personas a aplicar para la ciudadanía y para DACA. También han regalado útiles escolares para estudiantes y han distribuido pavos durante el Día de Acción de Gracias. LIBRE utiliza estos eventos que no son políticos para ganarse la confianza de la comunidad latina, y después obtener información personal para el “sistema de datos Koch,” para que los hermanos Koch puedan vender y compartir su información con candidatos Republicanos para enfocarse y convencer a electores potenciales.

Sin importar el impacto adverso que tendrá en la comunidad latina, LIBRE está en contra de los programas DACA y DAPA. Al oponerse a estos programas, LIBRE está clamando por la criminalización de inmigrantes indocumentados y separando a millones de familias. La retórica débil a favor de la reforma migratoria que LIBRE propaga no le llama la atención a los políticos anti-inmigrantes que usan ataques denigrantes en contra de los inmigrantes trabajadores que viven en este país.

Recientemente, LIBRE propagó una campaña en contra de la ayuda para reestructurar la deuda de Puerto Rico, esto a pesar del esfuerzo de la organización para para comunicarse con electores puertorriqueños en Florida o en exposiciones de trabajo en San Juan, PR. A consecuencia de la crisis de deuda de Puerto Rico, cientos de miles de puertorriqueños se han convertido en exiliados en los Estados Unidos. Mas de 150 escuelas han cerrado y los 3.5 millones de ciudadanos estadounidenses que viven en Puerto Rico se enfrentan a una escasez de servicios de cuidado de la salud, servicios públicos y seguridad publica.

En 2012, LIBRE ayudó a desbancar a dos congresistas Demócratas latinos—Pete Gallego en Texas y Joe García en Florida—ambos campeones de la comunidad latina. Los congresistas ayudaron a liderar la lucha por la reforma migratoria y por otras políticas económicas que benefician a los latinos. Como resultado de haber desbancado a Pete Gallego, en Texas LIBRE ayudó a elegir a uno de los políticos más anti-inmigrantes, Will Hurd, quien se opuso a las iniciativas de inmigración del Presidente Obama y en varias ocasiones ha votado a favor de criminalizar a los DREAMers y a inmigrantes trabajadores.

A pesar de llamarse una organización latina, LIBRE promueve una agenda conservadora, de mercado libre y gobierno limitado que daña a la comunidad latina, una agenda que busca deshacerse de la ley de cuidado de salud a pesar de que ha ayudado a más de cinco millones de latinos a obtener seguro medico accesible. LIBRE también se opone al incremento del salario mínimo, el cual sacaría a millones de latinos de la pobreza.

LIBRE contó con un presupuesto de más de \$16 millones, y ha comprobado una y otra vez que detrás de su disfraz no-partidista, LIBRE es parte de una maquina política diseñada solo para servir a sus patrones, Charles y David Koch.

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LIBRE Has A Large Nationwide Staff, Led By Republican Insiders

LIBRE Boasts Having A Total Staff Of 125 Full-Time And Contract Workers

LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Daniel Garza Said In March 2016 That The LIBRE Initiative Had “75 Full-Time Staff” And About “50 Contracted Workers.” According to a WNYC interview of LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza on The Takeaway with host John Hockenberry, “About June of 2011, that’s how long we’ve been around. Started off in Florida and Nevada, and now we’re in 10 states with about 75 full-time staff and about, oh, 50 contracted workers with thousands of volunteers.” [WNYC, [3/23/16](#)]

Executive Director Daniel Garza

Daniel Garza Became The Executive Director Of The LIBRE Initiative In June 2011. [Daniel Garza – LinkedIn, accessed [10/20/15](#)]

Garza Served As President George W. Bush’s Liaison To The Hispanic Community, Following Stints At The Department Of The Interior. According to Migrant Education News, “In 2001, following Bush’s election, Garza was appointed as Hispanic media coordinator at the Department of the Interior, but soon he was promoted to deputy director of external and intergovernmental affairs. [...] Then out of the blue in 2003 Garza was asked to become the president’s liaison to the Hispanic community.” [Migrant Education News, [1/1/06](#)]

- **Garza Served As The Washington State Director For “Hispanics For Bush” During The 2000 Election Cycle, While Serving On The Toppenish City Council.** According to the Washington State Republican National Hispanic Assembly, “Garza, a four-year member of the Toppenish City Council, served as state director for Hispanics for Bush, which was aimed at gaining that segment of the vote.” [Washington State Republican National Hispanic Assembly, [8/1/01](#)]
- **Garza Was A Delegate At The 2000 Republican National Convention.** According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Daniel Garza for the Tampa Tribune, “I had the rare opportunity to attend the 2000 Republican National Convention in Philadelphia as a first-time delegate representing the Yakima Valley. I also attended the 2004 RNC event and the 2008 Democrat Party Convention representing The White House and Univision Network, respectively.” [Daniel Garza – Tampa Tribune, [8/21/12](#)]

Garza Ran For Congress In Texas’s 15th District In 2010, Finishing Third In The GOP Primary On March 2.

According to the Texas Secretary of State, Daniel Garza was a candidate for the Republican nomination to the U.S. House of Representatives in Texas’s 15th district. He received 25.64% of the vote, coming in third behind Paul B. Haring with 41.83% and Eddie Zamora with 32.54%. [Texas Secretary of State, [3/2/10](#)]

National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy

Rachel Campos-Duffy Joined The LIBRE Initiative In March 2013. According to a press release by The LIBRE Initiative, “The LIBRE Initiative (LIBRE), a non-profit, non-partisan organization is proud to welcome Rachel Campos-Duffy to our team of dedicated economic freedom advocates. Rachel will work with LIBRE as strategist and spokesperson in a national effort to expand our message of economic liberty and opportunity to Latinas, youth, and faith-based communities.” [LIBRE Initiative, [3/5/13](#)]

Campos-Duffy Appeared On The 1994 Season Of MTV’s “Real World” In San Francisco, And Returned In 1998 For “Road Rules All Stars.” According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “Campos-Duffy and her husband, married for 14 years, are famously both veterans of MTVs “Real World” - she on “The Real World” in 1994; he on “The Real World: Boston” 1997. They met in 1998 on MTV’s “Road Rules All Stars,” a Real World reunion and travel show. [...] When she saw an ad for an MTV “Real World” show, she sent in a tape, went through a series of auditions and ended up on the show. The San Francisco show became one of the most widely known after AIDS educator Pedro Zamora informed the other housemates that he had AIDS.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [5/11/13](#)]

Campos-Duffy Met Her Husband, Rep. Sean Duffy, In 1998 On MTV's "Road Rules All Stars," And The Two Married In 1999. According to Human Events, "Sean Duffy was part of the 'Real World: Boston' (1997) cast. He was also billed as 'the conservative' though the Boston season was less drama-ridden than San Francisco. [...] A year later, both Rachel and Sean participated in 'Road Rules: All-Stars' (1998), which brought together past 'Real World' cast members for a Winnebago trip through New Zealand. Sean and Rachel fell in love. In 1999, they married and moved to his home state of Wisconsin." [Human Events, [8/26/10](#)]

- **Sean Duffy Was Elected As Congressman For Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District In 2010.** [CBS News, [11/3/10](#)]

TODAY Parents Announced That Campos-Duffy Would Join Their TODAY Tastemakers Team In January 2016; Campos-Duffy Was Already A Member Of The Today Show Parenting Team. According to TODAY Parents, "So, we want to share Rachel Campos-Duffy with all of you... as part of our TODAY Tastemakers team. She'll be chiming in regularly to offer advice and answer questions. [...] Rachel is an author and television personality specializing in political punditry, culture and parenting. She is a proud member of the Today Show Parenting Team." [TODAY Parents, [1/29/16](#)]

Campos-Duffy Received A Degree In Economics From Arizona State University's Honors Program, And A Master Degree In International Affairs, With An Emphasis On Economic Development In Latin America, From The University Of California, San Diego. According to TODAY Parents, "Rachel speaks fluent Spanish and has a degree in Economics from Arizona State University's Honors Program. She has a Masters degree in International Affairs with an emphasis on Economic Development in Latin America from the University of California, San Diego." [TODAY Parents, [1/29/16](#)]

Campos-Duffy Has Ties To Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker

Campos-Duffy Said She Personally Knew Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker. According to Rachel Campos-Duffy on Fox News's Outnumbered, "Absolutely, and he [Scott Walker] made that contrast. Here's Hillary who says she never even driven her own car for i don't know how many decades. Then not very long ago, one of Scott Walker's campaign speeches talked about how the shirt he was wearing, sweater he was wearing he got at Kohl's on sale for \$4 or something. He is regular guy, I happen to know him personally. you will never meet a more down-to-earth, regular guy." [Fox News – Outnumbered, [5/20/15](#)]

- **Campos-Duffy Was Named To Gov. Scott Walker's 10-Person "Future Of The Family Commission."** According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, "The Future of the Family Commission will present recommendations to the Republican governor in December. Walker said he hoped the 10-person panel would find ways to help successful families as well as those facing challenges or breakdowns. [...] [M]embers include [...] Rachel Campos-Duffy, a spokeswoman for The LIBRE Initiative and former reality television star who is also the wife of U.S. Rep. Sean Duffy (R-Wis.) and the mother of seven children[.]" [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [1/27/16](#)]

Campos-Duffy Endorsed Walker For The 2016 GOP Presidential Primary, And Participated In His Presidential Announcement Event. According to an Instagram post by LIBRE Initiative national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy, "Proud to endorse Scott Walker. Honored to be part of his presidential announcement event." [Rachel Campos-Duffy – Instagram, [7/14/15](#)]

National Spokesperson Marilinda Garcia

Former New Hampshire State Legislator Marilinda Garcia Began Serving As The LIBRE Initiative's National Spokesperson In The Lead Up To The 2016 GOP New Hampshire Presidential Primary Election. According to the American Bridge translation of an El Diario NY article, "In a telephone interview with this newspaper, Marilinda Garcia, national spokesperson in New Hampshire for the conservative group LIBRE Initiative, explained that while the state has had demographic changes in the last few years and there is a continuous flow of 250,000 people moving in and out of the state, Latinos simply don't have numerical strength. [...] Garcia, former state legislator in two districts between 2007 and 2012, who in 2013 was considered a rising star in the Republican Party." [El Diario NY, [2/8/16](#)]

In 2006, Garcia Was Elected To The New Hampshire House Of Representatives At The Age Of 23. According to Newsmax, “Newsmax has gathered a list of the top 50 most influential Latino Republicans. From state governors, representatives, and mayors, to businessmen and women, pundits, and commentators, this collection of people truly demonstrates what rich flavor Latino Republicans add to our country's political scene. [...] Marilinda Garcia — Considered a rising star by the Republican National Committee, she is a former member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives who was elected in 2006 when she was just 23.” [Newsmax, [2/24/16](#)]

- **Garcia Ran Against Incumbent Rep. Annie Kuster For New Hampshire’s Second Congressional District, And Was Defeated By 10 Percentage Points.** According to WMUR, “U.S. Rep. Annie Kuster beat Republican challenger Marilinda Garcia in the 2nd Congressional District race Tuesday. [...] Kuster, Ann (i); Dem[] 130,428[] 55% [...] Garcia, Marilinda[] GOP[] 106,635[] 45%” [WMUR, [11/5/14](#)]

Garcia Was The First Client Of The Koch-Tied Consulting Firm Aegis Strategic. According to Mother Jones, “A new political consulting firm with deep ties to the Koch brothers has quietly set up shop in Arlington, Virginia. Its mission: to prevent future Todd Akins and Richard Mourdock from tanking the Republican Party's electoral prospects. The firm, named Aegis Strategic, is run by a former top executive at Charles and David Koch's flagship advocacy group, Americans for Prosperity, and it was founded with the blessing of the brothers' political advisers, three Republican operatives tell Mother Jones. [...] Aegis Strategic's first client is Marilinda Garcia, a 31-year-old Republican serving her fourth term in the New Hampshire House of Representatives.” [Mother Jones, [1/17/14](#)]

LIBRE’s Operational And Funding Ties To The Kochs

LIBRE: A “COG OF THE KOCH MACHINE”

Univision Network Host Fernando Espuelas Described The LIBRE Initiative As A “Cog Of The Koch Political Machine.” According to an opinion by Univision Network Host and Aspen Institute Fellow Fernando Espuelas in The Hill, “In comes the Libre Initiative. This cog of the Koch political machine, which has received approximately \$10 million dollars in Koch funding (that we know of), is tasked with convincing Hispanics to vote against their own economic self-interest.” [Fernando Espuelas – The Hill, [4/1/15](#)]

San Antonio Express-News: Between February And April 2015 The Center For Shared Services, “A Recruiting Arm For Koch-Backed Organizations” Posted Job Openings For LIBRE In Florida, Arizona, North Carolina, Colorado And Virginia. According to the San Antonio Express-News, “Since February, a separate Koch-funded group has posted openings for Libre Initiative jobs in Florida, Arizona, North Carolina, Colorado and Virginia - states with heavy Latino populations or likely battlegrounds in the 2016 elections. The Center for Shared Services, a recruiting arm for Koch-backed organizations, also posted jobs for a Libre operative in San Antonio and a Houston-based field director — adding to a 17-strong staff in Texas. In San Antonio, the group employs three full-time staff and three contractors.” [San Antonio Express-News, [4/4/15](#)]

THE LIBRE INITIATIVE AND INSTITUTE RECEIVED MORE THAN \$16.8 MILLION COMBINED FROM THE KOCH NETWORK

The LIBRE Initiative Received Almost \$16 Million From Freedom Partners Between 2012 And 2014. According to Freedom Partners tax documents, the organization granted \$3,112,000 to The LIBRE Initiative in 2012, \$6,200,000 in 2013, and \$6,500,000 in 2014. [Freedom Partners IRS Forms 990 via Freedom Partners, [9/15/13](#); [9/15/14](#); [11/13/14](#); [11/15/15](#)]

In 2014, The LIBRE Initiative Received \$6.5 Million From Freedom Partners. According to Freedom Partners tax documents, the organization granted \$6,500,000 to The LIBRE Initiative in 2014. [Freedom Partners 2014 IRS Form 990 via Freedom Partners, [11/15/15](#)]

- **In 2014, The LIBRE Initiative Received \$9.5 Million Total In Grants Between July 1, 2013 And June 30, 2014, Compared To Under \$5 Million During The Previous Year.** According to LIBRE Initiative tax documents, the organization received a total of \$9,501,176 in contributions and grants between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014. The

LIBRE Initiative received \$4,970,000 in contributions and grants during the previous reporting year. [LIBRE Initiative 2013 IRS Form 990 via GuideStar, [5/15/15](#)]

- **USA Today Called Freedom Partners “The Virginia Conservative Group At The Center Of The Koch Brothers' Far-Reaching Political Network.”** According to the USA Today, “The Virginia conservative group at the center of the Koch brothers' far-reaching political network saw its revenue and spending decline sharply last year, the organization's new tax filings show. Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce, the main policy and funding outlet for the billionaire industrialists Charles and David Koch, collected nearly \$57.5 million during the 2013 fiscal year — less than a quarter of the more than \$255 million the group took in during the same period in 2012 as it spent heavily to mold the nation's political and policy debates ahead of the presidential election.” [USA Today, [9/16/14](#)]

TC4 Trust Contributed Almost \$700,000 To The LIBRE Initiative In 2012. According to the TC4 Trust's 2012 990, TC4 Trust gave \$693,000 to the LIBRE Initiative in 2012. [TC4 Trust IRS Form 990, [2012](#)]

- **Huffington Post: TC4 Was A “Giant Distribution Hub” For Koch Network Money.** According to Huffington Post, “But Koch and his brother are best known for the network of nonprofits they operate and raise money for that do not disclose their donors. These include grant distribution hubs like Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce, Center to Protect Patient Rights and TC4 Trust.” [Huffington Post, [10/12/15](#)]

Center To Protect Patient Rights Contributed More Than \$150,000 To The LIBRE Initiative In 2012. According to its Form 990 filed with the IRS, CPPR gave \$152,366 to the LIBRE Initiative in 2012. [CPPR IRS Form 990, [2012](#)]

- **The Center To Protect Patient Rights Was Run By Koch Operative Sean Noble, And Gave Grants To “Some Of The Same Groups” As Freedom Partners.** According to the Center for Responsive Politics, “Almost half of that -- \$115 million -- went to the Center to Protect Patient Rights, a group that has no activities of its own other than giving grants to other politically active tax-exempt organizations. That's more than CPPR's budget in all years combined since it was established in 2009. It's run by Sean Noble, a political consultant and Koch operative. CPPR has given grants to some of the same groups that, according to Politico, Freedom Partners gave funds to last year, such as the conservative seniors' group 60 Plus Association, which also has Koch connections.” [Center for Responsive Politics, [9/12/13](#)]

DonorsTrust Donated \$200,000 To The LIBRE Institute In 2014. According to DonorsTrust tax documents, the organization made two separate grants of \$100,000 to the LIBRE Initiative Institute in 2014. [DonorsTrust 2014 IRS Form 990 via Foundation Center, [11/16/15](#)]

PBS NewsHour Reported In December 2015 That Daniel Garza And The LIBRE Initiative Had “Just Been Given \$16 Million From The Conservative Billionaire Koch Brothers.” According to a PBS NewsHour segment by PBS NewsHour senior correspondent William Brangham, “[BRANGHAM:] And that's where Daniel Garza comes in. He's the head of the LIBRE Initiative. It's the largest conservative Hispanic political group in the country. And he's just been given \$16 million from the conservative billionaire Koch brothers to try and convince Latinos that conservative ideals and Latino ideals are one and the same.” [PBS NewsHour, [12/14/15](#)]

To Launch The LIBRE Initiative, Executive Director Daniel Garza Secured Commitments For About \$1 Million From A Number Of Donors Including “Koch Family Interests.” According to the Center for Public Integrity, “Two GOP operatives familiar with the initiative say Garza told them he has already secured commitments for about \$1 million — including funds from Koch family interests.” [Center for Public Integrity, [9/22/11](#)]

LIBRE INITIATIVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DANIEL GARZA SPENT YEARS EXPRESSING HIS “DEEP ADMIRATION” FOR THE KOCHS

Garza Continually Praises The Koch Brothers Personally And Politically, And Defends Them Against Progressive Criticism

Garza Repeatedly Praises The Kochs' Political Activism And Policy Focus While Dismissing Criticism

Garza In December 2015: “Don’t Believe The Demagoguery You’re Hearing ... There Are Fewer Finer People Than Charles And David Koch.” According to a comment by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza in reply to a comment by Ramiro J. Atristain on a post by Garza on his Facebook page, “[ATRISTAIN:] Good and informative spot on your work. Too bad you are working for Koch funded causes (specifically to support the Tea Party or the like). [GARZA:] I don't know you, but don't believe the demagoguery you're hearing from leftist partisans. They're paid to demonize decent Americans worried about the direction of our country and the perilous centralization of power in Washington [sic]. There are fewer finer people than Charles and David Koch, I guarantee you that.” [Daniel Garza – Facebook, [12/14/15](#)]

Garza Said It Was “Intellectually Lazy” For The Left To Demonize The Koch Brothers. According to TheStreet, “Garza is unapologetic in defense of his employers. ‘Look, you have two people who are champions of individual freedom and who want to uphold the Constitution and preserve a strong America,’ he says. ‘For the Left to demonize them is a cop-out. It's intellectually lazy. Let's talk about the issues, let's have a debate about policies and ideas.’” [TheStreet, [2/4/16](#)]

Garza “Said He Had High Regard” For The Kochs In April 2015, And Was Glad To Be Associated With Them: “I Welcome The Association And Align With Them On Principles And Issues.” According to the San Antonio Express-News, “Garza said he had high regard for Charles and David Koch and their achievements, which include a combined wealth of more than \$80 billion from a privately held company involved in a host of businesses employing 70,000 people around the world. In recent years, the brothers have dramatically increased their giving. In January, they told allies gathered in California that they intended to spend nearly \$900 million in 2016 election contests, which would put them on par with the financial clout of the Republican and Democratic parties. ‘I welcome the association and align with them on principles and issues,’ Garza said.” [San Antonio Express-News, [4/4/15](#)]

Garza In September 2015: “I Don’t Make Any Apologies For Being Associated To Charles And David Koch. I Respect Them.” According to a KERA News interview of LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza with host Rick Holter, “[DANIEL GARZA:] Now, let's do away with the pretenses here. The left, especially Latino left organizations, also receive funding from private donors and contributors and according to law, do not have to disclose who those donors are. For them to hypocritically point at us and say, ‘you guys take money from Charles and David Koch,’ I think lacks of self-awareness. I don't make any apologies for being associated to Charles and David Koch. I respect them.” [KERA News, [9/4/15](#)]

Garza In November 2015: “I Truly Don’t Have Issues With The Association To Charles And David Koch, They Have My Deepest Respect And Admiration – Proud To Work Together In Defense Of Freedom!” According to a comment by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza on a post on his Facebook page, “I hear you, but I truly don’t have issues with the association to Charles and David Koch, they have my deepest respect and admiration – proud to work together in defense of freedom!” [Daniel Garza – Facebook, [11/25/15](#)]

Garza Said He Respected The Koch Brothers For Building “A Very Successful Company That Has Created Thousands Of High-Paying Jobs,” And That He Aligns With Them “On A Lot Of The Issues.” According to the American Bridge transcript a WNYC interview of LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza on The Takeaway with host John Hockenberry, “[GARZA:] I do admire Charles and David Koch very much, I align with them on a lot of the issues, I respect what they have built: a very successful company that has created thousands of high-paying jobs.” [WNYC, [3/23/16](#)]

Garza Praises The Kochs Personally

Garza On The Kochs In June 2015: “I Respect And Admire Them As Successful Americans Who Have Generated Wealth For Our Country By Providing Services And Products That Customers Need And Want.” According to the Valley Morning Star, “The Virginia-based nonprofit Freedom Partners, one of Libre’s largest donors, receives financial

support from the Koch Brothers, who are known for Koch Industries, the nation's second largest privately-owned company. 'I respect and admire them as successful Americans who have generated wealth for our country by providing services and products that customers need and want,' Garza said." [Valley Morning Star, [6/5/15](#)]

Garza Called Charles And David Koch "Two Of The Greatest Americans Ever." According to TheStreet, "'Charles and David are two of the greatest Americans ever,' says Daniel Garza. The former White House official under George W. Bush and the U.S.-born son of Mexican farm workers was talking about the Koch brothers, the billionaire conservatives who are nearly halfway to spending \$900 million to influence the 2016 election cycle." [TheStreet, [2/4/16](#)]

Garza: "I Fully Embrace" LIBRE's Association With Charles And David Koch, "And Admire The Hell Out Of Them." According to TheStreet, "'I fully embrace our association with Charles and David, and admire the hell out of them,' he added." [TheStreet, [2/4/16](#)]

El Paso Times: Garza Was Scheduled To Attend The Koch Donor Conference In January 2014. According to the El Paso Times, "El Paso businessman Paul Foster was scheduled to meet last month with billionaire political activist Charles Koch and a man who leads a Texas-based national group that fiercely opposes the Affordable Care Act, according to documents obtained by the investigative reporting magazine Mother Jones. [...] The documents obtained last week by Mother Jones was a list of meetings scheduled for the secret Koch brothers conference held in Palm Springs, Calif., during the last week in January. [...] Garza was scheduled to meet with Foster, who is president of Western Refining Inc. and whose wealth is estimated at \$1.1 billion." [El Paso Times, [2/9/14](#)]

Garza Attended A Meeting With Charles Koch; LIBRE Showed A "Three-Minute Video Of A Man Who Had Turned Around His Life After Embracing Religion," After Which Koch Cried And Said "That Is Why We Do The Work We Do." According to the San Antonio Express-News, "'Said Alex and Garza are both successful sons of migrant farmworkers and friendly to one another. But Garza bristled at Alex's characterization of the Kochs. 'The left has to be sanctimonious about what they do and demonize what the right does when we're involved in the same game,' he said. 'I've never told anybody this,' Garza continued, recalling a meeting in which Charles Koch, at 79 the older of the two brothers, was present. Garza said Libre showed a three-minute video of a man who had turned around his life after embracing religion. 'When Mr. Koch got up to speak, he was crying; he couldn't get a word out,' Garza said. 'Finally, he said "that is why we do the work we do.'" [San Antonio Express-News, [4/4/15](#)]

LIBRE Significantly Expanded After The 2014 Election Cycle, And Has Now Hosted Events In 16 States, Puerto Rico, And DC

Between 2013 And 2016, The LIBRE Initiative Hosted Events In Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Washington, DC. According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, "Since of 2013, LIBRE has hosted events in the following states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Washington, DC." [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

As Of April 2016, The LIBRE Initiative Had State Staff In Colorado, Texas, Florida, North Carolina, And Virginia. According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, "GenOpp has staff allocated for Florida, Iowa, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, and Wisconsin, while Libre has state staff in Colorado, Texas, Florida, North Carolina, and Virginia." [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

- **As Of April 2016, LIBRE Had Three Coalitions Coordinators; One In The "Eastern Region," And One Each In Florida And Texas.** According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, "Libre also employs three Coalitions Coordinators (Eastern Region, Florida, and Texas) and sixteen Field Directors. The Field Directors are located in Arizona (2), Colorado (1), Florida (5), National (1), Nevada (2), Texas (3), Ohio (1), Virginia (1)." [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]
- **As Of April 2016, LIBRE Had Two Field Directors In Arizona, One In Colorado, Five In Florida, Two In Nevada, Three In Texas, One In Ohio, One In Virginia, And One National Field Director.** According to a

research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, “Libre also employs three Coalitions Coordinators (Eastern Region, Florida, and Texas) and sixteen Field Directors. The Field Directors are located in Arizona (2), Colorado (1), Florida (5), National (1), Nevada (2), Texas (3), Ohio (1), Virginia (1).” [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

Colorado

Freedom Partner Shared Services Announced In February 2016 That The LIBRE Initiative Would Be Hiring A Press Secretary Based In Denver. According to a tweet by Freedom Partners Shared Services, “.@LIBREinitiative is hiring a press secretary based in #Denver. Apply now!” [Freedom Partners Shared Services, [2/10/16](#)]

Florida

The LIBRE Initiative’s Florida Staff Grew From One To Five Between 2012 And February 2016, And Planned To Open An Office In Tampa. According to Bloomberg, “Libre’s Florida staff has grown to five from one in 2012, and it’s opening a second office, in Tampa.” [Bloomberg, [2/25/16](#)]

New Mexico

The LIBRE Initiative Announced That It Was Looking To Hire A Field Director In New Mexico. According to the LIBRE Initiative, “Employment Opportunities: [...] New Mexico Field Director.” [LIBRE Initiative, accessed [12/7/15](#)]

North Carolina

The LIBRE Initiative Had A “Kickoff” Event In Charlotte, North Carolina The Weekend Of December 12, 2015 With 27 Volunteers. According to a tweet by the LIBRE Initiative, “We had 27 enthusiastic LIBRE volunteers show up to canvass last weekend at our kickoff event in Charlotte, NC.” [LIBRE Initiative – Twitter, [12/14/15](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Hosted A “Kickoff” Event For The Raleigh Area On March 13, 2016. According to a tweet by Pablo Carvajal of The LIBRE Initiative, “What a great turn out for our #Raleigh area @LIBREinitiative kickoff! #NCLatinos #economicfreedom #NC #opportunities” [Pablo Carvajal – Twitter, [3/13/16](#)]

Ohio

The LIBRE Initiative Announced That It Would Be Hosting A Program “To Inform Latinos” About Immigration Law With A Pentecostal Congregation In Hillard, OH. According to The LIBRE Initiative, “Join us for this first-ever informational event with a Pentecostal congregation in the Columbus area. We will host this program to inform Latinos about recent changes & updates in immigration law, such as DACA and DAPA. [...] Sunday, Feb 28, 2016 - 03:00 PM | Sunday, Feb 28, 2016 - 03:00 PM [...] 3500 Mill Run, Hillard, OH 43026” [LIBRE Initiative, accessed [2/16/16](#)]

Puerto Rico

Bloomberg Reported That LIBRE Would Be Making Its “First Foray” Into Puerto Rico In March 2016, “Hosting A Booth At An Exposition Targeting Florida-Bound Residents.” According to Bloomberg, “Libre’s Florida staff has grown to five from one in 2012, and it’s opening a second office, in Tampa. In March it will make its first foray onto the island, hosting a booth at an exposition targeting Florida-bound residents.” [Bloomberg, [2/25/16](#)]

Texas

In April 2015, LIBRE “Posted Jobs For A LIBRE Operative In San Antonio And A Houston-Based Field Director — Adding To A 17-Strong Staff In Texas.” According to the San Antonio Express-News, “Since February, a separate Koch-funded group has posted openings for Libre Initiative jobs in Florida, Arizona, North Carolina, Colorado and Virginia - states with heavy Latino populations or likely battlegrounds in the 2016 elections. The Center for Shared Services, a recruiting arm for Koch-backed organizations, also posted jobs for a Libre operative in San Antonio and a Houston-based field director —

adding to a 17-strong staff in Texas. In San Antonio, the group employs three full-time staff and three contractors.” [San Antonio Express-News, [4/4/15](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Opened An Office In Mission Texas On November 30, 2015. According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative South Texas field director Jorge Martinez, “First day at our new @LIBREinitiative offices in @CityOfMissionTX! #RGV #BeLIBRE” [Jorge Martinez – Twitter, [11/30/15](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Announced That It Would Form A Palo Alto College Chapter At The Palo Alto College Student Club Rush On February 3, 2016. According to The LIBRE Initiative, “Palo Alto College Student Club Rush[:] Wednesday, Feb 3, 2016 – 09:00 AM [...] We will be forming a chapter at this event at Palo Alto College!” [LIBRE Initiative, accessed [1/28/16](#)]

Virginia

The LIBRE Initiative Opened Their First Office In Virginia On February 6, 2016 At 3274 Golansky Blvd. In Woodbridge. According to the Prince William Times, “LIBRE Initiative opened its first office in Virginia on Saturday, Feb. 6. [...] The office, located at 3274 Golansky Blvd., Woodbridge, offers a variety of programs and services for the large Prince William Hispanic community.” [Prince William Times, [2/12/16](#)]

Wisconsin

The LIBRE Initiative Announced That Was In The Process Of Hiring A State Field Director Based In The Milwaukee Area. According to the Wisconsin Gazette, “The Libre Initiative recently announced that it’s in the process of hiring a state field director based in the Milwaukee area. The new field director won’t have to travel far to coordinate with the group’s national spokeswoman — Rachel Campos-Duffy. She’s wife of Wisconsin congressman Sean Duffy, R-Hayward, a tea party leader.” [Wisconsin Gazette, [12/10/15](#)]

Journal Sentinel: “The LIBRE Initiative Is Now Hiring A State Field Director To Be Based In The Milwaukee Area,” Who Will Be The Second Full-Time Paid Staffer In The State After National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy. According to the Journal Sentinel, “The Libre Initiative is now hiring a state field director to be based in the Milwaukee area. It will be the first full-time paid staffer the group has had in the state, with the exception of its national spokeswoman — Rachel Campos-Duffy, the wife of U.S. Rep. Sean Duffy (R-Wis.)” [Journal Sentinel, [11/29/15](#)]

LIBRE Draws Latinos To Non-Political Events, Collects Their Information, And Shares It With The Koch Brothers’ For-Profit Data Machine

LIBRE Collects Personal Information At “Soft Outreach Events,” And Passes The Data Along To The Koch Brothers’ Database, i360

Harvard University Phd Candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez And Graduate Student Sarah James Found That Between January 2013 And December 2015, 70% Of LIBRE’s Events Consisted Of “Soft Outreach Tactics,” And Almost Half Provided “Non-Policy Information.” According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, “As expected, the vast majority of Libre events, almost 70%, consist of soft outreach tactics. Almost half of Libre’s events provide non-policy information, such as how to file your taxes, best practices for entrepreneurs, and English lessons.” [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

Bloomberg Reported That LIBRE Planned To Share Data From 5 Million Voter Contact Attempts During 2016 With i360. According to Bloomberg, “In 2012, Garza says, about 40 percent of Latinos making more than \$50,000 annually voted for Mitt Romney. This year, he says, his volunteers will knock on 2 million doors and make 5 million phone calls to eligible voters. Details of those visits and calls are shared with i360, a voter database for conservative candidates that’s also funded by the Koch network.” [Bloomberg, [3/17/16](#)]

NYT: LIBRE Collected “Email, Phone Number, And Perhaps An Issue Of Concern” From Attendees Of Their “Community-Focused Events,” Which Is Also Provided To i360. According to the New York Times, “Even at

community-focused events, every attendee is typically asked for some bit of information — email, phone number, and perhaps an issue of concern — which is then provided to both Libre and i360, the Koch network’s voter data operation.” [New York Times, [11/25/15](#)]

Research Firm Latino Decisions Co-Founder Matt Barreto Reported That LIBRE Handed Out “Ideological Material,” Collected Personal Info, And Laid “The Foundation For Republican Candidates To Emphasize The Same Messages.” According to the Washington Post, “The LIBRE effort, which backers plan to expand into more presidential battleground states over the next several months, has alarmed many Democrats. “They are making friends and trying to convince you that the Democratic agenda is bad,” said Matt Barreto, co-founder of the research and polling firm Latino Decisions. He said the group hands out ideological material, collects names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers, and is “laying the foundation for Republican candidates to emphasize the same messages.” [Washington Post, [4/30/15](#)]

- **Washington Post: “Everyone Who Came” To A LIBRE Driver’s Test Prep Course In Nevada “Was Asked To Leave Their Names And Contact Information Under A Big Blue Sign That Read, ‘Limited Government, Unlimited Opportunities.’”** According to the Washington Post, “At the drivers’ test prep class on Sunday, the crowd applauded a video touting the American Dream and showing the journey of Garza, the son of a migrant worker from Mexico who went on to work in the White House for President George W. Bush. Rosana Romero, a popular anchor at the local Spanish-language station in Las Vegas, Mundo-Fox, which joined in sponsoring the Sunday event, greeted people as they arrived. Spanish-language TV stations have been reporting on the free classes and interviewing LIBRE officials. Everyone who came was asked to leave their names and contact information under a big blue sign that read, ‘Limited government, Unlimited opportunities.’” [Washington Post, [4/30/15](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Conducted An Online Survey Asking Respondents Who They Were “More Likely To Vote For In The 2016 Presidential Election,” With A Disclaimer That They Might Share Information With “Affiliates, Associates And Any Other Freedom Focused Entities For Similar Purposes.” According to a LIBRE Initiative web survey, “Which of these candidates are you more likely to vote for in the 2016 Presidential Election? Bernie Sanders[,] Carly Fiorina[,] Donald Trump[,] Hillary Clinton[,] Jeb Bush[,] Marco Rubio[,] Ted Cruz[,] Other[,] Undecided [...] By providing us with your name, address, email address, and phone number, you agree that we may use the information to send you alerts and other messages about topics and developments we think may be of interest to you. You agree that we may also contact you about other activities and fundraising campaigns, and that we may share your information with our affiliates, associates and any other freedom focused entities for similar purposes.” [LIBRE Initiative, accessed [2/15/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Florida Director Cesar Grajales Told El Nuevo Dia That 600 People Filled Out Surveys With Personal Information Asking For Advice For Moving From Puerto Rico To Florida. According to the American Bridge translation of an article by El Nuevo Dia, “Cesar Grajales, director of The LIBRE Initiative in Florida, said that at the event in San Juan, many of those who visited the table of his group, a nonprofit organization that offers guidance on financial management, asked about employment opportunities in Central Florida. [...] Among those who participated in the Florida Expo, 600 filled out surveys with personal information at the LIBRE Initiative’s kiosk, Grajales said in an interview with this publication. ‘We are the bridge that allows them to integrate quickly,’ pointing out that the LIBRE Initiative has offices in Orlando, Kissimmee, Tampa, and Miami.” [El Nuevo Dia, [3/13/16](#)]

- **Grajales Said That Starting On March 14, 2016, His Staff Would Begin Contacting Puerto Ricans Who Filled Out A LIBRE Survey About Their Plans For Moving To Florida.** According to the American Bridge translation of an article by El Nuevo Dia, “Among those who participated in the Florida Expo, 600 filled out surveys with personal information at the LIBRE Initiative’s kiosk, Grajales said in an interview with this publication. ‘We are the bridge that allows them to integrate quickly,’ pointing out that the LIBRE Initiative has offices in Orlando, Kissimmee, Tampa, and Miami. ‘Many of them told us that they want to move, but they are lost, and said that nobody has guided them,’ said Grajales, mentioning that starting tomorrow, Monday, his staff has the task of contacting those who filled out surveys to follow up on their plans.” [El Nuevo Dia, [3/13/16](#)]

The Kochs Spent Tens Of Millions Of Dollars Building Up Their Voter Database, Which Can Only Be Used By Koch-Approved Candidates

Politico: The Kochs “Are Pumping Tens Of Millions Of Dollars Into A Data Company That’s Developing Detailed, State-Of-The-Art Profiles Of 250 Million Americans,” Giving Their Operation “All The Earmarks Of A National Party.” According to Politico, “The Koch brothers and their allies are pumping tens of millions of dollars into a data company that’s developing detailed, state-of-the-art profiles of 250 million Americans, giving the brothers’ political operation all the earmarks of a national party.” [Politico, [12/8/14](#)]

- **Bloomberg Reported That The i360 App Is “Available Only To Those Candidates And Causes Seen To Advance The Kochs’ Priorities” At A Price “Three Times” Lower Than Comparable Packages, Suggesting “Less Interest In Revenue Than Electoral Returns.”** According to Bloomberg, “They make the i360 app available only to those candidates and causes seen to advance the Kochs’ priorities, at a cost that suggests less interest in revenue than electoral returns. One presidential campaign was quoted a price from VoterGravity three times what i360 did for use of its comparable package, according to a campaign aide who asked not to be identified.” [Bloomberg, [1/28/16](#)]

LIBRE Gave Out Free Turkeys, Flu Shots, And Backpacks At Non-Political Community Events Where Many Were “Unaware” Of LIBRE’s Political Motives

Univision: The LIBRE Initiative Handed Out Free Backpacks To Hispanic Parents, Many Of Whom Were Unaware Of The Group’s Ties To The Republican Koch Brothers. For Jose Cabrera and other low-income Hispanic parents, there may be no better way to start the school year than with a free backpack. With that hook, hundreds of them recently attended an event in Doral, in south Florida, organized by LIBRE Initiative, an organization that promotes conservative ideas among Hispanics. Their money comes in large part from groups associated with the powerful brothers Charles and David Koch, the biggest Republican donors. Few parents in Doral seemed to know LIBRE’s message.” [Univision, [8/17/15](#)]

New York Times: The LIBRE Initiative Offered Free Flu Shots And Free Turkeys At A “Largely Hispanic And Mostly Poor” Crowd At The Alpha Omega Megachurch In Miami. According to the New York Times, “Volunteers for the Libre Initiative distributed free turkeys during an event at the Alpha Omega church in Miami. [...] MIAMI — The crowd that lined up around a megachurch here last week — largely Hispanic and mostly poor — came for the Saturday services, but also for the free flu shots that were being offered in the church, and for the Thanksgiving turkeys being given away just outside. [...] The approach — a free Thanksgiving turkey in exchange for some personal information — captures the mission of Libre, a multimillion-dollar effort financed by the conservative billionaire Kochs and devoted to winning over Hispanics, with the message that economic freedom and smaller-government principles will yield opportunity and prosperity.” [New York Times, [11/25/15](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Announced That It Would Give Out 400 Toys At A Parade Hosted “In Partnership With Actualidad Radio En Miami And South Dade Toyota.” According to the LIBRE Initiative, “Parada Navideña Alegría[.] Thursday, Dec 10, 2015 - 02:00 PM[.] Thursday, Dec 10, 2015 - 07:00 PM [...] Come to this parade and event hosted by LIBRE in partnership with Actualidad Radio en Miami and South Dade Toyota where we will be giving out 400 toys.” [LIBRE Initiative, accessed [12/10/15](#)]

The LIBRE Institute Announced An “Exclusive Movie Premiere” Of The Young Messiah On March 8, 2016 In Kissimmee, FL. According to a tweet by The LIBRE Institute, “Come to our exclusive premiere of @youngmessiahMOV in Central FL! [...] Tuesday, March 8, 2016[.] Regal Cinemas The Loop 16 & RPX[.] 3232 N. John Young Parkway, Kissimmee, FL 34741[.] 6:00PM[.] Must RSVP to Attend[.] *FREE EVENT*[.] *Includes 1 Complimentary Popcorn & Drink*” [LIBRE Initiative – Twitter, [2/23/16](#)]

The LIBRE Institute Announced That It Would Host A Concert With Christian Artists Brothers Medina And Karina Moreno On February 26, 2016 In Las Vegas. According to The LIBRE Institute, “The LIBRE Institute will host a concert with Christian artists Brothers Medina and Karina Moreno [...] 26 Feb Concert Calvary Chapel [...] 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm MST [...] Calvary Chapel Lone Mountain[.] 4295 N Rancho Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89130” [LIBRE Institute, accessed [2/24/16](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Announced That It Would Be Celebrating National Women’s History Month With An Event Featuring Motor Sports Association Executive Alana France At St. Thomas University In Miami Gardens, FL On March 16. According to an image tweeted by LIBRE Initiative Florida coalitions coordinator Armando Arana, “Come celebrate National Women’s History Month with The LIBRE Initiative and Alana France, International Motor Sports Association Executive. [...] St. Thomas University[.] Goldbloom Convocation Hall[.] 16401 NW 37th Ave. Miami Gardens, FL 33054 [...] Wednesday[.] March 16, 2016[.] 12:15pm – 1:30pm” [Armando Arana – Twitter, [3/2/16](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Announced An Event Celebrating Easter In Tampa, FL At The Oakwood Community Church. According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative staff member Jeandelize Burgos, “Easter Egg Hunt[.] The LIBRE Initiative and Grupo Vida invite you to to celebrate Easter with the whole family! Egg Hunt, prizes, popcorn, cotton candy, face painting for the kids, egg dying, and more! Saturday, March 26, 2016[.] 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM[.] Oakwood Community Church[.] 11209 Casey Rd. Tampa, FL 33618” [Jeandelize Burgos – Twitter, [3/14/16](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative “Teamed Up” With A Local Raleigh Area Movie Theatre And A Youth Soccer Team” To Host A Watch Party For The April 2016 “El Clasico” Soccer Game. According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative staff member Vanessa Faura, “Teamed up with a local Raleigh area movie theatre and a youth soccer team for a El Clasico Watch Party.” [Vanessa Faura – Twitter, [4/2/16](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Announced An Event Called “Farm Share Tampa,” Where Good And Produce Would Be Distributed “To The Tampa Community” On April 16, 2016. According to a tweet by The LIBRE Initiative, “Come help us distribute food and produce to the Tampa community at 1pm on Saturday 4/16. [...] Join us this Saturday for Farm Share Tampa” [LIBRE Initiative – Twitter, [4/12/16](#)]

LIBRE Pushed Their Agenda With Seminars And Informational Events Intended To “Inform Latinos” On Issues Like DACA And Tax Law

National Puerto Rican Chamber Of Commerce, The LIBRE Initiative And Credit Junction Co-Hosted A Seminar “For Veterans Interested In Small Business” At The University Of Central Florida. According to a press release from the National Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce, “On Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 16th, The National Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce (NPRChamber), in partnership with the Libre Initiative and Credit Junction, co-hosted a seminar for veterans interested in small business. The event was held at the University of Central Florida and kicked off a series of national events catering to the needs of Hispanic veterans.” [National Puerto Rican Chamber of Commerce press Release, [5/27/15](#)]

In February Of 2016, The LIBRE Institute Announced A Free Event In Richmond, VA To Feature “Financial Experts” Discussing “New Rules And Regulations” For The Upcoming Tax Season; The Event Included A Free Dinner. According to a tweet by The LIBRE Institute, “Tax Preparation Do’s And Don’ts [...] Dine with us and learn how to protect your hard earned assets in order to achieve your American Dream of financial prosperity. Hear from financial experts about the new rules and regulations that will affect you and your business in the upcoming tax season [...] Tuesday, February 23, 2016[.] 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM [...] Lalo’s Cocina[.] 2617 W Broad St, Richmond, VA 23220 [...] *Dinner Provided with Registration* *FREE EVENT*” [LIBRE Institute – Twitter, [2/7/16](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Announced An Event Featuring BB&T Vice President Aldo Elguera On Business Improvement. According to the American Bridge translation of an image tweeted by LIBRE Initiative eastern coalitions coordinator Helena Ramirez, “Lunch and Training[.] Learn how to improve your business today! [...] Invited speaker: Aldo Elguera[.] Vice President of BB&T for the Washington, DC region[.] Learn how to write a business plan to have success in your industry, beat the competition, promote your product, and manage your finances.” [Helena Ramirez – Twitter, [2/16/16](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Announced That It Would Be Hosting A Program “To Inform Latinos” About Immigration Law With A Pentecostal Congregation In Hillard, OH. According to The LIBRE Initiative, “Join us for this first-ever informational event with a Pentecostal congregation in the Columbus area. We will host this program to inform Latinos about recent changes & updates in immigration law, such as DACA and DAPA. [...] Sunday, Feb 28, 2016 - 03:00 PM | Sunday, Feb 28, 2016 - 03:00 PM [...] 3500 Mill Run, Hillard, OH 43026” [LIBRE Initiative, accessed [2/16/16](#)]

LIBRE Offered Services To Latinos In Need As Part Of A “Long-Range Plan” To Build Their Presence In Local Communities

The LIBRE Initiative Announced That It Will Be “Partnering Up With Immigration Attorneys” And A “Community Partner That Is Licensed And Specialized In Assisting With Citizenship Applications” For An Event On January 16, 2016 In Doral, FL. According to the LIBRE Initiative, “Hazte Ciudadano Doral [Becoming a Citizen – Doral] [...] Saturday, Jan 16, 2016 – 10:00 AM [...] LIBRE will be partnering up with immigration attorneys, CODI (a community partner that is licensed and specialized in assisting with citizenship applications and answering general questions) & media to provide individuals throughout south Florida interested in becoming US citizens the opportunity to have an overview of the process, listen to LIBRE message, have their questions answered and if necessary get legal counseling.” [LIBRE Initiative, accessed [1/6/15](#)]

Washington Post Reported That The LIBRE Initiative “Started Offering Latinos Tax Preparation Help, Wellness Checkups, Scholarships And Food Giveaways In Texas, Colorado, Florida And Other States.” According to the Washington Post, “In addition to driver’s license classes, LIBRE has started offering Latinos tax preparation help, wellness checkups, scholarships and food giveaways in Texas, Colorado, Florida and other states. It has bought ads touting the “free market,” smaller government and school choice, and its officials are a growing presence on Spanish-language news stations talking about the virtues of ‘self-reliance.’” [Washington Post, [4/30/15](#)]

NPR: Efforts By The LIBRE Initiative To Get Undocumented People To Apply For Driver Authorization Cards Were Part Of A “Long-Range Plan By The Koch Network To Build A Seamless And Legal System Of Local Community And National Politics.” According to NPR, “[PETER OVERBY:] ‘In Nevada, a group called the Libre Initiative has been running a well-publicized grassroots campaign. Las Vegas TV station KLAS reported on it earlier this year.’ (SOUNDBITE OF ARCHIVED RECORDING) [RONALD] NAJARRO: ‘A year since Nevada first started issuing undocumented people driver’s licenses, organizers at the Libre Initiative are working to get more people to the DMV and apply for the driver authorization card also known as DAC.’ [OVERBY:] ‘It’s one small part of a long-range plan by Koch Network to build a seamless and legal system of local community and national politics.’” [NPR, [10/12/15](#)]

- **LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Garza Said That The LIBRE Initiative Helps Both Undocumented Latinos And U.S. Citizens Obtain Drivers Licenses.** According to the American Bridge transcript a WNYC interview of LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza on The Takeaway with host John Hockenberry, “[HOCKENBERRY:] So you enable undocumented Latinos to get driver’s licenses, or only citizens of the U.S.? [GARZA:] Uh, both. Wherever the law allows anybody to get a driver’s license so that they can drive safely on the road, so that they can travel safely.” [WNYC, [3/23/16](#)]

The LIBRE Institute Offered To Prepare Taxes For Individuals In Woodbridge, VA Between On Saturdays Between March 12 And April 9, 2016. According to The LIBRE Institute, “The LIBRE Institute will be preparing taxes for individuals in Woodbridge, VA every Saturday from March 12 until April 9.” [LIBRE Institute, accessed [4/5/16](#)]

- **Garza In April 2016: The LIBRE Institute Hosted “Over 17 Events On Financial Literacy In The Past Year.”** According to a press release by The LIBRE Institute, “Daniel Garza, President and Chairman for The LIBRE Institute, released the following statement: ‘At The LIBRE Institute we take this task seriously and have held over 17 events on financial literacy in the past year, across the nation.’” [LIBRE Institute, [4/5/16](#)]

Despite Its Nonpartisan Façade, LIBRE Served As The Republican Party’s Latino Outreach Arm

LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Daniel Garza Pretends That LIBRE’s Policies Only Extraneously Align With The Republican Party

Garza Said That LIBRE Sees The 2016 Election “As An Opportunity To Drive” Free-Market Policies, And “If That Aligns With A Republican...So Be It.” According to TheStreet, “There’s this misconception that we’re building this massive user base so that we can get people to vote Republican,’ [Garza] said. ‘What we want is to advance free-market

policies, that's our goal, so we use an election as an opportunity to drive those issues. If that aligns with a Republican, than [sic] so be it.” [TheStreet, [3/22/16](#)]

Garza: “I Don’t Take My Cues From The Republican Party,” And LIBRE Endorses “Ideas, Not Party Or Candidates.” According to a KERA News interview of LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza with host Rick Holter, “[DANIEL GARZA:] “I can tell you I don't take my cues from the Republican Party, I don't ask for the Republican Party's permission to advance what we advance, much less the Democrat Party. We endorse ideas, not party or candidates and will continue to do so. We're in full compliance with the law in advocating for policies that we feel are going to make society better and the individual freer.” [KERA News, [9/4/15](#)]

LIBRE Encouraged Voters To Support The Republican Party And Its Candidates

TheStreet Reported That The LIBRE Initiative “Had Been Working To Encourage Voters Not To Vote For” Hillary Clinton Or Sen. Bernie Sanders. According to TheStreet, “In Arizona, the Koch brothers' Republican-leaning Libre Initiative had been working to encourage voters not to vote for Clinton or Sanders.” [TheStreet, [3/23/16](#)]

LIBRE VP Jorge Lima Said That One Party Thinks The Government Should Control And Plan Our Lives From Washington, While Another Thinks That More Power Should Be Given To The People. According to an Entravision interview of CASA In Action executive director Gustavo Torres and LIBRE Initiative vice president Jorge Lima on Perspectiva Nacional with Tsi-Tsi-Ki Felix, “There is a party that thinks the government should control and plan our lives more from Washington. And there is another party that think that the government should give more power to the people to they can be part of a market and do more with their lives.” [Entravision, [4/11/16](#)]

Espuelas: LIBRE Was “Instrumental In Helping Defeat Former Rep. Joe Garcia (D-Fla.) And Electing A Conservative Republican, Carlos Curbelo.” According to an opinion by Univision Network Host and Aspen Institute Fellow Fernando Espuelas in The Hill, “Waging a strategic, highly funded, ruthless war on the air, media appearances and op-eds, Libre was, for example, instrumental in helping defeat former Rep. Joe Garcia (D-Fla.) and electing a conservative Republican, Carlos Curbelo, who most likely would not have won this close election without the massive injection of Koch cash.” [Fernando Espuelas – The Hill, [4/1/15](#)]

- **Espuelas: LIBRE “Has Either Helped Turn Out The Hispanic Vote For Republicans, Or More Significantly And Threatening To Democrats, Depressed The Latino Vote.”** According to an opinion by Univision Network Host and Aspen Institute Fellow Fernando Espuelas in The Hill, “In fact, across races in 2014, Libre (in an Orwellian turn of phrase, it means ‘Liberty’ in Spanish) has either helped turn out the Hispanic vote for Republicans, or more significantly and threatening to Democrats, depressed the Latino vote even as they've advocated for policies that directly and adversely impact American Latinos.” [Fernando Espuelas – The Hill, [4/1/15](#)]

LIBRE Executive Director Daniel Garza: “We Intend To Double Down Our Efforts” To Gain The Hispanic Vote, Republicans “Don’t Need To Win A Majority, Just Inch It Up.” According to the Washington Post, “Daniel Garza, the executive director of LIBRE, the Koch-backed initiative offering free services to Hispanics in many battleground states, said Republicans cannot afford to have the Democrats win 71 percent of the Hispanic vote, as Obama did in 2012. ‘We intend to double down our efforts’ in this ‘constituency at a crossroads,’ Garza said. Republicans ‘don’t need to win a majority, just inch it up.’” [Washington Post, [6/21/15](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Spokeswoman Rachel Campos Duffy Was Featured At The Republican National Hispanic Assembly Of Illinois’s Biennial Convention. According to the Illinois Review, “The Republican National Hispanic Assembly of Illinois (ILRNHA) held their biennial convention this week at the Diplomat West Banquet Hall in Elmhurst. Among the guests participating in the program were Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti, National Spokeswoman for the Libre Initiative Rachel Campos Duffy, Illinois Comptroller Leslie Munger, IL Republican Party Chairman Tim Schneider, AM560 Morning show host Dan Proft, DuPage County GOP Chair Darlene Ruscitti and College of DuPage Board Member Kathy Hamilton.” [Illinois Review, [4/24/15](#)]

- **Campos Duffy In Her Remarks To The Illinois Republicans: “I Hope That You Will All Be Happy Warriors. Get Out There. Our Ideas Sell. They Sell To Hispanics. They Sell To Young People.”** According to the Illinois Review, “Among the guests participating in the program were Lt. Governor Evelyn Sanguinetti, National

Spokeswoman for the Libre Initiative Rachel Campos Duffy, Illinois Comptroller Leslie Munger, IL Republican Party Chairman Tim Schneider, AM560 Morning show host Dan Proft, DuPage County GOP Chair Darlene Ruscitti and College of DuPage Board Member Kathy Hamilton. Closing her remarks to the group, Campos Duffy said, “I hope that you will all be happy warriors. Get out there. Our ideas sell. They sell to Hispanics. They sell to young people. We just have to be courageous and vocal and never tire.” [Illinois Review, [4/24/15](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Communications Director Brian Faughnan Tweeted That Hunter Baker, GOP Candidate In Tennessee’s 8th Congressional District, Was A “Really Great Person.” According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative communications director Brian Faughnan, “.@hunterbaker is a really great person.” [Brian Faughnan – Twitter, [4/19/16](#)]

LIBRE Has Only Hosted Events With Republican Candidates

Harvard University Phd Candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez And Graduate Student Sarah James Found That Between January 2013 And December 2015, LIBRE Only Featured Republican Elected Officials At Events. According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, “If an event description states that the organizations brings together the audience with an elected member (at any level of government), we code this as “party/partisanship.” In each of these events, Libre connects its target audience to only Republican elected officials.” [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

Washington Post: The LIBRE Forum, With Guest Speaker Rand Paul, Was The First Time The LIBRE Initiative “Put A Presidential Candidate In Front Of Voters.” According to the Washington Post, “This was the first ‘LIBRE forum,’ the first time the group -- funded by the vast Koch donor network -- would put a presidential candidate in front of voters.” [Washington Post, [9/18/15](#)]

Associated Press: The LIBRE Initiative Announced That It Would Host Jeb Bush At A Forum On October 21 At The College Of Southern Nevada In North Las Vegas; The Forum Will Address “The Economy, Education, Health Care And Immigration.” According to the Associated Press, “Jeb Bush is the latest Republican presidential candidate to flock to Nevada for a discussion series aimed at conservative Hispanics. The Libre Initiative is hosting the former Florida governor at a forum on Oct. 21 at the College of Southern Nevada in North Las Vegas. The event is billed as an opportunity for questions about issues important to the Hispanic community, including the economy, education, health care and immigration.” [Associated Press via Las Vegas Sun, [10/13/15](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Daniel Garza And Nevada Field Director Juan Martinez Met With Rep. Joe Heck In Las Vegas “To Discuss Ways” To “Remove Barriers To Opportunity.” According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza, “Juan Martinez @LibertyVegas and I met w @RepJoeHeck in Vegas to discuss ways we can remove barriers to opportunity”



[Daniel Garza – Twitter, [4/4/16](#)]

- **Heck And Garza Spoke About “How Free-Market Policies Can Grow Our Economy.”** According to a tweet by Rep. Joe Heck, “Spoke w/ Daniel Garza, Executive Dir. of @LIBREinitiative, abt how free-market policies can grow our economy #NV03” [Joe Heck – Twitter, [4/4/16](#)]

LIBRE Has Functioned As The GOP’s Latino Outreach Arm

The Associated Press Reported That The LIBRE Initiative Was Part Of The GOP’s Long-Term Minority Outreach Plan. According to the Associated Press, “A GOP effort to send hundreds of party workers into minority communities across the country will continue long after this year’s midterm elections are over, the chairman of the Republican National Committee said Tuesday. [...] The RNC effort, which includes voter registration drives and numerous community meetings, is one of many launched by Republicans this election cycle. The Republican State Leadership Committee has been working to recruit black, Latino and female GOP candidates for state-level offices. And the billionaire Koch brothers have been helping to fund the Libre Initiative, which looks to make inroads among Hispanic voters through conservative-led outreach efforts such as offering English classes, health checkups and courses to help Spanish-speakers earn high school diplomas.” [Associated Press, [8/19/14](#)]

Research Firm Latino Decisions Co-Founder Matt Barreto: LIBRE “Hands Out Ideological Material,” Collects Personal Info, And Is “Laying The Foundation For Republican Candidates To Emphasize The Same Messages.” According to the Washington Post, “The LIBRE effort, which backers plan to expand into more presidential battleground states over the next several months, has alarmed many Democrats. ‘They are making friends and trying to convince you that the Democratic agenda is bad,’ said Matt Barreto, co-founder of the research and polling firm Latino Decisions. He said the group hands out ideological material, collects names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers, and is ‘laying the foundation for Republican candidates to emphasize the same messages.’” [Washington Post, [4/30/15](#)]

La Voz Contributor David Conde: “The Libre Agenda Is To Use A Soft Sale To Convert Latinos To The Republican Agenda.” According to an opinion by contributor David Conde for La Voz, “One of the more recent Koch brothers funded conservative organizations is the Libre Initiative founded by Daniel Garza in 2011. This 501(c)4 entity is supposedly non-partisan, but given the fact that Mr. Garza is a former Republican political operative, it is not surprising that part of the Libre agenda is to use a soft sale to convert Latinos to the Republican agenda.” [David Conde – La Voz, [6/10/15](#)]

Garza To The Audience At The 2016 Pennsylvania Leadership Conference: “You And I, We’re Interdependent...We Need Each Other.” According to the American Bridge transcript of a speech by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza at the 2016 Pennsylvania Leadership Conference, “You and I, we’re interdependent. In order to have a thriving Latino community, you need a thriving America. And in order to having a thriving America, you need a thriving Latino community. We need each other. And united, we need to be defending the free market system, so we can remove barriers to opportunity, so we can have prosperity, and that public policy allows people to thrive. I hope you’ll join me.” [Pennsylvania Leadership Council, [4/2/16](#)]

LIBRE’s Staff Is Full Of Republican Insiders

BuzzFeed: Jesus Marquez, A Member Of Jeb Bush’s “National Hispanic Leadership Committee,” Is Also An Independent Contractor For The LIBRE Initiative. According to BuzzFeed, “Many of them are experienced operatives and they’re part of the Jeb Bush campaign’s national Hispanic leadership committee — 228 altogether across 20 states and two territories, an effort to show and fortify the candidate’s commitment to the Latino community. [...] One of the members, Jesus Marquez, has a radio show in Nevada, serves as a strategist for campaigns and is an independent contractor for the LIBRE Initiative, the Koch-funded conservative Latino group. He knows northwest Las Vegas well and he’s knocking on doors, asking Republican voters who they support in the primary and what issues they care about most. ‘It may surprise some, but immigration is not the number one issue we hear about when we knock on doors,’ he said. ‘It’s the economy.’” [BuzzFeed, [10/15/15](#)]

Ruth Guerra, The RNC’s Director Of Hispanic Media, Worked As The LIBRE Initiative’s “First National Press Secretary.” According to Fox News, “As Director of Hispanic Media at the Republican National Committee (RNC), Ruth Guerra, at just 26 years old, leads the charge to ensure that her party’s message is engaging more Latinos than ever before. [...] After college, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she was hired as an aide for Rep. Sam Johnson, a Texas Republican, and in just six months was offered a press secretary position for Rep. Mario Diaz Balart, a Florida Republican, on Capitol Hill.

There she caught the attention of The LIBRE Initiative, which hired her as the non-profit's first national press secretary.” [Fox News, [4/7/15](#)]

LIBRE Initiative National Strategic Director Jose Mallea Was One Of The Jeb Bush Advisers Scheduled To Address A Gathering Of Bush’s Top Funders “At An Oceanfront Luxury Hotel.” According to the Wall Street Journal, “Jeb Bush’s top donors are hearing Monday from a range of his policy advisers and political supporters whose biographies offer a flavor of his anticipated presidential campaign. The panelists addressing 350 top donors gathered at an oceanfront luxury hotel include Sally Bradshaw, his former chief of staff; Mike Murphy, a longtime political adviser; David Kochel, an Iowa-based political consultant; Heather Larrison, the former fundraiser for the Republican Governors Association; Justin Muzinich, a former hedge fund director; and pollster David Hill. Talking about ‘Jeb’s story’ will be Jeb Bush Jr., his son; Helen Aguirre Ferre, host of a local public affairs television show; Jose Mallea, national strategic director of the Libre Initiative; Cesar Martinez, a Hispanic media consultant; and Ana Navarro, a television commentator who has advised presidential campaigns on Hispanic issues.” [Wall Street Journal, [4/27/15](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Daniel Garza And National Spokespeople Marilinda Garcia And Rachel Campos-Duffy Were Name To Newsmax’s 50 Most Influential Latino Republicans. According to Newsmax, “Newsmax has gathered a list of the top 50 most influential Latino Republicans. From state governors, representatives, and mayors, to businessmen and women, pundits, and commentators, this collection of people truly demonstrates what rich flavor Latino Republicans add to our country's political scene. [...] 35. Daniel Garza — Executive director of the conservative LIBRE Initiative, he was appointed the the [sic] associate director of the Office of Public Liaison in the White House in 2004. [...] 42. Marilinda Garcia — Considered a rising star by the Republican National Committee, she is a former member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives who was elected in 2006 when she was just 23. [...] 50. Rachel Campos-Duffy — She started out on MTV's ‘The Real World: San Francisco,’ where her Republican values sometimes caused her to clash with her housemates. Since then, she's become a noted TV personality with many appearances on “The View” over the years. She is married to Sean Duffy, a Republican U.S. representative from Wisconsin.” [Newsmax, [2/24/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative National Spokeswoman Rachel Campos-Duffy Was Named To Gov. Scott Walker’s 10-Person “Future Of The Family Commission.” According to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, “The Future of the Family Commission will present recommendations to the Republican governor in December. Walker said he hoped the 10-person panel would find ways to help successful families as well as those facing challenges or breakdowns. [...] [M]embers include [...] Rachel Campos-Duffy, a spokeswoman for The LIBRE Initiative and former reality television star who is also the wife of U.S. Rep. Sean Duffy (R-Wis.) and the mother of seven children[.]” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [1/27/16](#)]

Former LIBRE Initiative Consultant Javi Correoso Worked As An Advisor On Sen. Marco Rubio’s 2016 Presidential Campaign. According to Florida Politics, “PERSONNEL NOTE – UBER HIRES EX-MARCO RUBIO ADVISER, GROWING FLORIDA TEAM via Patricia Mazzei of the Miami Herald – The company has hired Javi Correoso as its public affairs manager for the state ... fresh off Rubio’s presidential campaign, where he worked as the Florida and national Hispanic engagement adviser. [...] He was previously a spokesman for the 2014 statewide campaign against a constitutional amendment to legalize medical marijuana, and he consulted on U.S. House and Senate races for the LIBRE Initiative, a conservative Hispanic nonprofit backed by the billionaire Koch brothers. Before that, Correoso was a senior aide to then-U.S. Rep. David Rivera, and executive director of the Miami-Dade Republican Party.” [Florida Politics, [4/12/16](#)]

Bautista-Chavez And James Found That 40% Of LIBRE’s Staffers Had Ties To The Republican Party, “While Only 2% Have Ties To The Democratic Party And 2% Have Ties To The Libertarian Party.” According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, “Using staff biographies on the Libre Initiative’s website and public LinkedIn profiles, we have evidence to show that 40% of staff members have ties to the Republican Party, while only 2% have ties to the Democratic Party and 2% have ties to the Libertarian Party.” [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

- **Bautista-Chavez And James Wrote That LIBRE Leaders And Staff Had “Extensive Experience Working With State And National Republican Candidates And Even The Republican National Committee.”** According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, “Using staff biographies on the Libre Initiative’s website and public LinkedIn profiles, we have evidence to show that 40% of staff members have ties to the Republican Party, while only 2% have ties to the Democratic Party and 2% have ties to the Libertarian Party. That is, Libre leaders and staff have extensive experience working

with state and national Republican candidates and even the Republican National Committee.” [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Vice President Of Operations And Policy Jorge Lima Served As Strategic Policy Advisor To Puerto Rican Governor Luis Fortuño Prior To Joining LIBRE. According to The LIBRE Initiative, “Jorge Lima is the Vice President of Operations and Policy at The LIBRE Initiative. Having worked in both the private and public sector, Jorge brings extensive experience in policy development and a keen understanding of the impact policies have on our economy, businesses and communities. Prior to joining LIBRE, Lima served as Strategic Policy Advisor to Governor Luis Fortuño of Puerto Rico.” [LIBRE Initiative, accessed [4/20/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative National Director Ivette Fernandez Served As Associate Director For The Office Of Public Liaison During The George W. Bush Administration. According to NBC News, “Ivette Fernandez, associate director for the Office of Public Liaison in the George W. Bush administration, said her parents moved to Alaska where she had her quinceañera, leading people unfamiliar with the tradition to believe her parents were trying to marry her off.” [NBC News, [4/20/16](#)]

- **Fernandez Worked At The Office Of Sen. Lisa Murkowski Before Working On Her Re-Election Campaign And Administration.** According to NBC News, “Through a client who went to her mother's beauty shop, Fernandez learned about and a job opening with Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, and got the job. She later got involved in his [*sic*] re-election campaign and then his [*sic*] administration.” [NBC News, [4/20/16](#)]

LIBRE Targeted Their Events To Swing States

Bautista-Chavez And James Found That LIBRE Focused Events On “States That Mitt Romney Marginally Won Or Lost” In The 2012 Election. According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, “We find that GenOpp and Libre further divide their respective constituencies into targetable subgroups based on electoral geography and the potential for upward mobility. Geographically, we find that both Libre and GenOpp focus their events in states that Mitt Romney marginally won or lost the 2012 election.” [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

- **Bautista-Chavez And James Found That LIBRE Prioritized “Events In States Based On A Mix Of Both Latino Presence And Swing State Status.”** According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, “We might expect that organizations seeking to recruit new constituencies might target areas with high concentrations of the group in question. Consequently, we first examine whether Libre and GenOpp concentrate their events in states with large Latino and Millennial populations. We find that Libre prioritizes events in states based on a mix of both Latino presence and swing state status, while GenOpp seems to focus its efforts almost entirely in electoral swing states.” [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

Bautista-Chavez And James Found That “Only 2 Percent” Of LIBRE Initiative Events Between January 2013 And December 2015 Were Located In California, Despite The State Having The Largest Latino Population In The U.S. According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, “[I]f Libre pursued a strict population strategy, we would expect Libre to concentrate its outreach efforts in California. Yet, only 2 percent of Libre events are located in California – the state with the greatest Latino population in the United States.” [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

Bautista-Chavez And James Found That LIBRE “Only Hosts 1% Of Its Events In New Mexico, The State With The Largest Share Of Latinos.” According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, “Interestingly, Libre only hosts 1% of its events in New Mexico, the state with the largest share of Latinos.” [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

LIBRE Has Spent Years Misleading Voters On Immigration

LIBRE JILTED MILLIONS OF VULNERABLE LATINO FAMILIES BY BASHING DACA AND DAPA

LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Daniel Garza Attacked Obama's Executive Order As "Pandering" and "Dangerous." According to Garza: "Immigration policies should be market driven, not politically motivated. The foundation of individual liberty is rule of law, not what is politically expedient. More importantly, federal immigration reform must be hammered out by those elected by the people to be our voice in Congress, not the act of one person. It is pandering, it is dangerous, and it is not the American way." [FoxNews Latino, [6/12/12](#)]

VIDEO: LIBRE National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy Called Obama's Executive Order And DACA An "Illegal Move" Said "Executive Order For DACA Caused An Influx Of Tens Of Thousands Of Children From Central America." According to a CNN interview transcript with Rachel Campos-Duffy, "CAMPOS-DUFFY: 'The president's executive order, another illegal move that he made this last summer, and executive order for DACA caused an influx of tens of thousands of children from Central America, and it freaked people out. That's what happened.'" [CNN Transcript, [11/9/14](#); CNN Transcript, [11/9/14](#)]

Campos-Duffy: DACA "Ruined" Immigration Reform Progress In Congress And "Scared Everybody" Because There Were "A Lot Of Unintended Consequences" To It. According to the transcript of an interview with Rachel Campos-Duffy on the *Malzberg Show* on NewsMax.com, "Everybody sort of agreed that the children were the innocent victims in this whole situation and there was a lot of consensus among the most powerful members of the House, Cantor and Boehner and Paul Ryan that in the very least, we could come up with a solution for the dreamers. And as soon as that started to ferment and come into fruition, it started to look like it was going to happen, what does the president do? He did DACA. He used an executive order, and again, it created this chaos. It was what started the whole influx of children from Central America over into the border and what did that do? That, again, right when the House was ready to deal with the idea of a big immigration reform bill, it ruined everything. It scared everybody. And they were like, wait a minute. There's a lot of unintended consequences to DACA and it created a, really, a stop there." [NewsMax – *Malzberg Show*, [2014](#)]

Garza In March 2015: "We Have Made Our Feelings Known About DAPA, The Other One... That We Felt Was Executive Overreach." According to testimony from LIBRE executive director Daniel Garza before the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee, "DANIEL GARZA: 'We have made our feelings known about DAPA, the other one, that we felt was-' SEN. GARY PETERS: 'DAPA?' GARZA: 'DAPA, right, exactly, that we felt was executive overreach. That the President must have the permission and consent of congress before moving on a policy that confers benefits onto anyone. That that is the role of lawmakers and that he should respect that role. So that there isn't opportunity for rescinding that law so that folks do not enlist and then they're exposed to deportation possibility. And they're victims of a good-faith effort on their part.'" [Daniel Garza – Testimony to the Senate, [3/26/15](#)]

Garza Said "The Problem With" The Deferred Action For Parental Accountability (DAPA) Program 'Is That It Doesn't Honor Our System Of A Republic.' According to Latin Post, "The Deferred Action for Parental Accountability (DAPA) program, which was announced by Obama in November 2014 but not yet implemented, also has its concerns from the organization. 'The problem with [DAPA] is that it doesn't honor our system of a republic,' said Garza. 'We elected our congressmen and our senators, and, as a president, you have to execute the law based on the consent and will of and approvals of Congress, and when you don't do that, you circumvent the process and put us in a position we're at now where a court may rescind or eliminate DACA or DAPA and then expose all these folks that signed on in good faith.'" [Latin Post, [4/28/15](#)]

Garza: DAPA "Was Implemented Unilaterally, And Without Public Input," And It Made Changes That "The President Himself Had Repeatedly Said Were Beyond His Authority," So "It Would Be No Surprise If It Is Struck Down." According to a press release by The LIBRE Initiative, "The DAPA order was implemented unilaterally, and without public input. It made changes that the president himself had repeatedly said were beyond his authority. It would be no surprise if it is struck down." [LIBRE Initiative, [1/19/16](#)]

Lima Said That Latinos Are Tired Of Immigration Reforms That Only Apply To A Small Number Of People Like DACA And DAPA. According to the American Bridge translation of a Entravision interview of political analyst Maricruz

Magowan and LIBRE Initiative vice president Jorge Lima, “I think we are seeing that, hopefully, these candidates actually want to find a solution [on immigration reform]. We know that is what Senator Marco Rubio has said. Regarding the executive actions and the lack of legislation, Latinos and the country as a whole want a solution, and we are tired of hearing excuses or solutions only for the few. DACA and DAPA are only solutions for half of those who are undocumented in the United States.” [Entravision, [2/28/16](#)]

Garza Wrote That Nobody Should Be Surprised If DAPA Were To Be Overturned, Since It Is Unclear That The Order Follows The Laws And Principles On Which The U.S. Was Founded. According to the American Bridge translation of an opinion by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza for Univision, “In less than two weeks, the Supreme Court will hear arguments for and against the executive order by President Obama for Deferred Action for Parents of Americans (DAPA). [...] Nobody should be surprised if they rule in favor of overturning the order, or if the justices are divided and the lower court ruling is confirmed. The United States needs an immigration reform based on principles consistent with a free and prosperous society: one that grows the economy, provides status for childhood arrivals, and provides relief for millions living in the shadows. However, we need to do so the right way, following the laws and principles on which this country was founded. The President’s executive actions were reckless and irresponsible for that very reason: millions of immigrants now face an uncertain future because nobody – including the President – is sure about the legality of his orders.” [Daniel Garza – Univision, [4/11/16](#)]

- **Garza Wrote That The Latino Community Deserves Something Better Than DAPA.** According to the American Bridge translation of an opinion by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza for Univision, “We must be persistent in demanding a president that is ready to work with Congress and unite all sides to achieve reform that provides much needed relief for our brothers and sisters who live in uncertainty. We deserve something better than DAPA.” [Daniel Garza – Univision, [4/11/16](#)]

Garza Told The Dallas Morning News That Immigration Reform Should Be “Done The Right Way,” And That President Obama’s Policies Did Not Follow Constitutional Law. According to a post by Christine Ayala for The Dallas Morning News’s Trail Blazers Blog, “Daniel Garza, executive director of the nonpartisan LIBRE Initiative, said although immigration reform is past due ‘it must be done the right way,’ noting Obama’s policies were not consistent with constitutional law.” [TrailBlazersBlog.DallasNews.com, [4/18/16](#)]

Garza Said That “Fatal Flaws” With DAPA “Prevent It From Accomplishing Its Stated Goals And Acting As A Valid Exercise Of Enforcement Discretion,” And Added That DAPA “Operates Contrary To Statutory Law.” According to a press release by The LIBRE Initiative, “Daniel Garza, Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: ‘The problem with DAPA is not with its intent, but with the fatal flaws that prevent it from accomplishing its stated goals and acting as a valid exercise of enforcement discretion. While we do not question a president’s prerogative to remedy gaps in law when clear guidance on implementation has not been provided, these actions cannot defy Congressional intent. Specifically, DAPA fails to be consonant with congressional policy, and instead, in many ways, operates contrary to statutory law.’” [LIBRE Initiative, [4/18/16](#)]

LIBRE HAS BEEN INCONSISTENT ON IMMIGRATION REFORM POLICY, AND HAS BUCKLED UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE GOP TO ALTER THEIR PLATFORM

PR Watch: LIBRE “Tries To ‘Rope Less-Informed Activists’ Into Its Fold...By Being Intentionally Vague As To What Its Immigration Agenda Really Is.” According to the Center for Media and Democracy’s PR Watch, “True to its astroturf nature, LIBRE tries to “rope less-informed activists” into its fold to create the appearance of a grassroots movement. It does so by being intentionally vague as to what its immigration agenda really is. The organization’s splash page, for example, is set in stars-and-stripes colors while calling for volunteers for immigration reform. ‘We’re all in it together!’ (‘¡Estamos Contigo Por Una Reforma Migratoria!’) But there are no specifics, no policy document, no FAQ – no mention of the fact that citizenship is not on the table.” [Center for Media and Democracy PR Watch, [2/10/15](#)]

Comprehensive Immigration Reform

LIBRE Talking Heads Supported Comprehensive Immigration Reform Circa 2015...

The Nation In September 2014: The LIBRE Initiative Claimed To Support “Comprehensive Immigration Reform.”

According to The Nation, “LIBRE appears to believe that Hispanics need ‘truth’ more than healthcare or relief from a broken immigration system. Instead of pressing Republicans for comprehensive immigration reform, which LIBRE claims to support, the group has spent millions on ads attacking Obamacare supporters. Meanwhile, Latinos are more likely to be uninsured than any other group in the US, and they’ve lagged behind others in enrollment in the new insurance exchanges.” [Nation, [9/4/14](#)]

- **Campos Duffy In August 2015: Republicans Should Avoid Being “Pulled Into...Extreme Arguments About Birthright” So They Can Focus On Bipartisan Solutions To Achieve Comprehensive Immigration Reform.** According to CNN, “Echoing the sentiments of many of those interviewed for this story, Campos-Duffy, who's personally supporting Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, said Republicans should avoid allowing ‘themselves to be pulled into these extreme arguments about birthright’ and focus instead on solutions that can bridge Republicans and Democrats to achieve comprehensive reform.” [CNN, [8/23/15](#)]

...Before Settling On Watered-Down Reforms Reform To Appease Republicans In 2016

Garza Suggested That, Since Conservatives Think That Latinos Who Become Citizens Would Be Democrats, We Should Enact Reforms That At Least Give Immigrants A Better Way To Integrate And Contribute To Society.

According to the American Bridge translation of an IMPACTO New York interview of LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza with Ximena Hidalgo-Ayala, “[HIDALGO-AYALA:] There are illegal immigrants from every continent. But when talking about illegal immigrants, one immediately thinks of Latinos. Why is that? [GARZA:] Because there are millions of us, and conservatives think that the 11 million that would become citizens would be converted into 11 million Democrats who, expediently, are trying to increase the number of voters. So we need to reconcile differences with a reform that at least gives immigrants a way to better integrate, contribute, open businesses, travel, and pay their taxes.” [IMPACTO New York, [2/5/16](#)]

Work Visas

LIBRE Criticized DAPA In 2015 For Conferring Work Visas Without Congressional Approval...

BuzzFeed Reported That LIBRE “Does Not Support DAPA Because It Confers Work Visas Without Congressional Approval.” According to BuzzFeed, “Latino Victory Project has no intentions of working with any organization on immigration reform that believes we should get rid of DACA or DAPA,” Cristóbal Alex, the group’s president said, referring to the 2012 and 2014 executive actions taken by the Obama administration, which shield young people brought to the country as children and parents of U.S. citizens from deportation, respectively. LIBRE has sought to thread the needle on the issue: The group supports the 2012 program because it is already in place but does not support DAPA because it confers work visas without congressional approval and is held up in court.” [BuzzFeed, [7/25/15](#)]

...Before Criticizing The Senate For Seeking To Place Restrictions On The Visa System In 2016

LIBRE Initiative Policy Analyst Payton Alexander Wrote That Senate Bills That “Seek To Raise Restrictions On The Visa System, Such As Requiring Immigrants To Hold Advanced Degrees,” “Fly In The Face” Of The “Economic, Social, And Cultural Benefits To Immigration.” According to a post by LIBRE Initiative policy analyst Payton Alexander for The LIBRE Initiative’s Blog LIBRE, “Nevertheless, recent bills in the U.S. Senate fly in the face of this growing body of evidence that demonstrates the economic, social, and cultural benefits to immigration; the measures seek to raise restrictions on the visa system, such as requiring immigrants to hold advanced degrees and have many years of overseas work experience.” [TheLIBREInitiative.com/Blog-LIBRE, [4/7/16](#)]

- **Alexander Wrote That The Process To Obtain A Visa Was “Unnecessarily Complicated And Cumbersome,” And Added That “Our Economy Will Thrive If We Have A Flexible And Market-Driven Approach To Immigration.”** According to a post by LIBRE Initiative policy analyst Payton Alexander for The LIBRE Initiative’s

Blog LIBRE, “As it stands, the current process to acquire a visa is unnecessarily complicated and cumbersome. H-1B visas are capped at only 85,000 per year, no matter how many workers or American companies apply for them. Our economy will thrive if we have a flexible and market-driven approach to immigration that doesn’t place unnecessary restrictions on U.S. employers. The evidence is clear: it’s time to let the market do its job.”
[TheLIBREInitiative.com/Blog-LIBRE, [4/7/16](#)]

Path To Citizenship

LIBRE Went From Adamantly Supporting A Path To Citizenship...

Garza: The “Optimum Immigration Reform Would Be A Path To Citizenship For The 11 Million” Immigrants “Who Are Law-Abiding,” Along With Strengthening The Border “And Things Like That.” According to a panel discussion with LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza and former New Mexico governor Bill Richardson hosted by Telemundo and the Columbia University Journalism School with moderator New Yorker staff writer Nicholas Lemann, “For us, the ideal, optimum immigration reform would be a path to citizenship for the 11 million who are law-abiding. And then, of course, strengthen the border and things like that.” [Columbia Journalism School via YouTube, [1/29/16](#)]

NYT: LIBRE Supported A “Broad Overhaul Of The Immigration System, Including A Path To Citizenship,” And Waged A \$1 Million Campaign “In Support Of The Senate’s 2013 Immigration Effort.” According to the New York Times, “Libre, reflecting the Koch’s views, supports a broad overhaul of the immigration system, including a path to citizenship. It waged a campaign in support of the Senate’s 2013 immigration effort, including airing in excess of \$1 million in television ads.” [New York Times, [11/25/15](#)]

...To Settling For Legal Status And Work Visas Under Republican Pressure

TheBlaze: Garza Said That If A Path To Citizenship Is Off The Table, The LIBRE Initiative Would At Least Like Work Visas That “Would Include Job Mobility.” According to TheBlaze, “For Garza and the LIBRE Initiative, the terms of what would make up comprehensive immigration reform are straightforward: If a path to citizenship for otherwise law-abiding workers is off the table, at the very least the group would like to see a work visa bill for those people that would include job mobility.” [TheBlaze, [3/14/16](#)]

- **Garza Said That Work Visas Should Give Workers “The Ability To Get A Raise Or Promoted Or Change Jobs And Change Employers...Job Mobility Is Critical As Part Of The Work Visa Bill.”** According to TheBlaze, “For Garza and the LIBRE Initiative, the terms of what would make up comprehensive immigration reform are straightforward: If a path to citizenship for otherwise law-abiding workers is off the table, at the very least the group would like to see a work visa bill for those people that would include job mobility. ‘In other words, that a person would still have a certain autonomy, that they’re not tied to a job or employer, that they have the ability to get a raise or promoted or change jobs and change employers if it’s in their benefit,’ Garza said. ‘If they’re fired, that they have time to look for another job. Job mobility is critical as part of the work visa bill.’” [TheBlaze, [3/14/16](#)]

Garza: LIBRE Would Support A “Work-Visa Bill” Given Republican Opposition To Legislation That Appears To Implement Full Legalization. According to TheStreet, “Owing to Republican opposition to any legislation that sounds like legalization, Garza says LIBRE would accept a ‘work-visa bill’ that gives undocumented immigrants the ability to remain in the country legally, and the freedom to travel to and from their home country back to the U.S.” [TheStreet, [2/4/16](#)]

2014 Executive Actions

Garza Urged President Obama To Act On Immigration Reform In September 2014...

Garza On President Obama’s Decision To Postpone Immigration Reform: “His Latest Indecision...Erodes Any Hope Of A Permanent, Bipartisan Immigration Solution During This Administration.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “Today the White House announced that the president will not follow through on his prior commitment to revise enforcement of Immigration laws. Instead, he will announce changes after the midterm elections - out of concern for the political ramifications of any announcement. Daniel Garza, Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative released the following statement: ‘Listening to President Obama make his case for executive action one was led to believe that

he was driven by a deep-seated conviction that he was acting on behalf of those seeking to come out of the shadows - and to place the dignity of the individual above all. He said he wanted to do what was best for the nation's economy, to alleviate market forces and honor the integrity of borders. Instead, he is driven strictly by political outcomes. His latest indecision also further undermines the trust of the American people - which has been reflected in his falling approval rating - and erodes any hope of a permanent, bipartisan Immigration solution during this administration.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [9/8/14](#)]

...But When Obama Issued A New Set Of Executive Actions, LIBRE Policy Director Jorge Lima Criticized Their “Potential Negative Impacts,” Such As Encouraging More Immigrants To Enter The U.S.

LIBRE Policy Director Jorge Lima Wrote That The Latino Community Was “Not Blind To The Potential Negative Impacts” Of President Obama’s 2014 Executive Actions, Such As Encouraging More Immigrants To Enter Or Remain In The U.S. According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “The president's unilateral move is no substitute for the sort of legislative Immigration reform Latinos are calling for. While many welcomed the relief, the Hispanic community is not blind to the potential negative impacts of the president's actions - it is temporary, leaves many out, may be overturned in court, and may encourage more immigrants to enter or remain in the U.S. in violation of our laws. This is a serious problem - one that was foreseeable and should have been avoided. If the president wants to earn and keep the support of the Latino community, he needs to start truly listening to their concerns and seek bipartisan solutions.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [12/12/14](#)]

LIBRE Worked Against The Best Interest Of The Latino Community As A Whole, Focused Instead On Political Opportunity

LIBRE TARGETS ITS MESSAGING TO JUST THOSE LATINOS WITH “THE POTENTIAL FOR UPWARD MOBILITY”

Harvard University Phd Candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez And Graduate Student Sarah James Found That The LIBRE Initiative Focused “Their Efforts On Subgroups Within Latinos...That Are Most Likely Aligned With The Values” Of Small Government. According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, “The range of class, education level, nationality, and experience among these groups suggests that Libre and GenOpp may further narrow their focus beyond youth and Latinos. We find that Libre and GenOpp focus their efforts on subgroups within Latinos and youth, respectively, that are most likely aligned with the values small government.” [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

- **Bautista-Chavez And James Found That LIBRE Divided Latinos “Into Targetable Subgroups Based On Electoral Geography And The Potential For Upward Mobility;” LIBRE Was Found To Target “Immigrants, College-Going And Entrepreneurial Latinos.”** According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, “We find that GenOpp and Libre further divide their respective constituencies into targetable subgroups based on electoral geography and the potential for upward mobility. [...] Demographically, we find that Libre targets immigrants, college-going and entrepreneurial Latinos[.]” [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

LIBRE ADVOCATES FOR POLICIES THAT WORK AGAINST LATINO WORKING FAMILIES

LIBRE Opposed Raising The Minimum Wage, Arguing That The “Power To Increase Wages Should Rely On Individuals, Not Government”

Garza Criticized Sen. Bernie Sanders For Arguing That Raising The Minimum Wage Would Address Minority Youth Unemployment; Garza Added That Doubling The Cost Of Labor Would “NOT Get Our Kids Hired.” According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza, “Minority youth unemployment in double-digits, #Bernie's remedy? Hike the minimum wage. Doubling cost of labor WILL NOT get our kids hired.” [Daniel Garza – Twitter, [4/14/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Press Secretary Josh Rivera Wrote That The Issue Of Raising The Minimum Wage Was “Being Used Erroneously As A Judge Of Moral Character.” According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative press secretary Josh Rivera, “The discussion on raising the federal minimum wage, one of the most polarizing in the political field, has recently been highly featured during forums and debates. However, the issue – apart from being used erroneously as a judge of moral character – is often one-sided.” [Josh Rivera – Fox News Latino, [1/13/16](#)]

Rivera: A Minimum Wage Increase “Would Be Particularly Severe For Hispanic Immigrants, Who Tend To Be Concentrated In Low-Wage Occupations.” According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative press secretary Josh Rivera, “As the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) explains, while some workers would receive higher pay, jobs for many low-wage workers would probably be eliminated. The impact of a minimum wage increase would be particularly severe for Hispanic immigrants, who tend to be concentrated in low-wage occupations.” [Josh Rivera – Fox News Latino, [1/13/16](#)]

Rivera: “The Power To Increase Wages Should Rely On Individuals, Not Government...Wages Will Not Rise If The Cost Of Regulations Are Forcing Companies To Shift Profits Away From Workers’ Wages And Toward Government Mandates.” According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative press secretary Josh Rivera, “The power to increase wages should rely on individuals, not government. [...] [N]ew regulations imposed by the White House are costing our economy over \$80 billion every year — an extremely heavy burden at a time when new business startups have dropped to a historic low. Wages will not rise if the cost of regulations are forcing companies to shift profits away from workers’ wages and toward government mandates.” [Josh Rivera – Fox News Latino, [1/13/16](#)]

Raising The Minimum Wage To \$12 Would Benefit Over 8.5 Million Hispanic Workers, Including Over 1.2 Million Single Parents

The Economic Policy Institute Found That Over 8.5 Million Would Be Affected By An Increase In The Minimum Wage To \$12 Per Hour By 2020. According to the Economic Policy Institute, 8,527,000 Hispanics of any race would be directly or indirectly affected by “increasing the federal minimum wage to \$12 per hour by July 2020.” [Economic Policy Institute, [5/7/15](#)]

- **EPI Found That 1,207,000 Single Hispanic Parents Would Be Affected By An Increase In The Minimum Wage To \$12 Per Hour By 2020.** According to the Economic Policy Institute, 1,207,000 single Hispanic parents of any race would be affected by “increasing the federal minimum wage to \$12 per hour by July 2020.” [Economic Policy Institute, [5/7/15](#)]

LIBRE Advocated Siphoning Members Away From Unions Through Right-To-Work Legislation

Garza: Unions “Are Losing A Lot” Of Latino Membership In Right-To-Work States, So “They Don’t Have As Much Influence As They Used To Before.” According to a panel discussion with LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza and former New Mexico governor Bill Richardson hosted by Telemundo and the Columbia University Journalism School with moderator New Yorker staff writer Nicholas Lemann, “The unions, apparently, are losing a lot of membership of Latinos because of right-to-work states. So they don’t have as much influence as they used to before.” [Columbia Journalism School via YouTube, [1/29/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Policy Research Assistant Payton Alexander: “When Membership Is Voluntary, Unions Can Be A Good Thing,” Since A Union’s “Customers” Can “Vote With Their Feet And Leave” When It Fails To Serve Their Interests. According to a post by LIBRE Initiative policy research assistant Payton Alexander for LIBRE Initiative’s Blog LIBRE, “When membership is voluntary, unions can be a good thing. In a free market, an individual worker negotiates the contract of their employment, until the employer and employee reach an agreement that benefits both of them. When all of the workers in a business do the same, the same principle often applies. By the same token, if the union fails to serve the interests of its customers, its customers can vote with their feet and leave. Twenty-five states have right to work laws, guaranteeing workers precisely this freedom.” [TheLibreInitiative.com/blog-LIBRE, [9/17/15](#)]

LIBRE Policy Director Jorge Lima: “The Decision To Join A Union Should Not Be Dictated By Our Laws, Rather It Should Be Left Up To Each Individual Who Can Best Evaluate The Benefits For Their Particular Position.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “Jorge Lima, Policy Director of The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: [...] ‘It’s important to understand the effects of government policies on economic growth - including

federal and state laws intended to allow workers to improve their condition through collective bargaining. But the decision to join a union should not be dictated by our laws, rather it should be left up to each individual who can best evaluate the benefits for their particular position. Such policies which make membership a condition of employment can have negative effects, and we need to understand those and correct them. This study is an important contribution to that debate.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [2/9/15](#)]

Union Membership Gives Latinos An Average Of \$6 To \$7 In Additional Earnings Per Hour

Chicago Reporter: The Bureau Of Labor Statistics Found That Latinos “Average \$6 To \$7 More An Hour If They Belong To Unions.” According to The Chicago Reporter, “[I]t turns out, according to a new study that looks specifically at Rauner’s proposal for local right-to-work zones, that the wage depression it would cause is likely to be particularly harmful to African-American and Latino workers. One reason is that black workers are much more highly unionized than others in Illinois. According to Bureau of Labor Statistics data from 2013, nearly 26 percent of the African-American workforce in Illinois is unionized. For white workers, it’s 15.4 percent; for Latinos, 12.6 percent. And the boost in earnings provided by unionization is greater for African-Americans — more than \$4.60 an hour — and particularly for Latinos, who average \$6 to \$7 more an hour if they belong to unions.” [Chicago Reporter, [5/7/15](#)]

On Health Care, LIBRE Opposed The ACA And Medicaid Expansion

Garza: Even If “Large Majorities Of Latinos” Say They Want Medicaid Expansion, That Issue Doesn’t Have To Be “A Deal Breaker.” According to NBC News, “States that have expanded Medicaid saw the shares of Latinos with insurance grow, while little changed in states that did not, according to the Commonwealth study. Garza said even if large majorities of Latinos told Latino Decisions they support Medicaid expansion, it doesn’t mean that policy is ‘a deal breaker.’ There can be a conversation about other proposals, particularly following GOP and conservatives’ penetration of the Latino community during the midterm campaign season, he said.” [NBC News, [11/6/14](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Texas Policy Analyst Raul Espinoza: Texas’s Leadership Opposed Medicaid Expansion “For Good Reason;” The Proposed Expansion “Would Continue The Failed Focus On Government-Based Solutions To Our Health Problems.” According to a post by LIBRE Initiative Texas policy analyst Raul Espinoza for the LIBRE Initiative’s Blog LIBRE, “While supporters have pushed Texas to consider expanding Medicaid -- an option under the ACA -- Texas’ leadership has opposed it, and for good reason. The proposed expansion would likely cost state taxpayers billions in the years ahead, and would continue the failed focus on government-based solutions to our health problems.” [TheLIBREInitiative.com/Blog-LIBRE, [12/16/15](#)]

Gordon Wrote That The King V. Burwell Decision Provided “An Opportunity For Both Republicans And Democrats To Work Together...To Find Free-Market Oriented And Innovative Solutions That Help Patients.” According to a post by LIBRE policy research assistant Ariel Gordon on the LIBRE Initiative’s blog, “Another regulatory political band aid is not going to fix this fundamentally flawed law. However, there are solutions to this problem, and the King v. Burwell decision provides an opportunity for both Republicans and Democrats to work together with the President and with the state governments to find free-market oriented and innovative solutions that help patients receive the care that they so desperately seek, at a more affordable price.” [The LibreInitiative.com/Blog, [7/13/15](#)]

Garza: We Should Pursue An Upheaval Of The ACA Based On The Free Market As Soon As Possible. According to a translation by American Bridge of an opinion by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza for Univision, “At the end of the day, we have to be able to avoid partisanship and address the challenge we have on the table. That is, advance a complete upheaval of the reform based on the free market as soon as possible. Our health depends on it.” [Daniel Garza – Univision, [11/19/15](#)]

Alexander Wrote That The Benefits Of Direct Primary Care For U.S. Hispanics, Which Entails A Monthly Membership Fee For Routine Care, “May Outweigh The Cost Of Participating In ACA Exchanges.” According to a post by LIBRE Initiative policy analyst Payton Alexander for The LIBRE Initiative’s Blog LIBRE, “Many doctors and patients are now finding ways to avoid or side-step the insurance industry altogether by seeking out innovative services that provide routine care and visits for their patients in exchange for a monthly membership fee, called direct primary care (DPC). In fact, since the passage of the ACA, the number of physicians offering DPC services has skyrocketed. For U.S. Hispanics – a young, healthy, and relatively low-risk population – the benefits of signing up for such services may outweigh the cost of participating in ACA exchanges.” [Payton Alexander – LIBRE Initiative, [2/23/16](#)]

Garza Called For “State Reform Of Health Care, Since Governors And State Legislatures Know Their Populations And Unique Needs Better Than The Federal Government And Its One-Size-Fits-All Approach.” According to a press release by The LIBRE Initiative, “Daniel Garza, Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: ‘Let’s create new opportunities for state reform of health care, since governors and state legislatures know their populations and unique needs better than the federal government and its one-sized-fits-all approach.’” [LIBRE Initiative, [3/23/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Vice President Lima Said That Obamacare Should Let People Have More Control Over Their Lives, Instead Of Issuing Penalties For Not Buying Certain Types Of Healthcare Coverage. According to an Entravision interview of CASA In Action executive director Gustavo Torres and LIBRE Initiative vice president Jorge Lima on Perspectiva Nacional with Tsi-Tsi-Ki Felix, “There is a party that thinks the government should control and plan our lives more from Washington. And there is another party that think that the government should give more power to the people to they can be part of a market and do more with their lives. And that is what I think Obamacare should move forward with. And this is a big government program, where the government has come in to say, ‘this is the type of health care that you need. This is what you have to buy. And if you don’t buy it, there is a penalty.’” [Entravision, [4/11/16](#)]

The Number Of Uninsured Latinos Dropped 11.5 Percent As The ACA Took Effect, With 4 Million Latinos Gaining Access To Health Coverage

According To U.S. The Department Of Health And Human Services, “4.0 Million Latino Adults Gained Coverage” As Provisions Of The Affordable Care Act Took Effect, Which Was An “11.5 Percent Drop.” According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, “New analysis shows 17.6 million have gained coverage as Affordable Care Act provisions have taken effect; about 10.5 million uninsured individuals are eligible for Marketplace coverage [...] Secretary Burwell also noted that the uninsured rate declined among African Americans. Between October 2013 and September 12, 2015: 4.0 million Latino adults gained coverage (an 11.5 percent drop)” [U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, [9/22/15](#)]

If Medicaid Were To Be Expanded To Every State In The U.S., 95% Of Uninsured Latinos Might Qualify For Medicaid, CHIP, Or Tax Credits

According To U.S. The Department Of Health And Human Services, “If All States” Expanded Medicaid, “95 Percent Of Uninsured Latinos Might Qualify For Medicaid, The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Or Tax Credits To Help With The Cost Of Premiums In The Marketplace.” According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, “If all states took advantage of new opportunities to expand Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act, 95 percent of uninsured Latinos might qualify for Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or tax credits to help with the cost of premiums in the Marketplace.” [U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, [2/11/14](#)]

On Education, LIBRE Advocated Against Teachers Unions, Against College Affordability Efforts, And In Favor Of Creating A Curriculum Based In Conservative Principles

LIBRE Advocated For Removing Latino Students From Failing Public Schools, Which Would Siphon Much Needed Funds From The Struggling Institutions In The Process

LIBRE Initiative Press Secretary Josh Rivera Advocated For Vocational High Schools. According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative press secretary Josh Rivera for Elite Daily, “Lawmakers should focus on student-centered education reforms that empower students by increasing their options and chances of finding quality and fulfilling employment. Options like these include online education, vocational high schools and accreditation for short-term colleges. The government should also encourage schools to compete on price and strive for innovation and better performance.” [Josh Rivera – Elite Daily, [8/20/15](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Policy Analyst Valerio Martinelli: Reauthorization Of The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Is “A Step In The Right Direction In Terms Of Reducing The Burden Of Federal Regulations,” But “Doesn’t Go Far Enough In Offering Real Reforms.” According to a post by LIBRE Initiative policy analyst Valerio Martinelli for the LIBRE Initiative’s Blog LIBRE, “Last week, The U.S. House of Representatives voted on and passed a

reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as ‘No Child Left Behind’ (NCLB). The U.S. Senate gave its approval today, and President Obama is expected to sign it into law. The new reauthorization – the ‘Every Student Succeeds Act’ represents a step in the right direction in terms of reducing the burden of federal regulations in public schools, but unfortunately it does not go far enough in offering real reforms for our troubled public education system.” [TheLIBREInitiative.com/Blog-LIBRE, [12/9/15](#)]

- **Martinelli: The ESEA Excludes Title I Portability, “A Much Needed School Choice-Oriented Provision That Would” Allow “Federal Dollars To Follow” Low-Income Students “To The Public School Of Their Choice.”** According to a post by LIBRE Initiative policy analyst Valerio Martinelli for the LIBRE Initiative’s Blog LIBRE, “Not going far enough is most evident in the exclusion of ‘Title I portability’ from the final version of the bill. Title I portability is a much needed school choice-oriented provision that would benefit low-income students by allowing federal dollars to follow them to the public school of their choice.” [TheLIBREInitiative.com/Blog-LIBRE, [12/9/15](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Policy Analyst Valerio Martinelli: Defunding The D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, Which Allows Disadvantaged Children To “Escape Failing Schools,” Hurts The Poor By Taking “Away Their Access To A Quality Education.” According to a post by LIBRE Initiative policy analyst Valerio Martinelli for the LIBRE Initiative’s Blog LIBRE, “If you want to hurt the poor, take away their access to a quality education. If this sounds cruel and morally unacceptable, that’s because it is. However, that is exactly what some politicians in Washington, D.C. are trying to do. [...] In its latest budget, the Obama administration defunds the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP), a school choice program that allows thousands of disadvantaged and low-income children to escape failing schools and receive quality education.” [TheLIBREInitiative.com/Blog-LIBRE, [12/1/15](#)]

Texas State Senator Donna Campbell Authored School Choice Legislation To “Create Tax Scholarships” And To Create A “Taxpayer Savings Grant Program,” Both Of Which Were Supported By LIBRE. According to an opinion by Texas State Senator Donna Campbell and LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Daniel Garza for the San Antonio Express-News, “That’s why I authored — and was proud to have the support of reformers such as the LIBRE Initiative — school choice legislation to create tax credit scholarships and a taxpayer savings grant program to deliver more educational opportunities for our families.” [Donna Campbell and Daniel Garza –San Antonio Express-News, [8/22/15](#)]

- **Garza And Campbell Called Expensive Private Schools And Long Waiting Lists For Open-Enrollment Charter Schools A “Tragedy” That “Must Be Reformed.”** According to an opinion by Texas State Senator Donna Campbell and LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Daniel Garza for the San Antonio Express-News, “For many low- to middle-income families, the last alternative is out of reach, and long waiting lists for open-enrollment charter schools mean more waiting than learning for too many students. This is a tragedy and it must be reformed.” [Donna Campbell and Daniel Garza –San Antonio Express-News, [8/22/15](#)]

KSNV News3LV: “Approximately 2,000 Students And Parents Attended A Conference” Organized In Part By The LIBRE Initiative In Las Vegas “To Honor” National School Choice. According to KSNV News3LV, “Tuesday is National School Choice day, and to honor the occasion, approximately 2,000 students and parents attended a conference on homeschooling at the Cashman Center. The event was designed for parents who already homeschool their children or are considering it. The event was organized and sponsored by RISE Resource Center, Nevada Homeschool Network, Nevada Policy Research Institute, NevadaESA.com, Academica Nevada, and The LIBRE Initiative.” [KSNV News3LV, [1/26/16](#)]

Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush And Steinhauser Strategies Partner Randan Steinhauser Attended A School Choice Rally In Texas Affiliated With The LIBRE Institute. According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative Texas policy analyst Raul Espinoza, “.@georgepbush taking more picks w/ #schoolchoice supporters. @LIBREInstitute @schoolchoicewk #txlege #txed #beLIBRE[.]” According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative Texas policy analyst Raul Espinoza, “.@RandanMarie kicking off the rally! @LIBREInstitute @schoolchoicewk #txlege #schoolchoice #txed #beLIBRE” [Raul Espinoza – Twitter, [1/29/16](#); [1/29/16](#)]

Campos-Duffy Called National Teachers Unions “Obstructionists” For Arguing That Charter Schools “Cherry-Pick The Best Students” Since “Most” Schools “Admit Students By Random Lottery.” According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy for U.S. News & World Report, “Yet despite this overwhelming evidence, Clinton is steadfast in her opposition. She instead stands with the national teachers unions and other obstructionists

who argue that charter schools are only successful because they cherry-pick the best students. That argument is simply untrue. Most charter schools admit students by random lottery, making it impossible for them to pick only the best.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – U.S. News & World Report, [3/16/16](#)]

LIBRE Instructed Public School Teachers To Emphasize The “Benefits” Of The Free Enterprise System, And Pushed For Public Schools To “Bring Back American History” To Culturally Assimilate Muslim Students

The LIBRE Institute Held A Free Program For Texas School Teachers On Teaching “Economics With Emphasis On The Free Enterprise System And Its Benefits,” At Southern Methodist University On February 4, 2016, With Plans To Hold Another Program On February 25. According to Southern Methodist University, “In cooperation with the Libre Institute, the O’Neil Center is piloting a free one-day Teaching Free Enterprise in Texas program for Texas school teachers. The first program to be held on the campus of SMU is scheduled for 2/4/2016 and the second in Houston is on 2/25/16. [...] Teaching Free Enterprise in Texas[] Economics with Emphasis on the Free Enterprise System and its Benefits.” [Southern Methodist University, accessed [2/5/16](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Worked With Southern Methodist University’s O’Neill Center To Instruct Public School Teachers On Free Market Principles. According to the American Bridge translation of an opinion by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza for Univision, “Our sister organization, The LIBRE Initiative, has been dedicated to providing workshops to teach English, with more than 3,000 people on our waiting list; right now, [LIBRE] is collaborating with economists at the O’Neill Center – Southern Methodist University in Texas to instruct hundreds of public school teachers (with a significant percentage of Latino students) about free market principles.” [Daniel Garza – Univision, [2/25/16](#)]

Campos-Duffy Said That Curriculums Should Be Altered To “Bring Back American History” And Speak “Positively About Capitalism...We Don’t Have To Target Muslims. We Need To Get Into Our Public Schools And Start Being American.” According to a Fox News interview of Fox News interviewer Jesse Watters with hosts Harris Faulkner, Andrea Tantaros, LIBRE Initiative national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy, and Eboni Williams, “[CAMPOS-DUFFY:] How about we use that money to overhaul our students’ curriculum. Bring back American history, bring back conversations about our founders. Bring back talks about...teach them about free markets and what really lifts people out of poverty, and start talking positively about capitalism. Our kids aren’t just behind in reading and math. We are robbing them of their American heritage. And that’s the problem. We don’t have to target Muslims. We need to get into our public schools and start being American.” [Fox News, [3/24/16](#)]

LIBRE Criticized Efforts To Make College More Affordable, And Blamed The Government For “Artificially” Inflating “Demand For Higher Education”

LIBRE Initiative Digital Manager Steven Cruz: The Government “Needs To Get Out Of The Business Of” Student Loans “And Let The Free Market Do Its Work.” According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative digital manager Steven Cruz, “Government needs to get out of the business of #studentloans and let the free market do its work. #SOTU” [Steven Cruz – Twitter, [1/12/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Daniel Garza: “Government Funding Artificially Inflates The Demand For Higher Education, And Consequently Is A Major Contributor To The Inflated Cost Of Higher Education.” According to a press release by The LIBRE Initiative, “Daniel Garza, Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: ‘Everyone would love for college to be ‘free,’ but the reality is that government funding artificially inflates the demand for higher education, and consequently is a major contributor to the inflated cost of higher education.’” [LIBRE Initiative, [1/28/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative National Spokesperson Marilinda Garcia Called Proposals To Make College Tuition Free “Unrealistic Pandering,” And Argued That It “Papers Over The Problem” Of High Tuition Costs By Sending “Taxpayers The Bill.” According to a press release by The LIBRE Initiative, “Marilinda García, National Spokesperson for The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: ‘The government can’t offer anything ‘for free.’ Somebody has to pay for it. And the ones that will be stuck with the ‘free college’ bills in years to come are hard-working young people trying to afford an apartment, or save for a car or a house, and already with college debt of their own. When policymakers promise ‘free

college,' it's one more example of unrealistic pandering. Instead of truly addressing high college costs, it papers over the problem and sends taxpayers the bill.” [LIBRE Initiative, [2/24/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Policy Analyst Payton Alexander Wrote That Educational “Handouts And Subsidies” Make College Affordability Worse For Hispanics. According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative policy analyst Payton Alexander, “As the cost of tuition has continued to rise, affordability remains a significant barrier to Hispanic enrollment in higher education. If policy makers want to make college more affordable for Hispanics, the facts are clear: handouts and subsidies make the problem worse, not better.” [TheLIBREInitiative.com/Blog-LIBRE, [2/26/16](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Called Income-Share Agreements, In Which Investors Pay Students Upfront For College Tuition Costs In Exchange For A Percentage Of Their Post-Graduation Earnings, An “Innovative Idea.” According to a tweet by The LIBRE Initiative, “There’s a new, innovative idea emerging to help students pay for college. [bit.ly/1RviKVH](#) #highered #ISAs” According to the American Enterprise Institute, “Income-share agreements (ISAs) are an emerging idea for helping students pay for college. Under an ISA, investors provide upfront sums of money toward students’ college tuition and other associated costs in exchange for a fixed percentage of the recipients’ earnings after graduation.” [LIBRE Initiative – Twitter, [3/24/16](#); American Enterprise Institute, [March 2016](#)]

LIBRE Advocated For Fewer Federal Education Mandates

Opportunity Lives: Dimino Said That Working In STEM Fields Should Be “A Choice For Latino Students And Not Some Arbitrary Mandate In Order To Increase The Number Of Latinos Working In The STEM Field.” According to Opportunity Lives, “‘Latino families and students need access to high quality schools,’ Dimino told Opportunity Lives. ‘If this happens, they will ultimately find themselves in a position to pursue a post graduate degree in STEM and then a career in these fields.’ Dimino was quick to add that this should be a choice for Latino students and not some arbitrary mandate in order to increase the number of Latinos working in the STEM field.” [Opportunity Lives, [4/7/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative South Florida Field Director Jacqueline Llama Criticized The Idea Of “Universal Daycare.” According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative South Florida field director Jacqueline Llama, “Universal daycare, Really??? Where does it end...” [Jacqueline Llama – Twitter, [4/6/16](#)]

Garza Wrote That States Should Take The Lead In Determining Which Institutions Can Accredite And Certify Academic Courses, And Open The Education Market For Competition And Innovation. According to the American Bridge translation of an opinion by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza for Univision, “The states need to take the lead in determining which institutions can accredit and certify academic course. And open the education market in a way in which competition drives innovation and better outcomes for students.” [Daniel Garza – Univision, [2/25/16](#)]

LESS THAN HALF OF LIBRE’S EVENTS ARE “EXPLICITLY” TARGETED TO LATINOS, AND OVER 20% OF ITS STAFF ARE NOT LATINO AS OF APRIL 2016

As Of April 2016, Only 79% Of LIBRE’s Staff Members Were Latino. According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, “As the advocacy arm, the Libre Initiative is comprised of 51 full-time staff members. As the education arm, the Libre Institute is comprised of 7 full-time staff members. 79% of Libre leaders and staff members are Latinos/as and 35% of them are women.” [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

Bautista-Chavez And James Found That Between January 2013 And December 2015, “Only 48% Of Libre’s Events” Explicitly Targeted Latinos. According to a research paper by Harvard University PhD candidate Angie Bautista-Chavez and graduate student Sarah James, “[O]nly 48% of Libre’s events are explicitly targeting Latinos.” [Angie Bautista-Chavez & Sarah James, [April 2016](#)]

LIBRE INITIATIVE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DANIEL GARZA GLOATED ABOUT UNSEATING A HISPANIC HOUSE MEMBER

Garza Said That The “Crown Jewel” Of The 2014 Election Cycle Was That “A Black Republican Challenger Took Out A Latino Incumbent Democrat” In Texas’s 23rd Congressional District. According to the American Bridge transcript of a speech by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza at the 2016 Pennsylvania Leadership Conference, “In 2014, Latinos, Hispanics voted 45% for Cory Garner in Colorado. [...] Carlos Curbelo, a Latino challenger, took out a Latino incumbent in district 26 in Florida. And here’s the crown jewel of them all. A black Republican challenger took out a Latino incumbent Democrat in Texas 23, in a predominantly Hispanic district.” [Pennsylvania Leadership Council, [4/2/16](#)]

LIBRE EMBRACED A SUPPRESSED LATINO VOTE

Garza Said That The LIBRE Initiative Doesn’t Register Voters. According to the American Bridge transcript a WNYC interview of LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza on The Takeaway with host John Hockenberry, “[HOCKENBERRY:] How many voters have you registered? [GARZA:] Oh, we don’t do registering of voters, actually we do citizenship classes where we are working across the country to make sure folks are educated about the issues as well. We do English classes, provide them to Latinos who are trying to, again, remove barriers to getting a good job. And sometimes that takes things like a driver’s license, health checkups so the kids can go to school.” [WNYC, [3/23/16](#)]

Politico: Orlando Political Consultant Christina Hernandez Said That The LIBRE Initiative Doesn’t Bother With Registration Drives Because “Chances Are High Puerto Ricans Will Go Democrat.” According to Politico, “You can see the Puerto Rican influence taking shape here,” said Christina Hernandez, an Orlando political consultant who served as the Obama for America Florida Hispanic voter director in 2012. [...] Hernandez said groups like LIBRE don’t bother to do registration drives because chances are high Puerto Ricans will go Democrat.” [Politico, [3/14/16](#)]

Garza Said That LIBRE Encourages “People To Register To Vote, But We Don’t Do Registration Drives,” And Don’t Tell Latinos To Vote For Republican Candidates. According to Politico, “For instance, LIBRE last year held Spanish classes on driver’s ed for undocumented migrants in Nevada, which allows them to obtain a ‘driver’s authorization card’ if they pass the regular driver’s test. But, LIBRE does not tell Latinos to vote Republican, Garcia said. ‘We encourage people to register to vote, but we don’t do registration drives,’ Garza said. ‘It’s not something we have gotten involved in.’” [Politico, [3/14/16](#)]

Garza Predicted “A Suppressed Latino Turnout” In The 2014 Midterm Elections “Because Of The Disillusion With Obama, Not Because Of Republican Inaction.” According to NBC News, “Those working to turn out the Latino vote for the midterms have an added challenge over coming weeks: Get Latinos registered and to the polls amid anger over President Barack Obama’s delay of executive action on immigration until after the Nov. 4 elections, which comes after bitter disappointment over congressional Republicans’ inaction on the issue. [...] Daniel Garza, executive director of the LIBRE Initiative, which he said has a conservative/libertarian agenda, projected a suppressed Latino turnout ‘because of the disillusion with Obama, not because of Republican inaction.’ Republicans never promised to act, he said. Obama said he would and then retracted the promise ‘because of Democrats who came to him and begged him not to do it. He made a clear choice here.’” [NBC News, [9/16/14](#)]

LIBRE SIDED WITH BANKERS OVER PUERTO RICANS, BLAMED A “LACK OF ECONOMIC FREEDOM” FOR PUERTO RICO’S DEBT WOES

LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Daniel Garza: “Puerto Rico’s Financial Crisis Is Largely Due To A Combination Of Cronyism, Reckless Government Spending, And Harmful Federal Policies.” According to a press release by the LIBRE Initiative, “Daniel Garza, Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative released the following statement: ‘Puerto Rico’s financial crisis is largely due to a combination of cronyism, reckless government spending, and harmful federal policies. Any quick fix, including federal bailouts, will not solve the underlying problem.’” [LIBRE Initiative, [1/6/16](#)]

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reckless government spending, and harmful federal policies. Any quick fix, including federal bailouts, will not solve the underlying problem.” [LIBRE Initiative, [1/6/16](#)]

- **Garza: The Puerto Rican Government Needs To Make “Tough Choices” To Address Their Financial Crisis, “Even At The Risk Of Political Repercussions.”** According to a press release by the LIBRE Initiative, “Daniel Garza, Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative released the following statement: ‘Puerto Rico’s financial crisis is largely due to a combination of cronyism, reckless government spending, and harmful federal policies. Any quick fix, including federal bailouts, will not solve the underlying problem. It needs to be addressed at the root, starting with the Puerto Rican government making tough choices - even at the risk of political repercussions.’” [LIBRE Initiative, [1/6/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Florida State Director Cesar Grajales Said That Puerto Rico’s Economic Problems Stem From A Lack Of Economic Freedom, And That A Majority Of Puerto Ricans “Are Undecided For The 2016 Election.”

According to Foreign Policy, “‘A lot of people say Puerto Ricans are Democrats, but a majority of them are undecided for the 2016 election,’ Grajales told Foreign Policy by phone from Puerto Rico. ‘We’re talking to this community because we believe in economic freedom, not big government, and the island has this problem with their economy right now because of it.’” [Foreign Policy, [3/14/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Deputy Florida State Director David Velazquez Said That There “Isn’t Any Opportunity For Growth” In Puerto Rico “When You Have A Government...That Is Very Big And Involved In Everything You Do.”

According to the Los Angeles Times, “‘When you have a government in Puerto Rico that is very big and involved in everything you do, there isn’t any opportunity for growth,’ said David Velazquez of the Libre Initiative, a conservative Latino group backed by the Koch brothers that views the Puerto Rican neighborhoods around Orlando as fertile ground for conservatives.” [Los Angeles Times, [3/9/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Vice President Jorge Lima Said Puerto Rico’s Fiscal Problems Were Caused By “Fiscal Recklessness, Cronyism, And Curtailment Of Economic Freedom By The Government Of Puerto Rico.” According to a press release by The LIBRE Initiative, “Jorge Lima, Vice-President of Operations and Policy for The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: ‘The current problems in Puerto Rico are due to a combination of fiscal recklessness, cronyism, and curtailment of economic freedom by the government of Puerto Rico, as well as federal regulations that are a bad fit for Puerto Rico’s economy.’” [LIBRE Initiative, [2/12/16](#)]

- **Lima Said The Puerto Rican Government “Needs To Rely On Growing The Private Sector To Lift Themselves Up” From Their Economic Crisis.** According to a press release by The LIBRE Initiative, “Jorge Lima, Vice-President of Operations and Policy for The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: ‘Likewise, the Puerto Rican government needs to rely on growing the private sector to lift themselves up from this crisis. Puerto Rico’s challenges are ultimately the result of a problem of growth combined with fiscal mismanagement, and only policies that expand economic freedom offer a permanent solution. It won’t be easy or fast, but the first steps must be taken.’” [LIBRE Initiative, [2/12/16](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Tweeted That Puerto Rico’s Attempted “Walmart Tax” Was Evidence That The Island “Continues To Dig Its Economy Into A Deeper And Deeper Hole.” According to a tweet by The LIBRE Initiative, “Puerto Rico continues to dig its economy into a deeper and deeper hole. [FORBES HEADLINE:] Puerto Rico’s Walmart Tax Fails – As It Should Have” [LIBRE Initiative, [4/7/16](#)]

- **Fortune: Puerto Rico Attempted To Raise A Tax For Purchases Made By Companies With More Than \$2.75 Billion In Revenues From Off The Island From 2% To 6.5%; Walmart Was “The Only Company Big Enough To Pass The Revenue Threshold.** According to Fortune, “A federal judge in the island’s capital city of San Juan ruled on Monday that a new tax Puerto Rico was trying to impose on the retailing giant was illegal. The tax proposal, which was signed into law on May 29, raised the tax companies pay on goods they buy from ‘related parties’ off the island, from 2% to 6.5%. The law only applied to companies on the island that had more than \$2.75 billion in revenues. Walmart sued Puerto Rico Treasury Secretary Juan Zaragoza Gómez in December, saying that the tax increase violated the commerce clause of the U.S. constitution by unfairly taxing interstate commerce. Before the trial, the company blasted the tax, saying it discriminated against it because Walmart was the only company big enough to pass the revenue threshold.” [Fortune, [3/29/16](#)]

Garza Criticized Puerto Rican Governors Since The 1970s For Borrowing Money To Balance The Island's Budgets. According to the American Bridge translation of an opinion by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza for Univision, "The vast majority of Puerto Rican governors since the mid-1970s have avoided making difficult decisions and have borrowed money to balance budgets." [Daniel Garza – Univision, [4/22/16](#)]

Garza Supported Proposals By Republican Leaders To Establish A Fiscal Control Board For The Federal Government To Exert Control Over The Island For At Least Five Years

Garza Praised Proposals To Create A Fiscal Advisory Board In Puerto Rico, Which Would Be Dissolved When Puerto Rico Balances Its Budget For Five Consecutive Years. According to the American Bridge translation of an opinion by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza for Univision, "Thanks to the Speaker of the House, Paul Ryan, the House of Representatives will soon hold a debate that can help us get closer to important reforms. The PROMESA Act – which Congress will debate in the coming weeks – would create a temporary board to supervise the restructuring of the debt, and manage the finances of the island. The board would be dissolved once Puerto Rico balances its budget for five consecutive years. As Congress debates that law, there may be other good ideas proposed and adopted that facilitate the adoption of other necessary reforms." [Daniel Garza – Univision, [4/22/16](#)]

LIBRE's Leadership Implied That Puerto Rican Politicians Were Not From The United States, And Called The Island "Exotic"

Garza Characterized Puerto Rican Politicians As Distinct From Politicians Of The United States. According to the American Bridge translation of an opinion by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza for Univision, "In recent years, Puerto Rican leaders have expanded the government in an attempt to stimulate economic growth – an approach championed by left-wing politicians in the United States as well –. But this growth in government has led to fiscal mismanagement and programs that cannot be paid for." [Daniel Garza – Univision, [4/22/16](#)]

Campos-Duffy Wrote That Puerto Rico Had "The Infrastructure To Offer American Tourists A Superior Experience," And That Their Resorts "Meet The Standards Americans Expect On An Exotic Vacation." According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy for Fox News Latino, "At precisely the time when Puerto Rico needs more tourist dollars, Cuba, thanks to Obama, is emerging as a serious competitor for the U.S. Caribbean tourist dollar. It's unfortunate, on many levels. To begin with, Puerto Rico has the infrastructure to offer American tourists a superior experience. Their resorts are first rate and meet the standards Americans expect on an exotic vacation." [Rachel Campos-Duffy – Fox News Latino, [4/20/16](#)]

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LIBRE OPPOSED THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH CUBA, AND PLASTERED TWITTER WITH PROVOCATIVE CRITICISM DURING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S MARCH 2016 VISIT

LIBRE Executive Director Daniel Garza On Re-Opening Relations With Cuba: "There Cannot Be A Normalization Of Relations With A Regime That Has No Regard For Human Rights." According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, "Daniel Garza, Executive Director for The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: 'For decades, refugees have been forced to risk their lives to leave Cuba because of political repression, and dissidents on the island continue to live under fear of retaliation for exercising their freedom of speech. Instead of considering democratic reforms and individual rights, the dictatorship in Cuba has systematically imprisoned, tortured, and killed its enemies. That is still the reality today. There cannot be a normalization of relations with a regime that has no regard for human rights.'" [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [12/17/14](#)]

- **Garza: “This Unilateral Action On Behalf Of The U.S.” Came “Without Benefit Of Consultation With Congress” And “With No Comparable Commitment To Change From The Castro Regime.”** According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “Like so many other actions by this White House, today's announcement comes without benefit of consultation with Congress - and is being criticized on both sides of the aisle. The White House should not act unilaterally on so important an issue. This unilateral action on behalf of the U.S. comes with no comparable commitment to change from the Castro regime. The United States should not reward the brutal Castro regime and should recognize the negative impacts such moves will have on those who continue to seek real change and freedom in Cuba. Instead, we should work toward a free, prosperous, and democratic Cuba. It is hard to see how this announcement moves the country in that direction.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [12/17/14](#)]
- **Garza: “With Today's Announcement, The World Is Less Safe As Totalitarian Regimes Across The Globe Take Note That Capturing Or Imprisoning American Hostages Not Only Will Not Be Punished, But Instead Will Be Rewarded With Policy Concessions.”** According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “We are happy to see Alan Gross return to his family. But with today's announcement, the world is less safe as totalitarian regimes across the globe take note that capturing or imprisoning American hostages not only will not be punished, but instead will be rewarded with policy concessions. LIBRE stands with those who continue to call for the recognition of human rights, free elections, release of political prisoners and liberty for all Cubans who, for far too long, have been oppressed.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [12/17/14](#)]

Lima: The Re-Establishment Of Diplomatic Relations Between The U.S. And Cuba “Is Simply Another Win For The Castro Dictatorship.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “Cuba and the United States officially re-established diplomatic relations today after an agreement struck by the Obama Administration and the Castro dictatorship earlier this summer. The Cuban flag was raised this morning over the Cuban embassy in Washington, which has served as an interests section for the Castro regime since the 1960's. A U.S. diplomatic mission will be inaugurated in Havana on August 14, when U.S. Secretary of State Kerry travels to raise the American flag. Jorge Lima, Policy Director of The LIBRE Initiative released the following statement: “Today is simply another win for the Castro dictatorship. While the regime celebrates, dissidents continue to feel abandoned. President Obama has no serious plan for advancing the rights and liberties of the oppressed people of Cuba.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [7/20/15](#)]

LIBRE Policy Director Jorge Lima: Re-Opening Embassies In Havana And Washington Would Leave President Obama With “A Legacy Of Putting America’s Commercial Interests Ahead Of Humanitarian Concerns.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “Jorge Lima, Policy Director for The LIBRE Initiative released the following statement: [...] “This move will form an important part of President Obama’s legacy - but it will be a legacy of putting America’s commercial interests ahead of humanitarian concerns. If we truly want to see a prosperous Cuba - with opportunity for all - we should not grant valuable benefits to the unreformed Castro dictatorship until political and civil liberties are provided to every Cuban.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [7/1/15](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Vice President Jorge Lima Asked “What Message Does It Send To Those Fighting For Liberty In Cuba And Abroad When The Leader Of The Free World Is Smiling And Shaking Hands With Their Oppressor?” According to a press release by The LIBRE Initiative, “Jorge Lima, Vice President of Operations and Policy for The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: [...] “What message does it send to those fighting for liberty in Cuba and abroad when the leader of the free world is smiling and shaking hands with their oppressor?” [LIBRE Initiative, [3/22/16](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Tweeted That “Despite” President Obama’s Pledge To “Help Cubans, We’ve Seen Disrespect For #HumanRights, Citizen Rights & Peaceful Protest.” According to a tweet by The LIBRE Initiative, “Despite @POTUS’s pledge to help Cubans, we’ve seen disrespect for #humanrights, citizen rights & peaceful protest. [USA TODAY HEADLINE:] Cuba arrests dozens of human rights protesters before Obama’s arrival” [LIBRE Initiative – Twitter, [3/21/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Digital Manager Steven Cruz Called President Obama A “Pendejo” For Speaking With Cuban President Raul Castro. According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative digital manager Steven Cruz, “.@BarackObama eres un pendejo. Ask your new Cuban bff to translate for you.” [Steven Cruz – Twitter, [3/21/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative South Florida Field Director Gianfranco Puppio Tweeted That The Rain Falling When President Obama Landed In Cuba Was The Tears Of Those Killed And Tortured By Communism. According to the American Bridge translation of a tweet by LIBRE Initiative South Florida field director Gianfranco Puppio, “#Obama arrived to Cuba under a torrential downpour. Those are the cries of our dead who were shot and tortured by communism. #Liberty” [Gianfranco Puppio – Twitter, [3/20/16](#)]

Cruz On President Obama Meeting With The Cuban Leadership In March 2016: Obama “Should Meet W/Dissidents Instead Of Just Kowtowing To Those Murdering Swines.” According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative digital manager Steven Cruz, “.@GriffinGil12 @POTUS he should meet w/dissidents instead of just kowtowing to those murdering swines. [Steven Cruz – Twitter, [3/20/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy Called NPR Reporter Lourdes Garcia-Navarro An “Apologist 4 Castro’s Evil Regime” For Comparing Kisses From Ramon Castro To A “Holy Trinity” Blessing. According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy, “Liberal NPR journalist/apologist 4 Castro’s evil regime likens Kisses From Castro Brother to ‘Holy Trinity’ blessing” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – Twitter, [3/1/16](#)]

Lima Released A Statement Saying That “Any Message Of Hope” For Those Who Seek Freedom In Cuba Would Be Lost When “The Castro Dictatorship Broadcasts Celebratory Pictures” With President Obama. According to a press release by The LIBRE Initiative, “Jorge Lima, VP of Operation and Policy for The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: ‘Concession after concession, the U.S. continues to agree to demands from the Castro regime while the island and its people see no fundamental change. For more than 60 years, the Castro brothers have constantly undermined the basic civil liberties and rights of the Cuban people. Any message of hope for those who continue to seek freedom in Cuba is lost as they witness the Castro dictatorship broadcast celebratory pictures with a sitting U.S. President.’” [LIBRE Initiative, [2/19/16](#)]

Campos-Duffy Wrote That, “Thanks To Obama” And His “Glitzy Friends” Beyoncé And Jay-Z, Cuba Was “Emerging As A Serious Competitor For The U.S. Caribbean Tourist Dollar,” Which Was “Unfortunate, On Many Levels.” According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy for Fox News Latino, “Puerto Rico was already facing increasing competition from the Dominican Republic and Cuba, but Obama’s high profile visit is, unsurprisingly, causing a spike in tourism to Cuba. So have visits from his glitzy friends Beyonce [*si*] and JayZ [*si*]. At precisely the time when Puerto Rico needs more tourist dollars, Cuba, thanks to Obama, is emerging as a serious competitor for the U.S. Caribbean tourist dollar. It’s unfortunate, on many levels.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – Fox News Latino, [4/20/16](#)]

- **Campos-Duffy Urged Americans To Visit Puerto Rico Instead Of Cuba Because “That Piña Colada You Enjoy On The Beach Will Taste A Lot Sweeter Knowing That You Are Helping Puerto Rican Families Instead Of Enabling Dictators And Their Corrupt, Repressive, Anti-Liberty Regime.”** According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy for Fox News Latino, “Go to beautiful Puerto Rico! Book a trip, enjoy the warm winds, the sandy beaches, the music, the food, and the good feeling that comes from knowing you are helping fellow Americans living in a U.S. territory get through a tough economic period. That piña colada you enjoy on the beach will taste a lot sweeter knowing that you are helping Puerto Rican families instead of enabling dictators and their corrupt, repressive, anti-liberty regime.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – Fox News Latino, [4/20/16](#)]

LIBRE Is Just Another Megaphone For The Koch Network To Advance Its Self-Serving Agenda

LIBRE PUSHES THE KOCH POLICY AGENDA, EVEN ON ISSUES OUTSIDE OF THEIR MISSION TO WORK AGAINST THE BEST INTERESTS OF LATINOS

Garza Defends The Use Of Fossil Fuels

Garza Said That “Affordable, Reliable Energy” Like Oil “Has Given Us A Better Environment, Cleaner Water...Power Plants To Do Desalinization,” And “Has Made Quality Of Life Much Better.” According to the American Bridge transcript of a Texas Public Policy Foundation panel featuring LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel

Garza, Cornwall Alliance communications coordinator Megan Toombs, Manhattan Institute senior fellow Oren Cass, and Heritage Foundation fellow Nicolas Loris with host Texas Public Policy Foundation policy analyst Leigh Thompson, “[THOMPSON:] Is our environment actually cleaner? Is the air getting better? [GARZA:] I’m not a scientist, but I would argue that yes. Affordable, reliable energy that we are able to produce on a massive scale in America has given us a better environment, cleaner water, has given us the power plants to do desalinization, has made quality of life much better.” [Energy For A Rising Generation, [3/3/16](#)]

Garza: Fossil Fuels Are A “Cheap, Reliable Energy Source That Improved Our Lives & Made Massive Wealth-Creation Possible.” According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza, “#Hillary slams ‘fossil fuels’. You know, that cheap, reliable energy source that improved our lives & made massive wealth-creation possible.” [Daniel Garza – Twitter, [11/6/15](#)]

Koch Industries Has Interests In “Every Nook” Of The Fossil Fuel Industry

Koch Industries Was Involved In “Every Nook” Of The Process Of Converting Fossil Fuels Into Usable Goods: Refining, Trade, And Transportation. According to Rolling Stone, “It is often said that the Koch brothers are in the oil business. That’s true as far as it goes – but Koch Industries is not a major oil producer. Instead, the company has woven itself into every nook of the vast industrial web that transforms raw fossil fuels into usable goods. Koch-owned businesses trade, transport, refine and process fossil fuels, moving them across the world and up the value chain until they become things we forgot began with hydrocarbons: fertilizers, Lycra, the innards of our smartphones. The company controls at least four oil refineries, six ethanol plants, a natural-gas-fired power plant and 4,000 miles of pipeline.” [Rolling Stone, [9/24/14](#)]

Garza And Campos-Duffy Expressed Skepticism Of Efforts To Combat Climate Change

Garza Called Efforts To Reverse Climate Change “Quixotic.” According to the American Bridge translation of an opinion by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza for Univision, “[Hillary Clinton] also promised to reverse Supreme Court decisions, launch a witch hunt masked under new political rules, and issue more executive orders to begin a quixotic effort to reverse climate change. She is promising to confront Wall Street, and to carve out tax credits for the left and the right in order to appease whichever constituent was there at that moment.” [Daniel Garza – Univision, [3/25/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy Criticized The Pope’s Encyclical On Climate Change, Saying He Should Instead Speak On The Need For A Less Feminized Version Of Christianity. According to the transcript of Fox News’ *Outnumbered*, which discussed terror recruiting in the United States, “CAMPOS-DUFFY: ‘If there were groups of Catholic, young Catholic men going to Rome and joining a crusade that the media and our government and this administration would be having a very different conversation, not about this peer-to-peer thing but really the root cause. What is it? It is reform in Islam and it’s also Christianity needs to offer a more robust manly, not feminized version of Christianity. And I think that’s another topic, but it’s a very interesting topic that I hope our Pope will address when he comes to the joint session of Congress in September instead of climate change, which I understand is what he wants to talk about.’” [Fox News – Outnumbered, [4/21/15](#)]

Charles Koch Downplayed The Effects Of Climate Change

Koch Decried The “Hysteria” Surrounding Global Warming. According to USA Today, “His [Charles Koch’s] comments came during an interview with USA TODAY in his office at Koch Industries, where he discussed a wide range of topics — from the nearly daily death threats against him to what he termed the ‘hysteria’ in some quarters about global warming.” [USA Today, [4/23/15](#)]

- **Koch: “You Can Plausibly Say That CO2 Has Contributed” To Global Warming, But There Was “No Evidence” Supporting “This Theory That It’s Going To Be Catastrophic.”** According to USA Today, “(For the record, [Charles] Koch says this of climate change: ‘You can plausibly say that CO2 has contributed’ to the planet’s warming, but he sees ‘no evidence’ to support ‘this theory that it’s going to be catastrophic.’)” [USA Today, [4/23/15](#)]

LIBRE Formally Opposed Efforts To Support Renewable Energy

Garza Signed A Letter To Sens. Orrin Hatch And Ron Wyden Opposing “Extending Expiring Renewable Energy Provisions On Upcoming Legislation Reauthorizing The Federal Aviation Administration.” According to a Competitive Enterprise Institute letter addressed to Senators Orrin Hatch and Ron Wyden, “Dear Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden: On behalf of our organizations and the millions of Americans we represent, we write to express our strong opposition to extending expiring renewable energy provisions on upcoming legislation reauthorizing the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Congress considered the matter of expiring tax provisions less than 4 months ago. [...] The \$1.4 billion in expiring tax provisions currently under consideration — pertaining to wind power, geothermal heat pumps, fuel cell facilities and combined heat and power (CHP) properties — are a distortion of the tax laws for special interests in the renewable energy industry and were wisely left out of this package. [...] Sincerely, [...] Daniel Garza, Executive Director The LIBRE Initiative” [Competitive Enterprise Institute, [4/6/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Policy Analyst Payton Alexander Wrote That Congress Was Wise To Allow Tax Breaks For “Wind, Geothermal, Fuel Cell, And Combined Heat And Power (CHP) Industry” To Expire In 2015. According to a post by LIBRE Initiative policy analyst Payton Alexander for The LIBRE Initiative’s Blog LIBRE, “Congress is considering adding a controversial set of tax breaks for favored energy industries in a reauthorization bill for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), after they were left out of a tax extenders package passed last year. The tax breaks, which Congress wisely allowed to expire last year, would benefit the wind, geothermal, fuel cell, and combined heat and power (CHP) industry to the tune of \$1.4 billion.” [TheLIBREInitiative.com/Blog-LIBRE, [4/11/16](#)]

Charles Koch Said That Renewable Energy Development Should Be Left To Private Businesses

Charles Koch Said That Current Energy Policies Are Counterproductive And That If Consumers Want Renewable Energy Then The Government Should Allow Private Businesses To Address The Demand Without Interference. According to Charles Koch in an interview for Forbes, “Q. Is current energy policy too focused on fighting carbon emissions? A. The present policies of subsidizing and mandating inefficient alternatives is counterproductive. The enormous cost and unreliability of wind and solar are making people’s lives worse. They’re increasing the cost of energy, they’re corrupting the business community, increasing corporate welfare, and they’re counterproductive. On the other hand, if people believe this is a problem, or could be a problem, then it’s worth investing a certain amount in, not by government mandating, but by letting companies like ours and others innovate to find economic solutions that will make peoples’ lives better today and in the future. Because there are economic alternatives to fossil fuels and because they reduce whatever risk there is that CO2 emissions can cause real harm in the future.” [Charles Koch – Forbes, [9/29/15](#)]

LIBRE Attacked Policies Meant To Reduce Carbon Use At Home And On The National Level

LIBRE Initiative Senior Policy Manager Carli Dimino Called The Department Of Energy’s “New Standards On Residential Water Heaters” An Example Of “Backwards Logic.” According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative Senior Policy Manager Carli Dimino for The Hill, “That idea is so great that we’re going to mandate it. Such is the backwards logic of every energy efficiency mandate to come from the federal government in recent years. The latest installment is the Department of Energy’s new standards on residential water heaters. While this may sound harmless in theory, this policy’s effects will be anything but.” [Carli Dimino – The Hill, [3/13/15](#)]

Dimino: Energy Efficient Light Bulbs Are A “Textbook Example” Of Mandates Reducing Choice And Causing Higher Prices, Consumers Were Required To Get A Product With Light “That Strains The Eyes And A Bulb That Burns White Hot.” According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative Senior Policy Manager Carli Dimino for The Hill, A textbook example of how these mandates reduce consumer choice and lead to higher prices is the recent requirement that we use energy-efficient light bulbs. Before the mandate, the warm glow of an inexpensive, basic incandescent light bulb cost less than a dollar - making it a popular choice among consumers. Today, the replacement bulbs available are more expensive, and for what some consider to be an inferior product with light that strains the eyes and a bulb that burns white hot. We’re told these new, more expensive light bulbs save us money over time due to longer lives and lower energy usage, and if that’s true we should be free to choose to use them on our own.” [Carli Dimino – The Hill, [3/13/15](#)]

Garza Called The Clean Power Plan “Cronyism At Its Finest,” Since Only The Wealthy Or “Upper-Middle Class” Can Afford To Receive A Tax Credit For Buying An Electric Car. According to the American Bridge transcript of a Texas Public Policy Foundation panel featuring LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza, Cornwall Alliance

communications coordinator Megan Toombs, Manhattan Institute senior fellow Oren Cass, and Heritage Foundation fellow Nicolas Loris with host Texas Public Policy Foundation policy analyst Leigh Thompson, “[GARZA:]And it’s [the Clean Power Plan] also cronyism at its finest. I mean, this is a classic example where the poor are paying for the toys of the rich. What am I talking about? You’re going to get a tax credit if you get an electric car. Who buys electric cars, the poor? No, it’s the wealthy. It’s the upper-middle class, the folks that can afford it. And they get a tax credit for it on the backs of the poor. And they have to pay the higher cost, they have to pay the higher cost of products and services that are going to go up because the energy prices are going to go up because of the imposition of this thing, which I feel is a terrible imposition again on the poor.” [Energy For A Rising Generation, [3/3/16](#)]

The Koch-Run DonorsTrust And Donors Capital Fund Built A Network To Work Against Climate Bills And The Clean Power Plan

Donors Trust And Donors Capital Fund’s Money Helped Build A Network Of Think Tanks And Activist Groups That Worked “To Defeat Climate Bills In Congress” And The EPA’s Clean Power Plan. According to The Guardian, “The funds, which when channelled through the two organisations cannot be traced to individual donors, helped build a network of thinktanks and activist groups. These worked to defeat climate bills in Congress and are mobilising against Environmental Protection Agency rules to reduce carbon pollution from power plants which are due to be finalised this summer. In many cases, the anonymous cash makes up the vast majority of funding received by beneficiaries – more than comes openly from the fossil fuel industry.” [The Guardian, [6/9/15](#)]

- **MPR News Reported That DonorsTrust And Donors Capital Fund Supported By An Array Of Conservative Groups, Including The Knowledge And Progress Fund, A Nonprofit Founded By Charles Koch.** According to Minnesota Public Radio News, “The Donors Trust and the Donors Capital Fund are supported by an array of conservative groups, including the Knowledge and Progress Fund, a nonprofit founded by Charles Koch. Since 2005, Koch's foundation has contributed more than \$13 million to the Donors Trust and Donors Capital Fund.” [MPR News, [7/27/15](#)]

Garza Attacked Obama’s Wall Street Reform And Consumer Protections As “Misguided” And “Unnecessary Obstacles”

Garza Said That The Private Sector Was Being Hit By The White House’s Misguided Efforts To Solve Economic Stagnation With Policies Like The Dodd-Frank. According to an American Bridge translation of an opinion piece by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza for Univision, “The private sector is being hit by the misguided effort by the White House to solve economic stagnation with policies like Obamacare, Dodd-Frank, massive tax increases, and the failed economic stimulus.” [Daniel Garza – Univision, [12/8/15](#)]

Garza Said That The “Unnecessary Obstacles” Imposed By Dodd-Frank Have Worsened The Country’s Precarious Situation. According to an American Bridge translation of an opinion by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza for Univision, “The intention [by the Obama administration] was to increase redistributive programs, put our full effort behind into a global effort to reduce carbon emissions, “invest” federal funds in the development of renewable energy, and fix inequality. [...] If we use results as the sole criterion by which we measure the “success” of the administration, things change. We see a year full of delays and failures. Avoiding dogmatism, these setbacks are evident in the excessive fiscal deficit, the dismal performance of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) with its high costs, unnecessary obstacles imposed by the Dodd-Frank bank reforms, and renewable energy programs – which have suffered massive losses – are among a long list of the administrations agenda points that have worsened a precarious situation.” [Daniel Garza – Univision, [1/1/16](#)]

The Koch Brothers Opposed Dodd-Frank Before It Was Passed, And Have Since Use Lobbyists To Undermine The Bill

Bloomberg Reported In 2008 That “Industry Groups Backed By Koch Industries” Were Fighting Legislation Introduced By Sen. Dodd To “Reshape Almost 30 Years Of Policy That...Helped Trigger The Financial Crisis Of 2008.” According to Bloomberg, “Industry groups backed by Koch Industries Inc. and Cargill Inc. are fighting a Senate bill that would reshape almost 30 years of policy that allowed the \$605 trillion over-the-counter derivatives market to surge and helped trigger the financial crisis in 2008.” [Bloomberg, [4/15/10](#)]

- **CPI: “Koch Lobbyists Worked To Favorably Shape The Bill, And Have Not Stopped Working Since It Was Passed.”** According to the Center for Public Integrity, “But the Dodd-Frank law gave the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission the authority to craft new rules to subject traders in the energy industry to increased regulation and transparency, capital and margin requirements, and supervision by a derivatives clearing house. Koch lobbyists worked to favorably shape the bill, and have not stopped working since it was passed.” [Center for Public Integrity, [4/6/11](#)]

LIBRE Called For Allowing The Export-Import Bank To Expire

Alexander Called The Ex-Im Bank “Little More Than A Fund For Corporate Welfare For Large, Politically Connected Corporations.” According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative policy analyst Payton Alexander for The Daily Caller, “While the bank’s advocates claim it provides assistance to small and minority-owned businesses, Ex-Im is little more than a fund for corporate welfare for large, politically connected corporations.” [Payton Alexander – Daily Caller, [4/13/16](#)]

Garza: “Lawmakers Would Do Well In Letting The Ex-Im Bank Expire And Work Instead To Create Policies That Help Our Small Business Entrepreneurs Flourish.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “Daniel Garza, Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: ‘The government should not be in the position of choosing winners and losers. Even President Obama has said the Export-Import Bank serves as corporate Welfare . The Bank’s efforts only help less than one percent of one percent of small businesses. Rather than channeling hardworking Americans’ money into a select few companies, these companies should be seeking funds in the private market, which is better equipped to evaluate risk and needs. Our taxpayers’ dollars should not go into imprudent investments that only benefit a few. Lawmakers would do well in letting the Ex-Im Bank expire and work instead to create policies that help our small business entrepreneurs flourish and start their businesses without undue disadvantage from government-backed competitors.’” [LIBRE Initiative, [6/11/15](#)]

The Koch Network Brought The Fight To Kill The Ex-Im Bank To The Mainstream

Politico: By 2013 AFP And Other Koch-Backed Groups Took The Ex-Im Bank Fight Mainstream. According to Politico, “Things started really changing in 2013, when AFP and a handful of newer Koch-backed advocacy groups took the fight mainstream. They formed a coalition of 30 outfits opposing reauthorization, including sometime rivals like the Club for Growth and Heritage Action, which — like the U.S. Chamber — have received funding through the Koch network hub, Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce, but have not always seen eye-to-eye with the Koch operation.” [Politico, [12/3/15](#)]

LIBRE Opposed The Federal Government’s Regulatory Authority

LIBRE Cited A Report By The Mercatus Center Claiming Federal Agencies Employed “A Series Of Evasions” To “Adopt And Implement A Host Of New Regulations.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “According to a new study from the Mercatus Center, federal agencies have been circumventing the legally-defined rulemaking process to impose Regulations that can have great costs and impacts. This activity is known as stealth Regulation . The Administrative Procedure Act (APA), which compels agencies to allow the public to review and comment on proposed rules, was put in place as an accountability tool. Likewise, the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) was created to oversee regulatory review of agency decisions. Neither has been able to prevent a series of evasions that agencies have employed to adopt and implement a host of new Regulations.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [4/27/15](#)]

- **Garza: “When Agencies Are Allowed To Make Major Decisions And Impose Large Burdens On Their Own, Without Proper Review And Public Feedback, There’s A Great Temptation To Overreach.”** According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “Daniel Garza, Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: ‘The Constitution and American tradition set out a clear and transparent process for this nation to make important decisions. It requires open debate and opportunity for review by the public. When agencies are allowed to make major decisions and impose large burdens on their own, without proper review and public feedback, there’s a great temptation to overreach. The president and the Congress must act to prevent these abuses and the misuse of public funds that are greatly hurting Hispanic businesses in particular. There need to be clear limits on the powers of each agency, and lawmakers should not pass the blame for unpopular Regulations on to unelected bureaucrats. It’s time for accountability on the regulatory process, the appropriate balance between the costs and benefits, and the use of taxpayer dollars.’” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [4/27/15](#)]

Garza Said That Inequality Induced By The Government Is “Immoral” And “Corrupt,” Whereas Inequality Induced By The Private Sector Is “Moral.” According to the American Bridge transcript of a speech by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza at the 2016 Pennsylvania Leadership Conference, “It is government that has induced inequality, not the private sector. The kind of inequality that the private sector generates is one that actually is because somebody worked hard and succeeded, and offered a product or a service that met consumer demand. There’s a huge difference in that. One is moral, and one is immoral, and one is corrupt. Let’s call a spade a spade.” [Pennsylvania Leadership Council, [4/2/16](#)]

LIBRE Criticized The FDA’s Work On Nutrition And Criticized Their Approvals Process

LIBRE Policy Analyst Payton Alexander Said The FDA’s Nutritional Labeling Requirements Would Disproportionately Impact “Big Business At The Expense Of Smaller Competitors By Forcing Them To Raise Prices...Or Potentially Close Up Shop.” According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative policy analyst Payton Alexander for The LIBRE Initiative’s Blog LIBRE, “The FDA’s nutritional labeling requirements involve complex calculations of portions, calories, and other data that impose significant costs on restaurant owners, especially for small businesses. Unfortunately, this disproportionate impact of this regulation will benefit big businesses at the expense of their smaller competitors by forcing them to raise prices, risk financial losses, or potentially close up shop.” [TheLIBREInitiative.com/Blog-LIBRE, [2/12/16](#)]

Alexander Wrote That FDA Approval Processes Are “Obsolete.” According to a post by LIBRE Initiative policy analyst Payton Alexander for The LIBRE Initiative’s Blog LIBRE, “The FDA’s approval processes are slow and obsolete and its scope is too broad, certificate-of-need laws discourage competition, state-by-state licensing restrictions constrain and distort the supply of physicians, Medicare’s price controls skew treatment patterns, and unbreakable walls lock Americans into separate insurance markets, making competition useless.” [Payton Alexander – LIBRE Initiative, [2/23/16](#)]

A Group Of Koch-Funded Lawyers Have Challenged The FDA’s Medical Safety Regulations

LA Times: Cause Of Action, “A Small Group Of Lawyers Funded By The Koch Network,” Challenged “Robust Medical-Safety Regulations By The Food And Drug Administration.” According to the LA Times, “Cause of Action, a small group of lawyers funded by the Koch network, has taken up the green-energy firm’s case free of charge. [...] The litigants on whose side Cause of Action has gone to court — all pro bono — include a wind farm in Oregon, a marine conservation activist on the Monterey coast and a Northern California lesbian couple eager to give birth through artificial insemination. One thing those cases have in common is that the legal challenges oppose policies pushed by the Obama administration: government involvement in energy markets in the cases of Fuel Cell Energy and the wind farm, strict enforcement of wildlife protections in the Monterey dispute, and robust medical-safety regulations by the Food and Drug Administration challenged by the couple.” [Los Angeles Times, [2/7/15](#)]

LIBRE Endorsed The Trade Promotion Agreement And The Trans-Pacific Partnership

LIBRE Announced Its Support For TPA. According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “Bipartisan Trade Promotion Agreement Good News for Economy Congress Would Grant President Expanded Power to Negotiate [...] Leaders of both parties in Congress recently agreed on Trade Promotion Authority legislation, which would simplify Congressional review of trade deals with other nations, effectively strengthening the president’s negotiating position. Nevertheless, the bill – which President Obama supports -- has garnered opposition from some liberal groups and Members of Congress who are concerned that expanding trade and allowing more consumer choice could impact some domestic industries that may have a hard time competing.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [4/20/15](#)]

LIBRE: TPA “Would Help In Negotiation Of The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) With Eleven Other Nations – An Accord That Could Increase U.S. Exports By \$123.5 Billion.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “Supporters of the TPA note that this legislation is necessary because other countries will not grant concessions if Congress insists on picking apart each deal during congressional debate. They argue that it is essentially impossible for the U.S. to secure a major deal unless Congress agrees to vote ‘yes’ or ‘no’ on an agreement in its entirety, rather than reserving the right to change any part of it after it is signed. If passed, this legislation would help in negotiation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) with eleven other nations – an accord that could increase U.S. exports by \$123.5 billion and set a standard for international compacts going forward.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [4/20/15](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Tweeted That “Free Trade Benefits All Of Us.” According to a tweet by The LIBRE Initiative, “#FreeTrade benefits all of us. #GOPDebate” [LIBRE Initiative – Twitter, [3/10/16](#)]

Koch Lobbyists Spent Over \$48 Million Lobbying On The Trans-Pacific Partnership Between 2013 And 2016

Koch Companies Public Sector Spent Over \$48 Million Lobbying On The Trans-Pacific Partnership Between October 2013 And January 2016. According to the United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Act Database, Koch Companies Public Sector, LLC reported spending \$48,190,000.00 between October 18, 2013 and January 19, 2016. [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosure Act Database, “Koch,” “Trans-Pacific Partnership,” accessed [4/15/16](#)]

LIBRE Weighed In Against The Obama Administration Efforts To Restrict Tax Inversions

LIBRE Policy Director Jorge Lima: Obama Administration’s Tax Inversion Changes Are A “Regulation-Heavy, Short-Term, Unilateral Fix.” According to a LIBRE Initiative Press Release, “Jorge Lima, Policy Director of The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: ‘Once again, the White House has chosen not to work with Congress to address the problems with our tax code - but instead to impose a Regulation -heavy, short-term, unilateral fix.’” [LIBRE Press Release, [9/23/14](#)]

Lima: Obama’s Tax Inversion Changes Are “Not The Way To Enhance Competitiveness, Encourage Economic Growth, And Ensure Tax Compliance,” And “It’s Not Clear That Even This Change Is Legally Permitted.” According to a LIBRE Initiative Press Release, “The Treasury Department says more changes may be coming, and it's not clear that even this change is legally permitted. This is not the way to enhance competitiveness, encourage economic growth, and ensure tax compliance.” [LIBRE Press Release, [9/23/14](#)]

Koch Industries Set Up Foreign Subsidiaries In Luxembourg

Koch Industries Created A Tangle Of “Interlocking Corporations In Luxembourg That May Have Helped Them Slash The Taxes They Pay In The U.S. And Europe.” According to The Center for Public Integrity, “Disney and Koch Industries, a U.S.-based energy and chemical conglomerate, both created tangles of interlocking corporations in Luxembourg that may have helped them slash the taxes they pay in the U.S. and Europe, according to the documents obtained by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists.” [Center for Public Integrity, [12/9/14](#)]

LIBRE Has Been Reluctant To Criticize Sen. Ted Cruz, Despite His Extreme Rhetoric On Immigration

LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Daniel Garza In January 2016: “I Feel” Ted Cruz Has Made Latino Outreach “More Of A Challenge” By Associating Rep. Steve King With His Campaign, Though “I Think It’s A Shrewd Political Move.” According to Politico, “Daniel Garza, the executive director of the LIBRE initiative, told POLITICO that Cruz’s immigration policies and having King on his team is going to make it more difficult for him to get the Hispanic vote in the general election. ‘It’s gonna be up to him to persuade Latinos across the country that his [immigration] plan is going to work for America,’ said Garza, who referred to his organization as a right-leaning advocacy group focused on free market principles and the Hispanic community. ‘I feel he’s made that more of a challenge.’ ‘Obviously it’s primary season and a candidate has to appeal to as many voters in any given state as he can. I think it’s a shrewd political move to associate with Steve King,’ Garza said of Cruz’s strategy to win next month’s Iowa caucus.” [Politico, [1/7/16](#)]

- **Politico: Garza Remarked That “Cruz And King Are Both Good Lawmakers...While Adding That He Does Not Agree With Their Immigration Stances,” He Did Like Where Cruz “Stood On Immigration In 2013.”** According to Politico, “Cruz and King are both good lawmakers, Garza remarked, while adding that he does not agree with their immigration stances. He remarked that he liked where the Texas senator stood on immigration in 2013. At the time, Cruz had proposed an amendment to the bipartisan Gang of Eight comprehensive immigration reform bill that would expand the number of highly skilled worker visas by about 500 percent.” [Politico, [1/7/16](#)]

Garza: I Admire Ted Cruz, But He “Has Now Paved Himself Into A Corner” On Immigration Reform.” According to a panel discussion with LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza and former New Mexico governor Bill Richardson

hosted by Telemundo and the Columbia University Journalism School with moderator New Yorker staff writer Nicholas Lemann, “The political season is right for a conservative candidate to swoop in with an alternative agenda. And you have somebody who’s speaking really harsh on immigration. And Ted Cruz has gone right there with him. And so the challenge is this for Ted Cruz, who I think is a great senator and I admire. He has now paved himself into a corner – that he is against amnesty, always will be, and will not pass immigration reform that includes a path to citizenship or even legalization.” [Columbia Journalism School via YouTube, [1/29/16](#)]

- **Garza: Cruz Has To Convince Hispanics Who Agree With Him On 95% Of All Issues To “Overlook” The 5% Of Immigration Reform.** According to a panel discussion with LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza and former New Mexico governor Bill Richardson hosted by Telemundo and the Columbia University Journalism School with moderator New Yorker staff writer Nicholas Lemann, “But anyways, the point is: he [Ted Cruz] now has to convince the Latino community that if you agree with me on 95% of all the issues, you’re gonna have to overlook this 5%. So, do you wanna forsake the 95%, where I wanna reduce taxes, I wanna reduce regulations, where I want to rein in the growth and the size and the scope of government and the bureaucratic army, and all these other things which I agree with him entirely on, and forsake the 95%. That’s a legitimate question for every Latino to ask themselves in the future, if he is the nominee.” [Columbia Journalism School via YouTube, [1/29/16](#)]

Garza: “Ted Cruz And Marco Rubio Are Actually More Reflective Of The Latino Community Than Bernie Sanders Or Hillary Clinton, With Respect To Ideology.” According to an opinion by Independent Journal journalist Sarah Rumpf for the Independent Journal, “The reality is that Rubio and Cruz are expressing views that millions of Latinos embrace,” LIBRE’s executive director Daniel Garza said in a phone interview. [...] “The convention [on immigration] is framed by the Left, and it’s a false convention that they want to project onto the Latino community. Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio are actually more reflective of the Latino community than Bernie Sanders or Hillary Clinton, with respect to ideology, but the Latino left wants you to think otherwise, because it’s in their political interest to do so.” [Sarah Rumpf – Independent Journal, accessed [2/5/16](#)]

Garza Told Foreign Policy That Sens. Marco Rubio And Ted Cruz Could Give Republicans Historic Gains Among Latinos “If They Leverage It Correctly.” According to Foreign Policy, “Last September, the nonprofit Libre Initiative, a Hispanic outreach group that is backed by the Koch brothers, repudiated Trump’s extremist rhetoric. Its executive director, Daniel Garza, told Foreign Policy the group is politically neutral but predicted Rubio and Cruz could lead the party to historic gains among Latinos ‘if they leverage it correctly.’” [Foreign Policy, [2/24/16](#)]

Garza Said That The LIBRE Initiative Had “A Lot In Common” With Sen. Ted Cruz, Including “Upholding Constitutional Principles And Values...Sound Money,” And Free Trade. According to the American Bridge transcript a WNYC interview of LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza on The Takeaway with host John Hockenberry, “[HOCKENBERRY:] So you have very little in common with Ted Cruz then. [GARZA:] We have a lot in common, actually. We align very much with Ted Cruz on a lot of what he is about in upholding constitutional principles and values, making sure that the rule of law is sound. Sound money, of course. Free trade.” [WNYC, [3/23/16](#)]

Garza Praised Sen. Ted Cruz For “Promoting #SchoolChoice Policies” At The March 2016 CNN Town Hall.

According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza, “Bravo @SenTedCruz for promoting #Schoolchoice policies in #cnn townhall - Our children and communities win when we expand education options.” [Daniel Garza – Twitter, [3/29/16](#)]

LIBRE’s Extreme Rhetoric On Controversial Issues

LIBRE Initiative National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy Used The Term “Illegals” To Refer To Undocumented Immigrants

National Spokesman for LIBRE Initiative Authored Op-Ed Using Term “Illegal Immigrants.” According to Rachel Campos Duffy: In light of the news from Washington, D.C., about divisions over immigration reform, it is hard to believe that there was at one point an immigration issue that brought Democrats and Republicans together: what to do about the children of illegal immigrants already living in the United States. [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [8/11/14](#)]

Campos-Duffy: “I Don’t Know What The Number Is Now They Say Of How Many Millions Of Illegals Are Living In This Country.” According to a speech Rachel Campos-Duffy gave to The Latino Voter Outreach Midwest Conference, “Now what do we do about the 11 million or so, whatever—I don’t know what the number is now they say of how many millions of illegals are living in this country.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy Speech – Latino Voter Outreach Midwest Conference via YouTube.com, [10/15/13](#)]

Newsmax: “President Barack Obama's Plan To Barrel Ahead With An Executive Order Granting Amnesty To Millions Of Illegal Immigrants Is A Slap In The Face To Hispanics, Says Rachel Campos-Duffy, Spokeswoman For The LIBRE Initiative And Former Star Of MTV's ‘The Real World.’”- According to Newsmax, “President Barack Obama's plan to barrel ahead with an executive order granting amnesty to millions of illegal immigrants is a slap in the face to Hispanics, says Rachel Campos-Duffy, spokeswoman for the LIBRE Initiative and former star of MTV's ‘The Real World.’ ‘It proves that Obama has never been about caring about the Hispanic community or caring about the things that they want to have done,’ Campos-Duffy said Wednesday on ‘The Steve Malzberg Show’ on Newsmax TV.” [Newsmax, [11/5/14](#)]

Aspen Institute Henry Crown Fellow Fernando Espuelas: LIBRE “Opposes A Hike In The Minimum Wage, Supports ‘Voter ID Laws’ That Suppress The Hispanic Vote, And Even Pushed The GOP’s Big Lie That ‘Illegals’ Were Voting And Impacting” Elections. According to an opinion by Univision Network Host and Aspen Institute Fellow Fernando Espuelas in The Hill, “But that's not all. Libre also opposes a hike in the minimum wage, supports ‘voter ID laws’ that suppress the Hispanic vote, and even pushed the GOP's big lie that ‘illegals’ are voting and impacting electoral outcomes.” [Fernando Espuelas – The Hill, [4/1/15](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Ohio Field Director Ezra Escudero Called Opposition To Religious Liberty Laws “Shameful” And Hypocritical

LIBRE Initiative Ohio Field Director Ezra Escudero Tweeted That Bryan Adams And Other Performers Cancelled Concerts In Mississippi In Response To A New Anti-LGBT Law Not Because Of “Morality Or Righteous Indignation,” But Rather “Peer Pressure, Bullying & Hypocrisy.” According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative Ohio field director Ezra Escudero, “It isn't morality or righteous indignation from Adams & other celebrities. It's peer pressure, bullying & hypocrisy.” According to an image tweeted by Erin Brownback, “Bryan Adams cancels Mississippi concert over law that allegedly allows anti-LGBT discrimination. Played concerts in Syria, Qatar, and the UAE, where homosexuality is explicitly criminalized.” [Ezra Escudero – Twitter, [4/14/16](#)] [Erin Brownback – Twitter, [4/14/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Ohio Field Director Ezra Escudero Retweeted A National Review Editorial That Called “Capitulation On Religious-Liberty Laws...Shameful And Shortsighted.” According to a tweet by the National Review retweeted by LIBRE Initiative Ohio field director Ezra Escudero, “NR Editorial: Capitulation on Religious-Liberty Laws Is Shameful and Shortsighted” [National Review – Twitter, [3/31/16](#)]

LIBRE Pushed Against President Obama’s Executive Actions On Gun Safety, And Called The Issue A “Loser In The Latino Community”

LIBRE Initiative Digital Manager Steven Cruz: President Obama’s Gun Safety Executive Action “Undermines Our Constitutional Rights. Congress Will Use Every Option To Stop It.” According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative digital manager Steven Cruz, “Today’s Executive Action undermines our constitutional rights. Congress will use every option to stop it. #wasteoftime #realreform” [Steven Cruz – Twitter, [1/5/16](#)]

- **Cruz: “POTUS Making America Less Safe. More Difficulty For Law-Abiding Citizens To Buy Guns Doesn't Stop Criminals, Mentally-Ill Or Terrorists.”** According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative digital manager StevenCruz, “POTUS making #America less safe. More difficulty for law-abiding citizens to buy guns doesn't stop criminals, mentally-ill or terrorists.” [StevenCruz – Twitter, [1/5/16](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Independent Contractor Jesus Marquez: None Of President Obama’s Executive Actions On Gun Safety Are “Going To Make Us Safer;” California Has Some Of The “Toughest” Gun Safety Laws, And “It Still Didn’t Stop” The San Bernardino Shooting. According to an interview with LIBRE Initiative independent contractor Jesus Marquez and ProgressNow Nevada executive director Annette Magnus on Ralston Live with host Jon Ralston, “[JESUS MARQUEZ:] For example, in California – the last shooting that happened in San Bernardino, which is a terrorist attack – but

at first, President Obama and others brought the issue of gun control. And we find out that California has one of the toughest restrictive laws in terms of gun control in the country, and it still didn't stop that from happening. So I believe that these new laws and more laws are not going to make us safer." [Ralston Live, [1/5/16](#)]

- **Marquez: To Make Us Safer, "We Have To Have A Change In The Culture;" What Our Kids See On TV Is "All Violence," And "We Can Certainly Start...A National Debate On This," But Executive Actions Are "Not The Way."** According to an interview with LIBRE Initiative independent contractor Jesus Marquez and ProgressNow Nevada executive director Annette Magnus on Ralston Live with host Jon Ralston, "[JON RALSTON:] What would make us safer? [MARQUEZ:] Well, I believe that we have to have a change in the culture, you know. Look at what our kids see on TV, you know. It's all violence, and there's so many things we can address. We can certainly start the debate on this, a national debate on this. What can make us safer. But going with the plan and finding new executive actions, I believe that's not the way." [Ralston Live, [1/5/16](#)]

Marquez: "I Don't Believe That Background Checks Can Make Us Safer...Criminals Do Not Obtain Their Weapons In The Legal Way," And Background Checks Are "Making It Harder For Law-Abiding Citizens...To Get Guns."

According to an interview with LIBRE Initiative independent contractor Jesus Marquez and ProgressNow Nevada executive director Annette Magnus on Ralston Live with host Jon Ralston, "[MARQUEZ:] You know, I don't believe that background checks can make us safer. And this is why, because criminals do not obtain their weapons in the legal way. So a background check doesn't really matter for them. [...] Right now, with more restrictions on the law, they're pretty much doing that, you know, they're making it harder for law-abiding citizens like myself or you to get guns, and truly the criminals are not going to care for those." [Ralston Live, [1/5/16](#)]

Marquez: "Women Will Feel Safer With A Gun" In The Event Of Domestic Violence. According to an interview with LIBRE Initiative independent contractor Jesus Marquez and ProgressNow Nevada executive director Annette Magnus on Ralston Live with host Jon Ralston, "[MAGNUS:] Just so you know, we're fifth in the country for domestic violence, so we're pretty high on that list of crimes committed. [MARQUEZ:] And the women will feel safer with a gun." [Ralston Live, [1/5/16](#)]

Garza: Latinos Aren't In Favor Of Gun Control, And Limiting The Right To Gun Ownership Is "A Loser In The Latino Community" For The Democrats; "They're Gonna Pay The Price For That, Let Me Tell You." According to an 850 WFTL interview with LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza on The Joyce Kaufman Show with host Joyce Kaufman, "[JOYCE KAUFMAN:] When it comes to ownership of guns, Latinos are historically more threatened by criminals with guns, and therefore more likely to want to be armed. And they keep pretending that Latinos are for gun control, and I don't find that at all. Do you? [GARZA:] No, not at all. In fact, I tell you, this one issue – Democrats run on trying to control gun ownership, and limit and hinder the possession of firearms. It is absolutely clear in the Constitution that the right to do so is a loser in the Latino community, and they're gonna pay the price for that, let me tell you." [850 WFTL, [1/8/16](#)]

Campos-Duffy: A Lowell, MA Law That Requires Applicants For Handgun Carry Permits To Write An Essay And Take Training Classes Is "A War On Poor People," Because The Classes Could Cost Up To \$1,100. According to a Fox News interview of former Concerned Veterans for America CEO Pete Hegseth on Outnumbered with hosts Andrea Tantaros, Harris Faulkner, Sandra Smith, and LIBRE Initiative national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy, "[ANDREA TANTAROS:] The city of Lowell, enacting a measure saying those applying for permits to carry handguns have to submit what critics are calling an essay. They also have to take a set of training classes that could cost up to eleven hundred bucks. [...] [CAMPOS-DUFFY:] I think more troublesome is this \$1,100 fee to take this class, because think about it. If you're rich you can afford that. You probably live in a gated community anyway. I think this is a war on poor people, because they're the ones that live in the communities that have to protect themselves. They're the ones in the dangerous communities." [Fox News via LIBRE Initiative via YouTube, [1/27/16](#)]

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LIBRE Took Their Anti-Choice Rhetoric To The Extreme, Airing Ads That Claimed Democrats Wanted To "Abort Latino Babies" And Defending Donald Trump For Saying That Women Who Get Abortions Should Be Punished

LIBRE Initiative National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy Spoke At The National Right To Life Convention In New Orleans In July 2015. According to National Right to Life News Today, "Pro-life leaders and grassroots activists gathered in New Orleans for the 45th annual National Right to Life Convention on July 9-11, 2015. The three-day conference included a presidential forum featuring Dr. Ben Carson, Gov. Rick Perry, Sen. Rick Santorum and Sen. Marco Rubio. Gov. Jeb Bush and Sen. Ted Cruz were unable to attend but prepared video messages for attendees. On a special night of the convention, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal also addressed attendees. Speakers at the convention also included Dr. George Delgado, the doctor who developed a technique aimed at reversing RU-486 abortions, Rachel Campos-Duffy, Mary Matalin, Sen. Bill Cassidy, Sen. David Vitter, John McCormack of The Weekly Standard, and Duck Dynasty stars Alan, Lisa and Miss Kay Robertson." [National Right to Life News Today, [12/31/15](#)]

LIBRE Initiative National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy: The Abortion Lobby Is Not Letting "A Crisis Go To Waste" By Pushing "Their Agenda In Latin America" In Light Of The Zika Outbreak, "Where Abortion Is Outlawed In Many Countries." According to a post by LIBRE Initiative national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy, 'Never let a crisis go to waste'. That's what the powerful abortion lobby is doing with the tragic Zika outbreak to push their agenda in Latin America where abortion is outlawed in many countries. But one mom with two daughters with Microcephaly and a British journalist who has been living and thriving with the condition are 'offended' by the suggestion that their lives are not worth living." [Rachel Campos-Duffy – Facebook, [2/4/16](#)]

Voces De La Frontera Executive Director Christine Neumann-Ortiz: Some Libre Commercials Have Gone So Far As To Claim, "That Democrats Want To Abort Latino Babies." According to the Wisconsin Gazette, "Using Spanish-language radio and other targeted media, Libre stresses GOP message points that are framed to resonate with Latino voters, such as the party's strong opposition to abortion and it's embrace of school choice. Some commercials aired by the group have gone so far as to claim that Democrats want to abort Latino babies, according to Christine Neumann-Ortiz, executive director of the Milwaukee-based immigrant rights group Voces de la Frontera." [Wisconsin Gazette, [12/10/15](#)]

Huerta: A LIBRE Spokesperson Attacked Planned Parenthood For Targeting Minority Communities And Lessening The "Political Power" Of Women Of Color. According to an opinion by United Farm Workers co-founder Dolores Huerta for the Huffington Post, "A spokesperson for the right-wing Libre Initiative just made this attack, accusing Planned Parenthood of 'target[ing] minority communities' and of working to diminish the 'political power' of women of color." [Dolores Huerta – Huffington Post, [8/21/15](#)]

Rachel Campos Duffy: There Was "An Unprecedented Opportunity To Take Government Funding Out Of A Very Morally Despicable Organization Called Planned Parenthood." According to an interview posted by Right Wisconsin, Rachel Campos Duffy said "We're in the middle of, I think, an unprecedented opportunity to take government funding out of a very morally despicable organization called Planned Parenthood. And so, yeah, it's going to be interesting to see if he does that or if it's just passing and I think if he doesn't give it the weight that I think it deserves-- the moral weight it deserves-- there's going to be a lot of Catholics that go to church faithfully every Sunday that are going to be left confused and disheartened. You're going to have a movement-- a pro-life movement that has made really great strides in turning the tide of public opinion-- they're also going to feel let down by the Pope." [Right Wisconsin, [9/16/15](#)]

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LIBRE Initiative Ohio Field Director Ezra Escudero Retweeted A Tweet By Live Action Founder Lila Rose, Who Called A U.S. District Court Decision To Dismiss An ACLU Bid To Require Catholic Hospitals To Perform Abortions “A Victory In Court.” According to a tweet by Live Action founder Lila Rose, retweeted by LIBRE Initiative Ohio field director Ezra Escudero, “Victory in court! The U.S. District Court dismisses [sic] the ACLU attempt to force Catholic hospitals into abortion [LIVE ACTION NEWS HEADLINE:] ACLU loses bid to force Catholic hospitals to perform abortions” [Lila Rose – Twitter, [4/12/16](#)]

LIBRE Has Taken Racist Positions On Instability In The Middle East

LIBRE Initiative Policy Analyst Payton Alexander In December 2015: “We’ve Wasted \$4 Trillion Toppling These Dictators In The Middle East, And For What?” According to a tweet by LIBRE Initiative policy analyst Payton Alexander, “Trump is actually right for once. We’ve wasted \$4 trillion toppling these dictators in the Middle East, and for what? #CNNDebate” [Payton Alexander – Twitter, [12/15/15](#)]

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Campos-Duffy: The “Root Cause” Of Young American Men Joining ISIS Is Islam And That “Christianity Needs To Offer A More Robust, Manly, Not Feminized Version Of Christianity.” According to Raw Story, “Earlier this week, officials in a terrorism joint task force in Minneapolis and San Diego announced that six men had been charged with providing support to ISIS. Officials described the case as ‘peer-to-peer’ recruitment where the young men had planned on self-funding their trip to Syria. [...] Campos-Duffy, who is now a spokesperson for the Koch-funded Libre Initiative, suggested that Christianity was necessary to counteract the Muslim influence on young men. ‘If there were groups of Catholics, young Catholic men going to Rome and joining a Crusade, I guarantee you that the media and our government and this administration would be having a very different conversation,’ she insisted. ‘Not about this peer-to-peer thing, but really the root cause.’ ‘What is it? It is reforming Islam and it’s also that Christianity needs to offer a more robust, manly, not feminized version of Christianity.’ Campos-Duffy added that she hoped that Pope Frances would address the topic instead of climate change when he visited the U.S. in September.” [Raw Story, [4/21/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy In December 2015: “We Ought To Be...Strengthening Our Relationships” With Some Of The Gulf States, Because “Ultimately We’re Going To Need Sunni Boots On The Ground.” According to a Fox News interview with Andrea Tantaros, Guy Benson, Harris Faulkner, Rachel Campos-Duffy, and Sandra Smith on Outnumbered, “It’s very clear, Russia does not have the same priorities we have. I totally agree with Andrea on that. And I think we ought to be looking at some of these Gulf states, and strengthening our relationships with them, because ultimately we’re going to need Sunni boots on the ground, and the Gulf states and many of these Arab neighbors absolutely understand the threat of ISIS is real for them.” [Fox News via LIBRE Initiative via YouTube, [12/1/15](#)]

LIBRE Initiative National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy On Islamic Terrorism In The U.S.: “If It Looks Like A Duck, It Walks Like A Duck, It Sounds Like A Duck, It Is A Duck.” According to a Fox Business interview with Rachel Campos-Duffy on Varney & Co. with host Stuart Varney, “[STUART VARNEY:] She [San Bernardino shooting suspect Tashfeen Malik] pledged to ISIS on Facebook on or around the moment of the attack. [...] How much longer can President Obama avoid saying, or refuse to say, that this is Islamic terror, and it’s in our backyard. [RACHEL CAMPOS-DUFFY:] I think it’s in his DNA not to say that, and he’s not going to until he absolutely has to. But he’s losing credibility. I mean, if it looks like a duck, it walks like a duck, it sounds like a duck, it is a duck.” [Fox Business via LIBRE Initiative via YouTube, [12/4/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy Said That Europe “Doesn’t Get It,” Regarding Combatting ISIS, And That The U.S. Should “Go To The Source” And “Take Care Of ISIS” Since Europe Was “Not Gonna Do It.” According to a Fox News interview of Fox News interviewer Jesse Watters with hosts Harris Faulkner, Andrea Tantaros, LIBRE Initiative national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy, and Eboni Williams, “[CAMPOS-DUFFY:] It’s very clear to me from watching Shep’s report, from seeing the reaction, at least on the ground, in Europe. Europe doesn’t get it, and we’re gonna have to go to the source, and as a military take care of ISIS. Because they’re not gonna do it.” [Fox News, [3/24/16](#)]

Campos-Duffy Called A Program To Combat Extremist Recruitment In The U.S. A “Waste Of Money,” Suggested That The “Answer” Instead Was Cultural Assimilation. According to a Fox News interview of Fox News interviewer Jesse Watters with hosts Harris Faulkner, Andrea Tantaros, LIBRE Initiative national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy, and Eboni Williams, “[TANTAROS:] A year and a half ago, the feds announced a pilot program to combat extremist recruitment in America. But we’re told that it’s off to a very slow start. The Justice Department gave Boston, Los Angeles, and Minneapolis more than \$500,000 in grants to jumpstart local efforts. But few programs are underway. [...] [CAMPOS-DUFFY:] It’s a waste of money. The answer is not these stupid programs. The answer is what we talked about yesterday, it’s assimilation.” [Fox News, [3/24/16](#)]

Garza Agreed With Talk Show Host Joyce Kaufman That We Should “Let The Middle East Handle The Refugee Problem In Syria” Because “We Need To Address The Real Refugee Problem In This Hemisphere.” According to an 850 WFTL interview with LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza on The Joyce Kaufman Show with host Joyce Kaufman, “[KAUFMAN:] Let the Middle East handle the refugee problem in Syria, and we need to address the real refugee problem in this hemisphere. [GARZA:] Absolutely.” [850 WFTL, [1/8/16](#)]