



KOCHS' LIBRE INITIATIVE IS HARMFUL TO HISPANIC COMMUNITY

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The Koch brothers are always trying to find innovative ways to achieve their political goals. Perhaps in part due to the literal and figurative toxicity that comes with the Koch name, the brothers started to incubate a number of issue-specific organizations to promote their right wing, self-serving ideology. The LIBRE Initiative is one of these groups. They brand themselves as a “grassroots organization” founded “to empower Hispanics” and advance “liberty, freedom and prosperity,” but they are run by Republican operatives and financed almost entirely by the Koch network.

Outwardly, the LIBRE Initiative seems like a local service-oriented organization; they sponsor local festivals, help undocumented citizens obtain drivers licenses, and hold seminars on entrepreneurship. While LIBRE talks obliquely about economic freedom and personal responsibility during their grassroots community outreach, they’re playing a long game. Their ultimate goal is to build trust in the community and thus build a more receptive audience for their partisan messages. As VOXXI reported, Cristobal Alex of the Latino Victory Fund “views the LIBRE Initiative as ‘just another Koch brothers front group.’ To make his case, he noted that the group describes itself as being bipartisan when in reality it stands in line with conservatives on a number of issues, such as opposing the Affordable Care Act.”

However, the policies that LIBRE supports hurt the Latino community. An obvious example is immigration policy. LIBRE claims to be for comprehensive immigration reform, but their actual agenda seems to be providing political cover for the GOP’s anti-immigrant agenda. Daniel Garza, the group’s executive director, said in 2012 that President Obama’s executive order protecting DREAMers from deportation, or DACA, was “pandering” and “dangerous.” He also questioned whether the move would provide any economic benefit. LIBRE’s position on immigration seems to be a moving target. Garza testified more recently that he’s for keeping the well-received DACA program because it already went into effect, but he’s against the program DAPA, which extends protection to the family of DREAMers, because it’s executive over-reach.

Their advocacy against the interests of the community that they supposedly serve doesn’t end with immigration. LIBRE spent millions on ads that attacked supporters of Obamacare even though, according to *The Nation*, “Latinos are more likely to be uninsured than any other group in the US.” Policies pushed by the Koch network generally, such as opposition to the minimum wage and President Obama’s plan to offer two free years of community college, are also harmful to Latinos.

While Garza is very measured when balancing the Koch agenda with the sentiments within the Hispanic community, LIBRE Initiative spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy takes a more brash approach. She often uses the insensitive term “illegal immigrants” when discussing policy. For example, she said at a 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.” She also used the term in an op-ed in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Campos-Duffy, a former reality TV star, has been a regular talking head on cable news and conservative policy conferences speaking about immigration reform, school choice, economic policy, contraception, and even attacked Pope Francis on climate change, all the while claiming to speak on behalf of the Hispanic community.

LIBRE doesn’t limit their attacks to the Latino community. They also hurt hardworking families by opposing unions and pushing “right to work for less” laws, and advocating for restricting access to contraception. The Koch network didn’t put tens of millions of dollars into the LIBRE Initiative for altruistic reasons. Making in-roads in the Latino community and spreading misinformation is really about fostering an environment that is favorable for the candidates who will implement the Kochs’ profit-driven agenda.

LA INICIATIVA LIBRE ES DAÑOSA A LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Los hermanos Koch siempre están tratando de encontrar maneras inventivas para cumplir sus metas políticas. Gracias en parte a la toxicidad literal y figurativa que viene con el nombre Koch, los hermanos han empezado a incubar un gran número de organizaciones relacionadas con diferentes asuntos específicos para promover sus valores derechistas y egoísticos. La Iniciativa LIBRE es uno de esos grupos. Se marcan como un grupo “de base popular” fundada para “empoderar a los Hispanos” y concebida para avanzar “la libertad y prosperidad,” pero son dirigidos por operarios Republicanos y financiados casi exclusivamente por la red de los Koch.

Hacia afuera, la Iniciativa LIBRE se luce como una organización orientada a servicios locales. Auspician festivales locales, ayudan a ciudadanos sin documentos adquirir licencias de conducir, y preparan seminarios sobre el espíritu empresarial. Pero aunque LIBRE habla oblicuamente sobre la libertad económica y responsabilidad personal, en realidad están estableciendo una estafa. Su meta final es estableciendo confianza con la comunidad para crear una audiencia más receptiva a sus mensajes partidistas. Como reportó VOXXI, “Cristobal Alex del Latino Victory Fund ve a la Iniciativa LIBRE como ‘solo otro de los frentes de los Hermanos Koch.’ Para establecer su caso, [Cristobal] él notó que el grupo se pinta como si fuera bipartidista, cuando en realidad se alinea con los conservadores en varias áreas, incluyendo estando en contra de la Ley del Cuidado de Salud a Bajo Precio (Affordable Care Act).”

De cualquiera manera, las políticas que LIBRE apoyan son dañosas a la comunidad Latina. Un ejemplo obvio es con su política relacionada a la inmigración. LIBRE pretende estar a favor de reforma migratoria, pero su agenda verdadera parece proveer un método de protección para los Republicanos y sus políticas anti-inmigrantes. Daniel Garza, el director ejecutivo de la iniciativa, dijo en el 2012 que la orden ejecutiva de Presidente Obama para proteger a los “DREAMers” de deportación (DACA), “halaga” y es “peligrosa.” Garza también cuestionó si la orden daría algún beneficio económico. La posición de LIBRE sobre la inmigración se luce como un blanco móvil. Más recientemente, Garza testificó que está a favor de mantener el buen-recibido programa DACA ya que está en efecto, pero que está en contra del programa DAPA, ya que extiende protecciones a las familias de los DREAMers, algo que él piensa es un sobre-alcance ejecutivo.

La abogacía realizada por la Iniciativa LIBRE en contra de los intereses de la comunidad que supuestamente apoya no termina con la inmigración. LIBRE gastó millones en anuncios atacando a los apoyadores de la Ley del Cuidado de Salud a Bajo Precio aunque el diario The Nation ha demostrado que “los Latinos son más probables estar sin algún tipo de cobertura de salud que cualquier otro grupo en los Estados Unidos.” Políticas empujadas por la red de los Koch en general, como la oposición no solo al salario mínimo pero también al plan de Obama a ofrecer dos años gratuitos de colegio comunitario son incluso dañosas a los Latinos.

Aunque Garza es bien cuidadoso en balanceando los intereses de los hermanos Koch con los sentimientos de la comunidad Hispana, la portavoz de la Iniciativa LIBRE, Rachel Campos-Duffy, utiliza un planteamiento más temerario. Frecuentemente usa el término insensible “inmigrantes ilegales” cuando está discutiendo políticas. En una conferencia comentó, “Ahora que hacemos con los 11 millones o cuantos sean de ilegales que están viviendo en este país. También uso el término en un artículo de opinión en el Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel. Campos-Duffy, una estrella previa del programa “The Real World” ha aparecido en varios noticieros y conferencias conservadores hablando sobre la reforma migratoria, un sistema de elecciones para escuelas, política económica y contracepción. Campos-Duffy hasta atacó al Papá Francisco sobre el cambio climático, aunque clamoreaba que estaba hablando en nombre de la comunidad Latina.

LIBRE no solo limita sus ataques a la comunidad Latina. También lastiman a las familias trabajadoras por estar en contra de los sindicatos, empujando leyes que quieren “bajar el valor del trabajo,” e impidiendo el acceso a contraceptivos para las mujeres. La red de los hermanos Koch no puso decenas de millones a la Iniciativa LIBRE solamente por razones altruistas. Estableciendo relaciones cercanas con la comunidad Latina y la difusión de información falsa realmente se trata sobre crear un ambiente favorable para los candidatos que van a implementar la agenda lucrativa de los Koch.

LIBRE As “Shadow GOP”

AP: “In Effect,” LIBRE “Is A Shadow GOP.” According to the Associated Press, “Its organizers pitch conservative ideals while offering tutorials on U.S. immigration law, support for overhauling the broken immigration system that stops short of campaigning for the Senate's bipartisan bill and collecting donations for the unaccompanied children crossing the United States-Mexico border illegally. In effect, it is a shadow GOP — one with a gentle emphasis on social services and assimilation over a central party often seen as hostile to immigrants and minorities.” [Associated Press, [8/11/14](#)]

LIBRE National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy: LIBRE “Is The Only Conservative Organization On The Ground, In Hispanic Neighborhoods, Countering The Efforts From The Left.” According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy for the National Review, “But, despite the best efforts of those peddling racial grievances and ‘free stuff,’ Hispanics remain stubbornly attracted to the ideas of economic liberty, self-reliance, and entrepreneurship. The notion of ‘making it in America’ taps into deep-seated cultural pride for Latinos, who value the dignity that comes from work and earned success. And helping to foster these ideas is The LIBRE Initiative. Founded in 2011, it is the only conservative organization on the ground, in Hispanic neighborhoods, countering the efforts from the left by educating and empowering Hispanics to prosper on their own terms. Hispanics don’t want more programs to make them comfortable in their poverty. What Hispanics really want is more opportunity: the freedom to work, leave poverty behind, and rise into the ranks of the middle class and beyond.” Rachel Campos-Duffy – National Review, [1/8/15](#)]

LIBRE Planned “To Spend The Bulk Of Its 2015 Budget On Hosting Events Around The Country To Expose Hispanics To Its Policy Agenda” Including “State’s Rights, School Choice,” Immigration, and Obamacare. According to Politico, “The group, which aired ads targeting Democrats in the run-up to the midterms, might start media buys later this year, [LIBRE President Daniel] Garza said. But it plans to spend the bulk of its 2015 budget on hosting events around the country to expose Hispanics to its policy agenda, which includes state’s rights, school choice and reforms to the federal tax code, immigration system and Obamacare.” [Politico, [1/28/15](#)]

LIBRE Opened Field Offices “In As Many As A Dozen States With Large Hispanic Populations.” According to Yahoo News, “A group of Hispanic conservatives is ramping up an aggressive campaign to attract Hispanic voters as part of an ongoing effort on the right to bring more minorities into the fold. This push by the LIBRE Initiative includes a seven-figure ad buy against Democratic lawmakers who supported the Affordable Care Act, often called Obamacare, and the opening of field offices in as many as a dozen states with large Hispanic populations. And in a novel move, the group is even providing social services to Hispanic communities while it sells its message.” [Yahoo News, [1/17/14](#)]

In 2014 LIBRE Had Operations In Eight States, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico, Virginia And Texas. According to the Associated Press, “Libre now has operations in eight states in the hope Hispanics will repay conservatives with their votes. Organizers already have 3,000 Texas volunteers, and similar undertakings in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico and Virginia. Libre is but one piece of the Koch brothers' sprawling and effective network of conservative groups. Alongside the grassroots-focused Americans for Prosperity and the youth-oriented Generation Opportunity, Libre began courting Hispanic voters in 2011.” [Associated Press, [8/11/14](#)]

Former Director Of Hispanic Outreach For Chris Christie's 2013 Reelection And Gov. Susana Martinez's 2013 Political Director, Edith Jorge, Was Hired As The Eastern Regional Director At The LIBRE Initiative. According to Politico, “JORGE TO LIBRE INITIATIVE: Edith Jorge, the former director of Hispanic outreach for Chris Christie's reelection in 2013 and New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez's political director for her reelection in 2014, has been hired as the eastern regional director at the LIBRE Initiative, the conservative Koch-backed nonprofit that targets Hispanic communities.” [Politico, [3/24/15](#)]

Since February 2015 The Center For Shared Services, “A Recruiting Arm For Koch-Backed Organizations” Has 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](#)]

Rachel Campos-Duffy: “We Have Offices And Operations At A Very Grassroots Level That Are Permanently Embedded In Hispanic Communities In Key Swing States.” According to a speech Rachel Campos-Duffy gave to the Young America’s Foundation, “So what we do is we have offices and operations at a very grassroots level that are permanently embedded in Hispanic communities in key swing states.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy Speech – Young Americas Foundation via Ustream.tv, [6/20/14](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Is Controlled By the Koch Brothers

LIBRE Initiative Was Run By Koch-Controlled Freedom Partners Network. According to KPBS, “Represented at the summit were groups such as Americans for Prosperity, Mercatus Center, the Libre Initiative, and more — all part of the well-funded network able to contribute massive amounts of cash into political causes anonymously.” [KPBS/INewsSource, [6/16/14](#)]

Freedom Partners Network Meetings “Drum Up Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars For Conservative Political Candidates And Set Policy For The Kochs’ Network Of Political Organizations, Which All Share The Same Goal — Moving The Country To The Right. According to KPBS, “Arriving, 3:39 p.m. This was the first text between two reporters and an editor during what would become a 24-hour attempt to learn about the semi-annual political summit hosted by the sixth-richest men in the world: David and Charles Koch. The retreats drum up hundreds of millions of dollars for conservative political candidates and set policy for the Kochs’ network of political organizations, which all share the same goal — moving the country to the right. Most of the cash is funneled through “dark money” groups that are not legally required to disclose their donors.” [KPBS/INewsSource, [6/16/14](#)]

LIBRE Executive Director Daniel Garza “Said He Had High Regard” For The Kochs, 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](#)]

After LIBRE Presented A Video “Of A Man Who Had Turned Around His Life After Embracing Religion” Charles 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](#)]

VOXXI: “Some Latino Leaders Worry That The Koch Brothers Are Using The LIBRE Initiative To Push Their Own Agenda.” According to VOXXI, “Some Latino leaders worry that the Koch brothers are using the LIBRE Initiative to push their own agenda, which includes eliminating the federal minimum wage, abolishing Medicaid programs and fighting clean energy legislation.” [VOXXI, [9/26/14](#)]

Head Of The Latino Victory Project, Cristobal Alex: LIBRE Is “Just Another Koch Brothers Front Group,” That Describes Itself As Bipartisan While Standing With Conservatives. According to VOXXI, “Cristobal Alex, head of the Latino Victory Project, has been a longtime critic of the LIBRE Initiative. In an interview with VOXXI, Alex said he views the LIBRE Initiative as ‘just another Koch brothers front group.’ To make his case, he noted that the group describes itself as being bipartisan when in reality it stands in line with conservatives on a number of issues, such as opposing the Affordable Care Act.” [VOXXI, [9/26/14](#)]

ProgressNow Arizona Executive Director Robbie Sherwood: LIBRE’s “Whole Agenda Is Indistinguishable From That Of The Tea Party Or Any Other Organization That Is Funded By The Koch Brothers.” According to VOXXI, “But critics say they are not trying to censor the LIBRE Initiative. Instead, they say they’re questioning the group’s actions and motives given that they receive millions of dollars from the Koch brothers. ‘Their money speaks a lot louder than their words,’ [executive director of ProgressNow Arizona Robbie] Sherwood said. ‘They build themselves as nonpartisan and that they support comprehensive immigration reform. But beyond that, their whole agenda is indistinguishable from that of the tea party or any other organization that is funded by the Koch brothers.’” [VOXXI, [9/26/14](#)]

LIBRE “Is A Pet Project” Of The Kochs. According to Think Progress, “Nowhere in the packets handed out to the attendees or in the presentations was it disclosed that the host organization, LIBRE, is a pet project of the Koch Brothers—the billionaire fossil fuel magnates currently bankrolling Republican candidates and conservative initiatives around the country.” [Think Progress, [9/30/14](#)]

Univision Network Host Fernando Espuelas: The LIBRE Initiative Was A “Cog Of The Koch Political Machine, Which Has Received Approximately \$10 Million Dollars In Koch Funding (That We Know Of.)” 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](#)]

LIBRE INITIATIVE RECEIVES VERY LARGE AMOUNTS OF KOCH FUNDING

LIBRE Has Received \$10 Million From Freedom Partners “Since It Began In 2011.” According to the Washington Post, “According to tax records, LIBRE has received \$10 million since it began in 2011 from Freedom Partners, a nonprofit group backed by the Koch brothers and other conservative donors. Garza said the group has hundreds of donors.” [Washington Post, [4/30/15](#)]

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 Received \$3.3 Million From Freedom Partners In 2013. According to the Huffington Post, “The Koch-backed Latino outreach group Libre Initiative, which has already spent \$2.1 million attacking 2014 candidates, received \$3.3 million from Freedom Partners.” [Huffington Post, [9/18/14](#)]

In 2012 Cycle, Freedom Partners, TC4 Trust, And Center To Protect Patient Rights Were Major Funding Vehicles For The Koch Brothers Network. According to ProPublica, “Fundraising by the libertarian billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch supports a tangle of nonprofits, sometimes referred to as the Kochtopus, all aimed at advancing conservative causes. Two groups, the Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce and TC4 Trust, handed out almost \$264 million from mid-2011 to October 2012 to 30 other nonprofits. Almost half of that went to the Center to Protect Patient Rights, which then funneled millions to a constellation of dark money groups, some of which also received money from Freedom Partners and TC4 Trust. Groups that got significant amounts of money from the Center, Freedom Partners and TC4 Trust reported political spending of more than \$75 million in 2012. Much of the money flowed through what are known as ‘disregarded entities’—limited liability companies, or LLCs, that some of the groups have set up. TC4 Trust has folded and the Center to Protect Patient Rights no longer plays a central role in the Koch network, but many of these groups will be active in the 2014 election.” [ProPublica.org, [2/14/14](#)]

- **Koch-Backed Freedom Partners Contributed More Than \$3.1 Million To The LIBRE Initiative In 2012.** According to its Form 990 filed with the IRS, Freedom Partners gave \$3,112,000 to the LIBRE Initiative in 2012. [Freedom Partners IRS Form 990, [2012](#)]

- **Koch-Backed 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](#)]
- **Koch-Backed 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](#)]

LIBRE IS HIGHLY VISIBLE AT SECRET KOCH MEETINGS

LIBRE Was Represented at Secret Koch Meeting At St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort In June 2014. According to KPBS/INewsSource, "Over the weekend and into Monday, the billionaire Koch brothers and supporters converged on the St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort in Dana Point. This columned, luxury compound, a little more than an hour north of San Diego, has 400 rooms, a spa, a golf course, a private beach and six restaurants. Staff confirmed the entire hotel — including food and beverage service — had been bought out for a special event. [...] Represented at the summit were groups such as Americans for Prosperity, Mercatus Center, the Libre Initiative and more — all part of the well-funded network able to contribute massive amounts of cash into political causes anonymously." [KPBS/INewsSource, [6/16/14](#)]

Koch Conference Attendee Joked About Calling His Wife Racial Slur for Latinas

Koch Conference Attendees Made Jokes About Other Men Being "Into Latinos" When Discussing Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler. According to KPBS/INewsSource, "No politicians were spotted Friday night, just groups of mostly men hanging out in the hotel bar and around the patio fire pit, talking politics. 'Academic institutions are factories for corruption,' one said to another. They talked about political prospects, and one man remarked that he liked 'Herrera,' possibly a reference to Jaime Herrera Beutler, a Republican who represents Washington state's 3rd Congressional District. 'You're into Latinos, eh?' the other replied." [KPBS/INewsSource, [6/16/14](#)]

Other Koch Conference Attendee In Response, Said: "My Wife Is A Spic, I Call Her A Wetback Sometimes."

According to KPBS/INewsSource, "The man who said he liked Herrera talked about working on former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum's campaign, and how it was the 'Tylenol quote' that killed Santorum's chances in the 2012 Republican primary. Foster Friess, one of Santorum's most prominent backers, told MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell 'back in my days, they used Bayer aspirin for contraceptives. The gals put it between their knees, and it wasn't that costly,' he said. They talked about how things said in private would sound terrible in public. 'My wife is a spic, I call her a wetback sometimes,' one man said, laughing." [KPBS/INewsSource, [6/16/14](#)]

LIBRE INITIATIVE LEADERSHIP

Executive Director Daniel Garza

Executive Director Of The LIBRE Initiative, Daniel Garza, Is A Former White House Aide To President George W. Bush. According to Yahoo News, "LIBRE is not a new group — it was founded in 2011 and conducted similar programs on a smaller scale around last year's presidential elections — but it is currently implementing a wide-ranging outreach initiative that began late last year. The organization has funding ties to Charles and David Koch's donor network and is led by Daniel Garza, a former White House aide to President George W. Bush. Garza sees 2014 as an opportunity for conservatives to gain a foothold among Hispanics, which voted overwhelmingly for a President Barack Obama in 2008 and 2012." [Yahoo News, [1/17/14](#)]

- **Daniel Garza, Was Scheduled To Be Part Of One Of The Secret Seminars Held By The Koch Brothers.** According to Mother Jones, "Top Koch operatives were expected to participate in this session, including Kevin Gentry, the Koch brothers' fundraising guru; Daniel Garza, the director of the Libre Initiative, a Koch-funded organization dedicated to Latino outreach." [Mother Jones, [2/5/14](#)]

Daniel Garza: "Why Should The Principles Espoused By Gloria Steinem Or Ralph Nader Have More Supremacy Over Those Espoused By Jesus Christ In The Bible?" According to an interview of the executive director of the LIBRE Initiative, Daniel Garza for the Daily Runner, "Why should the principles espoused by Gloria Steinem or Ralph Nader have

more supremacy over those espoused by Jesus Christ in the Bible? They should not. And everybody has to make their case on the merits of policy, on the merits of how this is better for society and better for America. I call on Christians to rise up, and to advance those values and those principles that they know are better for society. And we want to be a platform for that – for Latino Christians to advance their principles and their values.” [Daily Runner, [9/22/14](#)]

Daniel Garza: Compared The Work Of The LIBRE Initiative To Moses, Esther, Daniel, Joseph, King David, Martin Luther King Jr., The Salvation Army, And The Underground Railroad. According to an interview of the executive director of the LIBRE Initiative, Daniel Garza for the Daily Runner, “The fact is this: Moses had to advocate in the halls of government on behalf of his people. Esther had to rise up and advocate in the halls of government on behalf of her people. Daniel, Joseph, David who was the king of Israel, Christians in the Bible and Christians throughout history—Martin Luther King Jr., the Salvation Army, the underground railroad that was run by Christians – have always been engaged in the fight for people, in the fight for their principles and their values. And students, especially at Regent University, have to rise up and join that long legacy of civic involvement. Because it’s not only that we be good Christians, but that we be good citizens as well.” [Daily Runner, [9/22/14](#)]

Garza: Government Has “Hindered The Ability Of The Private Sector To Innovate, To Generate New Wealth, To Expand Opportunities For Those Immigrants That Are Coming In.” According to an interview of the executive director of the LIBRE Initiative, Daniel Garza for the Daily Runner, “What’s happened now is that, as immigrants have continued to flood into America, our ability to generate opportunities has diminished, because government’s role has expanded. It has, in a sense, hindered the ability of the private sector to innovate, to generate new wealth, to expand opportunities for those immigrants that are coming in. What we also have is over eleven million folks who are undocumented, who we make it very difficult for them to assimilate and to freely take advantage of the opportunities that do exist and to be rewarded for their hard work.” [Daily Runner, [9/22/14](#)]

Garza: “We’re Keeping An Undocumented Class In The Shadows, And Then For The New Immigrants... We’ve Limited The Opportunities For Them To Be A Part Of Those Who Generate New Wealth In America.” According to an interview of the executive director of the LIBRE Initiative, Daniel Garza for the Daily Runner, “So we’re keeping an undocumented class in the shadows, and then for the new immigrants that are coming in documented, we’ve limited the opportunities for them to be a part of those who generate new wealth in America. As government has expanded, as its reach has expanded, it’s hindered the private sector. And so it’s had a massive impact on a wide scale on our ability to absorb new immigrants and their ability to create new wealth.” [Daily Runner, [9/22/14](#)]

Executive Director Of The LIBRE Initiative Daniel Garza: “This Is An Opportunity” For Republicans “To Act On Immigration.” According to VOXXI, “Daniel Garza, executive director of the LIBRE Initiative, said that in order for Republicans to do well in the 2016 elections, they must find a way to make inroads with Latinos. And one way to do that, he said, is through the issue of immigration. ‘This is an opportunity for them to act on immigration, which is a priority for the Latino community and Republicans know that,’ Garza told VOXXI. ‘We’re going to be pushing them every step of the way to make sure that they do.’” [VOXXI, [11/5/14](#)]

National Strategic Director Jose Mallea

Jose Mallea Was Sen. Marco Rubio’s 2010 U.S. Senate Campaign Manager. According to the Tampa Bay Times, “Jose Mallea, who managed Marco Rubio’s blockbuster 2010 U.S. Senate campaign, has a new title: Beer maker. [...] Mallea worked on Newt Gingrich’s 2012 presidential bid and is an official with the Libre Initiative.” [Tampa Bay Times, [8/28/14](#)]

Politico: LIBRE National Strategic Director And Former Marco Rubio Campaign Manager, Jose Mallea, Will Be Hired As Jeb Bush’s Hispanic-Outreach Adviser. According to Politico, “Marco Rubio’s longtime friend and 2010 Senate campaign manager is about to be hired as a Hispanic-outreach adviser for the senator’s likely Republican 2016 rival, Jeb Bush, sources familiar with the decision tell POLITICO. Jose Mallea’s hiring by Bush’s Right to Rise political committee is a one-two punch for the former governor: It underscores the depth of loyalty Florida Republicans have for Bush and it shows his intense interest in turning out the Latino vote.[...] Mallea, who refused comment, plans Friday to resign his post as the national strategic director for the LIBRE Initiative, a Latino-outreach organization tied to the influential Koch brothers. He was hired after the initiative was founded nearly four years ago.” [Politico, [5/1/15](#)]

Politico: “Though A Rubio Friend, Mallea Is Loyal To The Bush Family. From 2001-2005, Mallea Worked In President George W. Bush’s Administration In Various Appointed Posts.” According to Politico, “Though a Rubio friend, Mallea is loyal to the Bush family. From 2001-2005, Mallea worked in President George W. Bush’s administration in various appointed posts, including special assistant to White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card. Mallea, who refused comment, plans Friday to resign his post as the national strategic director for the LIBRE Initiative, a Latino-outreach organization tied to the influential Koch brothers. He was hired after the initiative was founded nearly four years ago.” Politico, [5/1/15](#)

National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy

The LIBRE Initiative’s National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy. According to the biography of Rachel Campos-Duffy on the LIBRE Initiative website, “Rachel is an author and television personality specializing in political punditry, culture and parenting. She is the national spokesperson for The LIBRE Initiative, a non-profit that educates and advocates for the economic empowerment of Hispanics through limited government, entrepreneurship and self-reliance. Rachel 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.” [LibreInitiative.com, accessed [5/4/15](#)]

Rachel Campos-Duffy Is Married To GOP Rep. Sean Duffy—Both Veterans Of MTV’s “Real World.” According to Salon, “The panel closed with a shout out to [LIBRE’s Rachel] Campos-Duffy’s husband, GOP Rep. Sean Duffy — the pair are veterans of MTV’s ‘Real World’ — for sitting in the audience and taking care of his own children on Father’s Day, while his wife tried to save the world.” [Salon.com, [9/2/14](#)]

Campos-Duffy: Everyone “Saw What Happened In Katrina When People Relied Solely On The Government.” According to Salon, “All of these efforts, [LIBRE’s Rachel] Campos-Duffy explained, ‘help us to demonstrate our goodwill, that will sort of help show that we care, and show how we can depend on each other and not (inaudible) for everything on the government.’ Sounds good. But then she noted that everyone ‘saw what happened in Katrina when people relied solely on the government’ – a rather condescending take on the suffering of poor people who were abandoned when the Bush administration failed at what even conservatives normally acknowledge as a basic function of government: help in a natural disaster.” [Salon.com, [9/2/14](#)]

Campos-Duffy: President Obama’s Plan For An Executive Order On Immigration “Proves That Obama Has Never Been About Caring About The Hispanic Community.” 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](#)]

Campos-Duffy: To Address The “Root Cause” Of Terror Recruitment, There Needs To Be “A More Robust Manly, Not 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.’” [Fox News – Outnumbered, [4/21/15](#)]

Rachel Campos-Duffy’s Husband, Representative Sean Duffy, Tried To Defund Obama’s Immigration Executive Actions In Congress

2013

NumbersUSA Gave Rep. Sean Duffy A “B+” Rating Because He Said He Opposed “Amnesty” And Was Rated “Leaning Yes” For “Supporting Reduction Of Immigration Levels.” According to the Huffington Post, “[Rep. Sean] Duffy has a B+ rating from NumbersUSA, an organization that supports restricting all immigration -- legal and unauthorized.

He said in a questionnaire for the group that he opposes ‘amnesty’ and was rated ‘leaning yes’ for supporting reduction of immigration levels.” [Huffington Post, [5/23/13](#)]

2014

Duffy: “The Hispanic Community Doesn't Support Executive Action.” According to a transcript of an interview with Rep. Sean Duffy on CNN, “DUFFY: The American people don't support executive action. The Hispanic community doesn't support executive action. The president is at historic lows. We have the biggest majority we've had in 80 years.” [CNN, [11/21/14](#)]

2015

Headline: “Rep. Duffy Assails Obama Administration On Immigration, Over Reach.” [WXPR.org, [1/29/15](#)]

Rep. Sean Duffy Called President Obama’s Immigration Executive Actions, “Executive Overreach.” According to a transcript of an interview with Rep. Sean Duffy about President Obama’s executive actions on MSNBC’s Jose Diaz-Balart, “DIAZ-BALART: But it’s better than nothing. DUFFY: But, no it isn’t— DIAZ-BALART: It’s dealing with an issue that every day is causing families to be separated. DUFFY: This is why I think you’re wrong, Jose. DIAZ-BALART: Ok. DUFFY: I think the right thing to do is get a long-term solution that works for everybody. What the President has done is divided Houses.” [MSNBC – *Jose Diaz-Balart*, [2/20/15](#)]

Duffy Was Among The House Republicans Who Pushed To Defund President Obama’s Immigration Executive Actions In The Funding Package, Which Could Have Led To A Homeland Security Government Shutdown.

According to a transcript of an interview with Rep. Sean Duffy on CNN’s *Situation Room* with Wolf Blitzer, “BLITZER: -- hold on one second. I guess we got a technical issue. Hold on, I think that was Josh Earnest or something that we got a technical issue. Let me start again. Sean Duffy, assuming it passes a clean bill in the Senate, what's going to happen in the House of Representatives? DUFFY: What we're going to do, Wolf, is something that's very simple. We're going to say, you know what? Let's fund the security of our homeland, make sure all the money is there to make sure Al Qaeda or Russia or China, no one can come and attack us here. What we're not going to fund though is something that has nothing to do with Homeland Security which is the president's executive overreach. So, when I heard Barbara Boxer make comments or Democrats make comments that we're not passing a clean bill, or even you mentioned that, the fact is we actually are passing a clean bill that funds Homeland Security until the end of -- until the end of the fiscal year which is the right thing to do. What I don't understand is why Democrats are saying we have to have the funding of the president's executive overreach in exchange for funding the Homeland Security.” [CNN – *Situation Room*, [2/24/15](#)]

Duffy: “We Didn’t Give” President Obama “Money For Executive Amnesty” In The Funding Package. According to a transcript of an interview with Rep. Sean Duffy on CNN’s Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer, “DUFFY: And in our -- BLITZER: All right. DUFFY: -- funding package, we didn't give him the money for executive amnesty.” [CNN – *Situation Room*, [2/24/15](#)]

Duffy: “What We're Not Going To Fund Though Is Something That Has Nothing To Do With Homeland Security Which Is The President's Executive Overreach.” According to a transcript of an interview with Rep. Sean Duffy on CNN’s Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer, “DUFFY: What we're going to do, Wolf, is something that's very simple. We're going to say, you know what? Let's fund the security of our homeland, make sure all the money is there to make sure Al Qaeda or Russia or China, no one can come and attack us here. What we're not going to fund though is something that has nothing to do with Homeland Security which is the president's executive overreach.” [CNN – *Situation Room*, [2/24/15](#)]

Duffy On Immigration Executive Actions: “I Think The Right Thing To Do Is Get A Long-Term Solution That Works For Everybody. What The President Has Done Is Divided Houses.” According to a transcript of an interview with Rep. Sean Duffy on MSNBC’s Jose Diaz-Balart, “DIAZ-BALART: Congressman, I want to start with you. What kind of message would you have for someone like Astrid, who, you know, got here through no fault of her own when she was four years old. She knows no other country. And yet, lives with the very real fear of family separation. DUFFY: And I admit, there is a real fear in the community. And we have to acknowledge that. But what I pick up is, she thinks the President’s executive overreach is the end all, be all solution for her and her family. The truth is, it’s not. I think that the President and the administration has misrepresented what they’re doing. This is only a short-term solution. [...] DIAZ-BALART: But it’s better

than nothing. DUFFY: But, no it isn't— DIAZ-BALART: It's dealing with an issue that every day is causing families to be separated. DUFFY: This is why I think you're wrong, Jose. DIAZ-BALART: Ok. DUFFY: I think the right thing to do is get a long-term solution that works for everybody. What the President has done is divided Houses." [MSNBC – *Jose Diaz-Balart*, [2/20/15](#)]

IMMIGRATION REFORM: FOR THEORETICAL REFORM, AGAINST ACTUAL POLICIES THAT BENEFIT UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

The LIBRE Initiative has claimed to be in favor of multiple proposals supported by advocates of immigration reform, but their positions shift depending on the timing and the audience. In September 2014, LIBRE criticized President Obama for delaying expanded executive action on immigration reform. But one month later LIBRE's national spokesperson told a GOP gathering that the immigration system already provided a path to citizenship and she didn't know "how many millions of illegals" were living in the United States. Then, two months later, after President Obama issued his executive order on immigration, LIBRE attacked the president for issuing it, saying that it "proves that Obama has never been about caring about the Hispanic community." In February 2015 LIBRE's national spokesperson claimed the executive actions might let undocumented immigrants "collect tax refunds and commit voter fraud," and in March 2015, the executive director of the LIBRE Initiative admitted that his organization opposed DAPA, the expanded executive action, during Congressional testimony.

2012: LIBRE Initiative Policy Director: For Hispanic Voters Immigration Is "A Secondary Issue."

Jose Mallea: For Hispanic Voters Immigration Is "A Secondary Issue." According to the Palm Beach Post, "But Jose Mallea, former campaign manager for U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio and now regional director for the Libre Initiative, a conservative national policy organization, said the Republican ticket's economic appeal will reach Hispanics. The immigration issue for Hispanic voters [is] 'a secondary issue,' Mallea said. 'I don't think it's going to be the most important thing to influence their vote.'" [Palm Beach Post, [8/31/12](#)]

Mallea: Instead Of Talking About "Immigration, And The Dream Act," LIBRE "Is An Effort To Talk About Economic Freedom, Opportunity, The American Dream, And Government Over-Reach." According to the Miami Herald, "A new poll from a new Republican-leaning group called the Libre Initiative finds that Hispanic voters are unhappy with the country's direction, pessimistic about their kids' futures and suspicious about what government can do to foster the American dream. 'We're getting in front of Hispanics with a different message than you've been hearing,' said Jose Mallea, Libre Initiative's national coordinator. 'The Democrats want to talk about immigration, and the Dream Act,' Mallea said. 'This is an effort to talk about economic freedom, opportunity, the American dream, and government over-reach.'" [Miami Herald, [4/10/12](#)]

2012: Garza Attacked Obama's Executive Order to Stop Deporting DREAMers As "Pandering," "Dangerous," And Questioned Whether It Would Have Any Economic Benefit.

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](#)]

Garza Criticized Obama's Executive Order to Stop Deporting DREAMers Because It Was "It's Hard To Tell" If It Would Have Any Economic Benefit. According to Garza: "While the policy shift is set to benefit an estimated 800,000 immigrant youth, it's hard to tell if this initiative is in the least a partial solution to reversing the economic crisis." [FoxNews Latino, [6/12/12](#)]

Garza Attacked DACA Executive Order As "Obvious Political Posturing," "Brazen Attempt To Collect Votes In An Election Year Undermines The Rule Of Law." According to Garza: "But what is worse than the obvious political posturing to a critical voting bloc, is that this brazen attempt to collect votes in an election year undermines the rule of law." [FoxNews Latino, [6/12/12](#)]

Garza Attacked Obama's Executive Order To Stop Deporting Young, Undocumented Immigrants As "Politically Driven." According to Garza: "For many of us who are immigrants, or sons and daughters of immigrants, we value the American Dream, an opportunity to prosper in a country that values the rule of law. From what I have read thus far, this new initiative intends to partially achieve the goals of the so-called DREAM Act. It seems - given the timing and targeted constituency - a politically driven attempt to turn attention away from the lagging economy affecting the country at large, particularly Hispanics." [FoxNews Latino, [6/12/12](#)]

June 2012: Garza Announced That LIBRE Initiative Opposed DACA Executive Order For DREAMers Because It Did Not Honor Legislative Process. According to Garza: "The White House announced that it will stop deporting and begin granting work permits to young undocumented immigrants who came to the U.S. as children and have since led law-abiding lives. Had the legislative process been honored rightly, I too would have cheerfully given my personal endorsement of the rule change. However, we don't get to change law based on personal prerogatives because we are all, as Americans, duty bound to honor the legislative process outlined in our constitution. It was poorly done and political headwinds are sure to follow the president's actions, which compromise an effective long-term policy approach to a desperately needed reform." [FoxNews Latino, [6/12/12](#)]

August 2014: LIBRE Claimed To Support Immigration Reform But That Obama's Executive Orders Would Result In Unintended Consequences, Said "Doing An Executive Action Will Make Things Worse"

LIBRE Claimed To be "Generally Supportive Of Comprehensive Immigration Reform." According to Politico, "LIBRE, which is generally supportive of comprehensive immigration reform, has sought to distance itself from AFP and Pearce." [Politico.com, [8/19/14](#)]

LIBRE Predicted President Obama's Deportation Executive Order Would Result In "Unintended Consequences." According to Politico, "It objected to the characterization that it opposed the deportation executive order, which was popular in the Hispanic community, though it did issue a statement criticizing Obama for signing the order, which it predicted would result in 'unintended consequences,' while Garza also called it 'not helpful' in an appearance on Fox News." [Politico.com, [8/19/14](#)]

Campos-Duffy: With "Doing An Executive Action Will Make Things Worse. According to an interview of LIBRE national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy on Fox & Friends, "What ended up happening is it exposed, really, for anyone who had any doubts that the border wasn't secure, they saw that when all these Central American children were able to make it over. And now we have the crisis within the Middle-East, um and threats to the homeland from ISIS – so his [President Obama's] idea of immigration reform, which was legalization, citizenship, first and border security later really isn't that appealing to Americans anymore. I think they really want border security first. And then I think its really clear that the most powerful members of Congress, both in the Senate and in the House of Representatives, want to find a compromise. But I think for him the immigration issue is always about politics. [...] Doing an executive action will make things worse, especially when we know there's a solution everyone can agree on." [Fox & Friends via YouTube, [9/8/14](#)]

September 2014: LIBRE Initiative Criticized Obama's Delay of Expanded Executive Action on Immigration Reform

The LIBRE Initiative Criticized President Obama For Delaying His Executive Actions On Immigration Reform.

According to Nevada's KTNV Action 13, "President Obama is under fire for back-pedaling on a promise he made early this summer to reform the immigration system by executive action. [...] Now the President's promise will have to wait until after the mid-term elections, and that's not sitting well with local immigration reform activists. 'Once again, the Hispanic community is being victim to political ploys,' said Ronnie Najaro of The Libre Initiative." [KTVN Action News, [9/6/14](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Executive Director 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](#)]

LIBRE's Brian Faughnan On Congress Enacting Immigration Reform: "From Our Point Of View, Conservatives And Republicans Need To Look At The Long-Term Interests Here."

According to Slate, "I checked in with Libre's Brian Faughnan, asking first whether Libre wanted Obama to issue an executive order to stop deportations. [...] But why would Republicans act, when they've just seen that doing nothing in the House led to Latino voters souring on the president? 'We believe that it's the right thing to do,' said Faughnan. 'I think you can look at instances in the past where conservatives have looked at perhaps a short-term political gain that turned out to be in the long term, politically damaging. From our point of view, conservatives and Republicans need to look at the long-term interests here.'" [Slate, [9/10/14](#)]

LIBRE's Brian Faughnan On LIBRE's Position On Using Executive Order To Stop Deportation: "We Believe That Executive Action Comes With Negative Repercussions, Unforeseen Consequences."

According to Slate, "I checked in with Libre's Brian Faughnan, asking first whether Libre wanted Obama to issue an executive order to stop deportations. 'We believe that executive action comes with negative repercussions, unforeseen consequences,' said Fahnan. 'We saw that with the situation on the border this summer. From our point of view, the best answer is always going to be to have a broad immigration reform package and enact it. We don't take a position on the timetable, but we've called for that.'" [Slate, [9/10/14](#)]

LIBRE's Brian Faughnan On Immigration Reform: "The House Laid Out A Series Of Principles. It's Up To Congress And The President To Figure Out How To Handle That."

According to Slate, "I checked in with Libre's Brian Faughnan, asking first whether Libre wanted Obama to issue an executive order to stop deportations. [...] OK, and asking what of Republicans? 'We don't presume to dictate to Congress how it should be handled,' said Faughnan. 'The House laid out a series of principles. It's up to Congress and the president to figure out how to handle that.'" [Slate, [9/10/14](#)]

LIBRE Executive Director Daniel Garza On Latinos: "They Wanted Congress And The President To Work In A Bipartisan Way On Immigration Reform."

According to a LIBRE press release, "Daniel Garza, Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: [...] 'They wanted Congress and the president to work in a bipartisan way on Immigration reform.'" [LIBRE Press Prelease, [9/10/14](#)]

October 2015: LIBRE National Spokesperson On Need For Immigration Reform: “A Pathway To Citizenship Already Exists. It’s Called Our Immigration System”

Campos-Duffy: “When You Say A Pathway To Citizenship, There’s A Pathway That Exists. It’s Called Our Immigration System.” According to a speech Rachel Campos-Duffy gave to The Latino Voter Outreach Midwest Conference, “What the House is proposing is simply to legalize them, and when you say a pathway to citizenship, there’s a pathway that exists. It’s called our immigration system. And you can go, again this is a perfect example of what we talk about with tone. [...] When Democrats say ‘a path to citizenship,’ usually, and this is my interpretation, I think they mean a special pathway where they come to the front of the line. When I hear ‘pathway to citizenship’ for, um, by Republican candidates, I think they mean that the pathway exists and you can, you have the same access, once you’re legalized, you have the same access as everybody else to go through the citizenship process. But now, how do Republicans tell Hispanics that? They say, you go to the back of the line. Doesn’t that sound like the back of the bus? I mean, we mean the same thing. We’re saying the same thing. Exactly the same thing. Why couldn’t we just say, as Republicans, the pathway exists, and you have the same opportunity as everybody else to be a part of, become a citizen by entering, you know the pathway to immigration—I mean, to citizenship?” [Rachel Campos-Duffy Speech – Latino Voter Outreach Midwest Conference via YouTube.com, [10/15/13](#)]

Campos-Duffy : “We Want Immigration Reform That Lets The Free Market, Not Unions, Decide The Number And Kind Of Guest Workers And Visas America’s Businesses And Farms Need.” According to a speech Rachel Campos-Duffy gave to The Latino Voter Outreach Midwest Conference, “We want, we want immigration reform that lets the free market, not unions, decide the number and kind of guest workers and visas America’s businesses and farms need.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy Speech – Latino Voter Outreach Midwest Conference via YouTube.com, [10/15/13](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Has Repeatedly Attacked Undocumented Immigrants as “Illegals,” And “Illegal 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](#)]

RACHEL CAMPOS-DUFFY SAID SHE DOESN’T KNOW “HOW MANY MILLIONS OF ILLEGALS ARE LIVING IN THIS COUNTRY”

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](#)]

November 2014: After Obama Announced Expanded Executive Action on Immigration, LIBRE Initiative Attacked It

Daniel Garza “Wouldn’t Say Whether He Supports Obama Taking Executive Action On Immigration.” According to VOXXI, “Garza, who wouldn’t say whether he supports Obama taking executive action on immigration, said many Republicans worry that the president will be ‘overstepping his authority’ if he takes action on immigration. ‘They want long-lasting bipartisan reform, not with one person deciding what should be the remedy,’ he said about Republicans.” [VOXXI, [11/5/14](#)]

LIBRE Policy Director Jorge Lima on Obama’s Executive Action: “While Many Welcomed The Relief, The Hispanic Community Is Not Blind To The Potential Negative Impacts,” Such As It Possibly Being Overturned And 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](#)]

Campos-Duffy On DACA: “The Executive Order Is Not Something That Hispanics Wanted.” According to Newsmax, “Ironically, Campos-Duffy said, The Libre Initiative — a nonpartisan, nonprofit group that advances the principles and values of economic freedom to empower the U.S. Hispanic community — is for reform. [...] ‘It’s not good for Latinos. The impression [Obama is] creating is very troubling and terrible for Latinos who really rightfully deserve to have credit for being hardworking and entrepreneurial because they are [...] The executive order is not something that Hispanics wanted.’” [Newsmax.com, [2/17/15](#)]

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](#)]

LIBRE INITIATIVE NATIONAL SPOKESPERSON BLAMED PRESIDENT OBAMA’S ORIGINAL DACA EXECUTIVE ORDER FROM 2012 TO PROTECT DREAMERS FROM DEPORTATION AS CAUSE OF CENTRAL AMERICAN BORDER CRISIS IN 2014

VIDEO: LIBRE Initiative National Spokesperson Attacked President Obama for “Unintended Consequences” of DACA, Said “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. 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](#)]

LIBRE Initiative National Spokesperson: "I Just Kept Thinking About The Children At The Border, And How His DACA Order Caused That." According to Breitbart: "This summer's border crisis was a good illustration of the problems of the President's approach, according to Campos-Duffy, who said it showed the 'unintended consequences' of his decision to expand the protections under DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) to the 'most sympathetic group' of immigrants — the 'DREAMers,' those brought here illegally by their parents while they were young children — instead of letting Congress continue to work on legislation. She said Obama's actions were 'completely politically motivated and not helpful to what the DREAMERS actually wanted,' and sharply criticized its lack of certainty and how it created incentives for parents to send their children on the long, dangerous journey alone, where they suffered from heat, dehydration, and hunger and were all too often abused and sexually assaulted along the way — if they even survived the trip. 'I just kept thinking about the children at the border, and how his DACA order caused that, and how he refused to visit the border and see what his policies had wrought...he wouldn't even go and visit them, he refused to come and got a pass from the press on that.'" [Breitbart, [11/28/14](#)]

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](#)]

Campos-Duffy On President Obama: "I Can Assure You That This Is A President That Is Very Adept At Using Race To Cause Division, And He Is Very Smart About That." According to the transcript of Rachel Campos-Duffy's appearance on Newsmax TV, "CAMPOS-DUFFY: I can assure you that this is a president [President Obama] that is very adept at using race to cause division, and he is very smart about that." [Newsmax.com – *Newsmax TV*, [11/20/14](#)]

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VIDEO: LIBRE Initiative National Spokesperson Attacked President Obama, Said Expansion of DACA Was "All About Politics," Said President Obama Wanted "Racial Division" Between Hispanic Community and Congress. According to Campos-Duffy: CAMPOS-DUFFY: For him, all of this is about politics. MALZBERG: Sorry to interrupt, but we only have a minute. Along those lines, that this is about politics. Is he setting up the Republicans and how will the Hispanic community (again, I hate that term) react if they defund this and there's a government shutdown? Will they be blamed? CAMPOS-DUFFY: You know, it's hard to say. My fear as a conservative Hispanic who is very excited about the 10 points we gained with the Hispanic community in the midterms, I would hate to see some of those gains rolled back by having some of our most crazy elements come out and make this a racial thing, because that is what he wants. He wants division. [NewsMax – *Malzberg Show*, [2014](#)]

Campos-Duffy: The Obama Administration "Created More Racial Divisiveness By Pitting Hispanics Against Americans Of Good Will Who Were Calling For Border Security To Be A Part Of The Plan." According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, "If the Obama administration truly cared and had the best interest of Hispanic immigrants at heart, they would have worked harder to find common ground and bipartisan buy-in on something as important as immigration reform. They would not have created more racial divisiveness by pitting Hispanics against Americans of good will who were calling for border security to be a part of the plan at a time of heightened national concern." [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy: “The Democrats’ All Or Nothing Approach To Immigration Created The Gridlock That Opened The Door To Executive Action And The Result May Not Be Good For Hispanics Or America’s Race Relations In The Long Run.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “Here again, the political and electoral calculations of the Obama Administration superseded important and incremental immigration reform that would have helped undocumented immigrants. The Democrats’ all or nothing approach to immigration created the gridlock that opened the door to executive action and the result may not be good for Hispanics or America’s race relations in the long run.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

LIBRE INITIATIVE OFFICIAL SAID OBAMA’S EXECUTIVE ORDER “PROVES THAT OBAMA HAS NEVER BEEN ABOUT CARING ABOUT THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY.”

VIDEO: Spokeswoman For The LIBRE Initiative Rachel Campos-Duffy: President Obama’s Plan For An Executive Order On Immigration “Proves That Obama Has Never Been About Caring About The Hispanic Community.” 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](#)]

Rachel Campos-Duffy: “I Don’t Understand How Something This Complex Can Be Decreed.” According to Breitbart, “‘I don’t understand how something this complex can be decreed,’ continued Campos-Duffy. She called the executive orders a ‘poke in the eye’ against Congressional Republicans, the latest in a troubling line of executive orders covering issues like Obamacare, marijuana prosecutions, DACA, etc., where every time Obama has taken this step, ‘he kills the chance of finding a compromise,’ and makes it even more challenging for any bipartisan legislation to happen.” [Breitbart, [11/28/14](#)]

Campos-Duffy On Obama’s Executive Order: “If You Don’t Include Border Security, You’re Just Going To Have Another Wave Of Undocumented People Coming Across The Border?” According to Breitbart, “One of LIBRE’s significant concerns, shared by many other conservatives, is the lack of border security measures in Obama’s plan. ‘If you don’t include border security, you’re just going to have another wave of undocumented people coming across the border,’ said Campos-Duffy. ‘What do we do to stem the flow of more people coming?’” [Breitbart, [11/28/14](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy: Obama’s Immigration Executive Action Is “A Temporary Fix, It’s Only As Good As Long As This President Is President.” According to Breitbart, “Breitbart Texas interviewed Rachel Campos-Duffy, The LIBRE Initiative’s National Spokesperson and wife of Republican Congressman Sean Duffy, and shared her organization’s concerns about Obama’s executive orders. ‘The concern that we have at LIBRE is, because because [sic] it’s a temporary fix, it’s only as good as long as this president is president, and can be overturned by a court, or by another president,’ she said. ‘As Hispanics, we want immigration reform, but we want it done right.’ Campos-Duffy characterized immigration as a ‘very complex, arcane issue’ and the President could not expect to ‘with a wave of your pen solve all of the problems.’” [Breitbart, [11/28/14](#)]

December 2014: LIBRE Initiative Attacked Negative Impacts of DAPA

Jorge Lima on Obama’s Executive Action: “While Many Welcomed The Relief, The Hispanic Community Is Not Blind To The Potential Negative Impacts” Such As It Possibly Being Overturned And 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](#)]

February 2015: LIBRE Claims “Loopholes” In Executive Actions Could Let Undocumented Immigrants Get Tax Refunds, Commit Voter Fraud

Rachel Campos-Duffy Accused Democrats Of Purposely Placing A Voting Loophole In The Immigration Executive Order For Their “Own Political Gains.” According to an interview with Rachel Campos-Duffy on the *Malzberg Show*, “MALZBERG: But more importantly, this voting loophole, I mean that’s no accident. That’s pre-planned so that the Demo— ‘cause, ‘cause I believe, and you tell me if I’m wrong, 90-percent of the people who will fall under this executive order, if not more, would be Democrats. CAMPOS-DUFFY: Correct, but let’s be clear, this isn’t something, this loophole, or this problem in the executive order is not something that Hispanics wanted. MALZBERG: Oh no, no, no, I understand that. It’s what the Democrats want— CAMPOS-DUFFY: It’s what they want. And again, using our community for their own political gains.” [Malzberg Show via YouTube.com, [2/17/15](#)]

Rachel Campos-Duffy Opinion Headline: “Executive Order Loopholes Fuel Stereotypes, Hurt Latinos.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy: President Obama’s Executive Action On Immigration “Includes Loopholes Allowing Undocumented Immigrants To Potentially Collect Tax Refunds And Commit Voter Fraud.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “Recent revelations that President Obama’s executive action on immigration includes loopholes allowing undocumented immigrants to potentially collect tax refunds and commit voter fraud are fueling outrage — even among Americans who overwhelmingly support reforming our antiquated immigration system.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy: President Obama’s Executive Action On Immigration Creates “The Impression That Hispanic Immigrants Come To America For A Free Ride.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “Recent revelations that President Obama’s executive action on immigration includes loopholes allowing undocumented immigrants to potentially collect tax refunds and commit voter fraud are fueling outrage — even among Americans who overwhelmingly support reforming our antiquated immigration system. It’s also creating the impression that Hispanic immigrants come to America for a free ride, and nothing could be further from the truth.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy: Under The Executive Order, “Even Undocumented Immigrants Who Didn’t Pay Taxes Would Be Eligible For Tax Refunds For Up To Three Years Back If They Could Prove They Worked Off The Books.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “Last week, in an embarrassing admission, IRS Commissioner, Jon Koskinen confirmed that the White House never contacted the agency to inquire about potential tax consequences of granting new social security numbers to four million undocumented immigrants who qualified for the program. He also confirmed that under the executive order – issued in November — even undocumented immigrants who didn’t pay taxes would be eligible for tax refunds for up to three years back if they could prove they worked off the books during those years.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy: “Secretaries Of State In Numerous States, Including Kansas And Ohio, Say The Executive Action Will Make It Easier For Those Participating In The Program To Commit Voter Fraud.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “Meanwhile, Secretaries of State in numerous states, including Kansas and Ohio, say the executive action will make it easier for those participating in the program to commit voter fraud and that their states do not have the tools or laws to prevent it.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy On Immigration Executive Order: “It’s Debatable Whether These Mistakes Are Intentional Or Merely The Byproduct Of Hastily Putting Together A Political Solution To Our Immigration Problem.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “Recent revelations that President Obama’s executive action on immigration includes loopholes allowing undocumented immigrants to potentially collect tax refunds and commit voter fraud are fueling outrage — even among Americans who overwhelmingly support reforming our antiquated immigration system.[...]

It's debatable whether these mistakes are intentional or merely the byproduct of hastily putting together a political solution to our immigration problem." [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy: Instead Of An Executive Order, “There Could Have Been A Proper Debate On... How To Address Issues Such As Tax Credits, Social Security Numbers, Or Other Critical Questions.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “Had there been a greater emphasis on negotiating a compromise on immigration, there could have been a proper debate on difficult issues such as how immigrants would become right with the law and how to address issues such as tax credits, social security numbers, or other critical questions. Instead, today they are a default position because of a poorly thought out executive order.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy: “This Executive Action Is Having The Perverse Effect Of Turning Some Fair Minded Americans Against Immigration.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “Either way, this executive action is having the perverse effect of turning some fair minded Americans against immigration and misrepresenting the true motivations of hard-working Hispanic immigrants.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy: “The Truth Is, Most Undocumented Immigrants Come Here For Economic Opportunity And The American Dream. They Aren’t Seeking Tax Credits Or Handouts.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “The truth is, most undocumented immigrants come here for economic opportunity and the American Dream. They aren’t seeking tax credits or handouts.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy: “Many Immigrants Do Not Even Desire U.S. Citizenship, Preferring A Work Visa That Would Allow Them To Work Seasonally And To Legally Cross The Border Into Their Home Country As Needed.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “The truth is, most undocumented immigrants come here for economic opportunity and the American Dream. They aren’t seeking tax credits or handouts. They seek permission to stay in the U.S. to work, and in some cases to pursue citizenship. Indeed, many immigrants do not even desire U.S. citizenship, preferring a work visa that would allow them to work seasonally and to legally cross the border into their home country as needed.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy: “There Was Actually Bipartisan Support In Congress For Work Visas... But The White House’s Electoral Goals Trumped The Agreement And ‘A Path To Citizenship’ Became A Dealbreaker For Democrats.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “The media has failed to report the fact that there was actually bipartisan support in Congress for work visas and a deal could have been struck on that issue, but the White House’s electoral goals trumped the agreement and ‘a path to citizenship’ became a dealbreaker for Democrats.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy: “By Granting 4 Million Undocumented Immigrants Social Security Numbers That Can Potentially Be Misused Through Loopholes,” Obama Is “Reinforcing Negative Stereotypes Of Latinos And All Immigrants.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “By granting 4 million undocumented immigrants social security numbers that can potentially be misused through loopholes in our tax code and voting laws, President Obama is poisoning the waters of public perception and reinforcing negative stereotypes of Latinos and all immigrants.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy: If The Administration “Had The Best Interest Of Hispanic Immigrants At Heart,” They Would Have Eliminated “Loopholes That Create The Potential And Appearance Of Fraud And Abuse.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, “If the Obama administration truly cared and had the best interest of Hispanic immigrants at heart, they would have worked harder to find common ground and bipartisan buy-in on something as important as immigration reform. [...] Just as importantly, prior to moving forward on a controversial executive action, they would have taken the time to ensure that systems were put in place to eliminate loopholes that create the potential and appearance of fraud and abuse.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

DANIEL GARZA: REPUBLICANS SHOULD ONLY REPEAL OBAMA’S EXECUTIVE ACTIONS IF THEY HAVE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS

LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Daniel Garza Said Stopping Obama's Executive Actions On Immigration "Wouldn't Necessarily Be A Problem" If Republicans Introduced Bills "That Also Address The Undocumented Immigrant Population." According to the Huffington Post, "Their best hope is that 2016 Latino voters, most of whom support Obama's actions to keep some undocumented immigrants from being deported, will see it that way, too. [...] Getting rid of the executive actions wouldn't necessarily be a problem if Republicans introduced immigration reform bills that would also address the undocumented immigrant population, said Daniel Garza, executive director for The LIBRE Initiative. 'If you don't agree with the president's executive action, great -- repeal it, stop it,' Garza said. 'But you have to propose alternatives. That's the problem.'" [Huffington Post, [2/12/15](#)]

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March 2015: LIBRE Initiative Executive Director: DAPA Is "Executive Overreach"

VIDEO: Garza: "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](#)]

Headline: "DHS Funded – While Real Immigration Reform is Delayed." [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [3/4/15](#)]

LIBRE: Congress Is Focused On The President's Executive Actions Even Though "The Legal Process Is Expected To Take Months," And Not Discussing More Reform. According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, "Yesterday the House joined the Senate in passing a bill to fund the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the remainder of the fiscal year. The measure is a 'clean' bill, which will not have any effect on the president's executive orders on Immigration – one of which is now being challenged in court. It is not clear if or when this order will be implemented, as the legal process is expected to take months. Meanwhile, attention in Washington is focused on the legal process regarding these orders, with Congressional leaders and the president largely waiting for the courts to rule before discussing Immigration reform legislation again." [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [3/4/15](#)]

April 2015: LIBRE Executive Director Said He Supported 2012 DACA And Is Against Rescinding DACA Or DAPA, Despite Strong Criticism of DACA in 2012

Daniel Garza Said He "Supports The Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Program But From The 2012 Guidelines." According to Latin Post, "Garza noted he supports the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program but from the 2012 guidelines. He admits there is a still concern about DACA since it was imposed directly by the executive branch, specifically President Barack Obama. Since people have 'in good faith' applied for DACA, Libre Initiative is against rescinding the program and wants to preserve it." [Latin Post, [4/28/15](#)]

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was imposed directly by the executive branch, specifically President Barack Obama. Since people have ‘in good faith’ applied for DACA, Libre Initiative is against rescinding the program and wants to preserve it. 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.” [Latin Post, [4/28/15](#)]

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: A President Has “To Execute The Law Based On The Consent And Will Of ...Congress,” Not Doing That “Circumvents” The Process And Puts Us In This Position “Where A Court May Rescind Or Eliminate DACA Or DAPA.” 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](#)]

THE LIBRE INITIATIVE’S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AGENDA

Univision Network Host Fernando Espuelas: LIBRE Was “Tasked With Convincing Hispanics To Vote Against Their Own Economic Self-Interest.” 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](#)]

Espuelas: LIBRE “Advocated For Policies That Directly And Adversely Impact American Latinos.” 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](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative: Bad for Workers

LIBRE INITIATIVE: MINIMUM WAGE MIGHT BE BAD FOR LATINOS

LIBRE Executive Director Daniel Garza Said LIBRE Is “Focused On Explaining Conservative Views” Such As How A Higher Minimum Wage Might Be Bad For Latinos. According to the Washington Post, “By providing tax prep and driving classes, they are building goodwill in the Latino community and what they call a ‘platform for civic engagement.’ LIBRE officials take pains to say they are advocating policies, not specific candidates. [LIBRE executive director Daniel] Garza said his group is focused on explaining conservative views. For instance, they talk about how a higher minimum wage might not be in the best interest of Latinos, because they believe it will hurt businesses and that there are less expensive ways for young Latinos to get health insurance than Obama’s health plan. Garza also said LIBRE advocates are getting millions of undocumented workers ‘out of the shadows’ and into the legal system.” [Washington Post, [4/30/15](#)]

FAILED TO OPPOSE LEGISLATION THAT “WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS TO WORK IN CONSTRUCTION BY PENALIZING THEIR EMPLOYERS.”

LIBRE Did Not Challenge Republican-Led Legislation In Nevada That “Would Make It More Difficult For Undocumented Immigrants To Work In Construction By Penalizing Their Employers.” “While LIBRE helps immigrants pass their driver’s tests, which helps them get to work, Democrats and Latino advocates say the group is silent when it comes to Republican-led legislation in Nevada that would make it harder for immigrants to live in the state. One such bill in the assembly, AB 133, introduced by state Assemblyman Ira Hansen, would make it more difficult for undocumented immigrants to work in construction by penalizing their employers. Critics say if LIBRE really has the best interest of Nevada immigrants at heart, they would fight legislation like this. Garza said the group has limited resources but doesn’t rule out taking on Republicans. He noted they’ve already slammed Marco Rubio over sugar subsidies, for example.” [Buzzfeed, [3/12/15](#)]

Campos-Duffy: Hispanics Want “Economic Liberty, Self-Reliance, And Entrepreneurship,” As Opposed To “Racial Grievances And ‘Free Stuff.’” According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy for the National Review, “But, despite the best efforts of those peddling racial grievances and ‘free stuff,’ Hispanics remain stubbornly attracted to the ideas of economic liberty, self-reliance, and entrepreneurship. The notion of ‘making it in America’ taps into deep-seated cultural pride for Latinos, who value the dignity that comes from work and earned success. And helping to foster these ideas is The LIBRE Initiative. Founded in 2011, it is the only conservative organization on the ground, in Hispanic neighborhoods, countering the efforts from the left by educating and empowering Hispanics to prosper on their own terms. Hispanics don’t want more programs to make them comfortable in their poverty. What Hispanics really want is more opportunity: the freedom to work, leave poverty behind, and rise into the ranks of the middle class and beyond.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – National Review, [1/8/15](#)]

LIBRE INITIATIVE STRONGLY BACKS RIGHT TO WORK LAWS

Rachel Campos-Duffy: “We Should Be In Every Single Urban Center Fighting... Against Entrenched Unions” To Get School Voucher Programs. According to a speech Rachel Campos-Duffy gave to The Heartland Institute, “Nothing gets my blood boiling faster than liberal elites like Hilary Clinton and Barrack Obama who shutdown voucher school programs for the poor while they send their own daughters to elite schools that cost more than what Hispanics make in a year. It’s an outrage and I think as conservatives, we should be repeatedly reminding poor people, especially minorities, of this blatant hypocrisy. We should be in every single urban center fighting shoulder to shoulder with desperate parents against entrenched unions, against special interests and against the government’s unfair monopoly on education.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy Speech – Heartland Institute via YouTube.com, [9/30/14](#)]

LIBRE Press Release Headline: “‘Right To Work’ Laws Associated With Stronger Growth.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [2/9/15](#)]

LIBRE Cited A Study By The Illinois Policy Institute Claiming That “States With Right-To-Work Laws Have A Significant Economic Advantage.” Over Other States. According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “According to research by the non-profit Illinois Policy Institute, states with right-to-work laws have a significant economic advantage over states where workers can be barred from taking certain jobs unless they agree to join a union. [...] While it is important for individuals to have the opportunity to join unions if they so desire, it should not be mandated. Lawmakers seeking to boost economic opportunity should consider that balance as they craft laws to deal with union membership.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [2/9/15](#)]

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](#)]

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LIBRE Had Planned To Be A Top Sponsor Of The Cesar Chavez Festival In Las Vegas Until Local Activists And Lawmakers Protested, Including A Grandson Of Cesar Chavez, Alejandro Chavez. According to Buzzfeed, “LIBRE had planned to be a top sponsor of the Cesar Chavez Festival in Las Vegas later this month. That decision sparked a protest from local activists and lawmakers. When the flier with the LIBRE Initiative logo came out, five groups and local councilman Isaac Barron reached out to event organizers. Barron said he either wanted his name off the flier or LIBRE’s. It got so serious that Alejandro Chavez — a grandson of Cesar Chavez’s — got involved, telling organizers, ‘It would be a disrespect to the family because LIBRE Initiative do not represent what Cesar Chavez fought for, he was a union leader and they do anti-union and anti-collective bargaining messaging.’ The festival dropped LIBRE from the event’s sponsors.” [Buzzfeed, [3/12/15](#)]

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The LIBRE Initiative: Connecting With Middle Class Latinos By Favoring Corporate Tax Inversions

LIBRE INITIATIVE OPPOSED EFFORTS TO END CORPORATE 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](#)]

Lima: In America, “Companies Face The Highest Corporate Rates In The Advanced World – Which Harms Job Creation,” Loopholes and Corporate Welfare Are “Commonplace.” According to a LIBRE Initiative Press Release, “The White House and Congressional leaders have said for years that the U.S. tax code needs to be overhauled. Families pay too much - especially after payroll tax hikes and new health care Taxes. Companies face the highest corporate rates in the advanced world - which harms job creation. And loopholes and corporate Welfare remain commonplace.” [LIBRE Press Release, [9/23/14](#)]

Lima: Corporate Tax Issues Will “Eventually Have To Be Addressed – By Congress And The President Working Together” But Obama’s Changes Are “Simply Another Attempt To Regulate Market Behavior Through Government Rules.” According to a LIBRE Press Release, “These problems will eventually have to be addressed - by

Congress and the president working together. Today's rule change is simply another attempt to regulate market behavior through government rules and doesn't get America any closer to a solution it needs." [LIBRE Press Release, [9/23/14](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Supports Voter ID Laws

Daniel Garza: "The Fact Is That 70% Of Latinos Are Actually For ID At The Polls." According to an interview of LIBRE executive director Daniel Garza, "The fact is that 70% of Latinos are actually for ID at the polls. This is false posturing by the liberals trying to project their concerns onto the Latino community. And its pandering at its worst is what it is, because they're trying to stoke a negative sentiment from the Latino community to try to get them out to vote. It's a bad narrative." [Huckabee via YouTube, [10/27/14](#)]

Rachel Campos-Duffy: "Nobody Understands Better Than Hispanics" How Important Voter ID "Is For Our Democracy And Our Freedoms." According to an interview of LIBRE national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy, "Some people may be voting out of ignorance. They're saying that 14% of non-citizens are registered, who are these people registering people who are not citizens? I will say, one of the statistics we should talk about is that over 70% of Hispanics polled believe in voter ID. Nobody understands better than Hispanics who come from countries like Cuba, and – and Venezuela and El Salvador, where there's no integrity at the ballot box, how important that is for our democracy and our freedoms." [Fox and Friends via YouTube, [10/27/14](#)]

Campos-Duffy: President Obama's Executive Action On Immigration "Includes Loopholes Allowing Undocumented Immigrants To Potentially Collect Tax Refunds And Commit Voter Fraud." According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The Daily Caller, "Recent revelations that President Obama's executive action on immigration includes loopholes allowing undocumented immigrants to potentially collect tax refunds and commit voter fraud are fueling outrage — even among Americans who overwhelmingly support reforming our antiquated immigration system." [Rachel Campos-Duffy – DailyCaller.com, [2/20/15](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative On Education

LIBRE INITIATIVE OPPOSED PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PLAN TO PROVIDE 2 YEARS OF FREE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LIBRE Initiative: The Proposal To Make "2 Years Of Community College Free...Would Increase The Cost Of Higher Education...While Potentially Crowding Out Other Colleges And Vocational Schools." According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, "With easier access to government funds, total outstanding student loan Debt has reached \$1 trillion - creating a student loan Bubble . Worse, many young people lack the economic opportunities needed to pay back these student loans, or lack the skills to take advantage of millions of open positions currently available in the United States. Evidence also suggests increased student Debt is killing entrepreneurship. While the White House has proposed making 2 years of community college free for many students, this would increase the cost of higher Education to taxpayers and students, while potentially crowding out other colleges and vocational schools that serve as alternatives for many Hispanics." [LIBRE Initiative, [1/28/15](#)]

LIBRE INITIATIVE'S NATIONAL SPOKESPERSON ONCE SAID SCHOOL CHOICE WAS "THE CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE OF OUR DAY"

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Charter Schools

LIBRE Policy Director Jorge Lima Coauthored An Article Supporting Charter Schools For Hispanic Students With Goldwater Institute Education Director. According to an article written by LIBRE Policy Director Jorge Lima and the Education Director at the Goldwater Institute, Jonathan Butcher, “As Hispanics continue to believe Education is key to achieving the American Dream, many are seeking new alternatives and more options when it comes to their children’s Education. [...] Charter-school results are strong across the country. Recent studies using charter school lotteries are able to account for factors that otherwise weakened studies of student achievement, giving parents and researchers solid evidence on charter schools’ performance. [...] Polling data indicates that 68 percent of Hispanic respondents favor charter schools, a higher percentage than found among white or black individuals.” [TheLibreInitiative.com, [9/8/14](#)]

LIBRE National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy: “Today’s ‘Dreamer’ Kids Are Steeped In A...Public School Curriculum That’s Heavy On Victimhood And Light, If Not Altogether Silent, On Our Founding Fathers And The Constitution.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in The American Spectator, “If you ask my father, he’ll tell you the problem isn’t immigration, the problem is integration. Mexican Americans raised in the ’50s and ’60s were encouraged to love America and to become a part of it. Post-’70s popular culture has had no such quaint aspirations. My parents instilled the American Dream in me, but over and over throughout my college years, I was told that America wasn’t the land of opportunity and that I needed government assistance and affirmative action to overcome the institutional barriers that were holding me back. Today’s ‘dreamer’ kids are steeped in a multicultural, bilingual public school curriculum that’s heavy on victimhood and light, if not altogether silent, on our Founding Fathers and the Constitution.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – American Spectator, [November 2012](#)]

LIBRE “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.’” 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](#)]

Rachel Campos-Duffy: “We Need Permanent Outreach That’s On The Ground Helping Hispanic Parents Fight For The Changes They Need... This Includes School Choice And Vouchers.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in the National Review, “We need permanent outreach that’s on the ground helping Hispanic parents fight for the changes they need — measures that will deliver the opportunities they or their parents or grandparents came to America looking for. This includes school choice and vouchers, economic-empowerment zones, and policies that encourage start-ups and small business growth.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – National Review, [11/14/12](#)]

Florida and Texas

LIBRE Launched A “School Choice Campaign” In Florida And Texas “Focused On Engaging Participants To Learn About The Legislation On School Choice” Being Considered In The Two States. According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “Four weeks after the launch of the LIBRE Initiative school choice campaign, thousands of individuals have raised their voices in support of expanded Educational options in the states of Florida and Texas. Our campaign ‘When Parents Choose, Students Win’ is focused on engaging participants to learn about the legislation on school choice that is currently being considered in their respective states, and encouraging them to join our effort by signing a petition.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [4/15/15](#)]

LIBRE “Held Over 15 Events In Both States, Collecting Thousands Of Petitions, Both On-Line And On The Ground.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “As of today, LIBRE has held over 15 events in both states, collecting thousands of petitions, both on-line and on the ground. More importantly, community leaders have seen the Interest in Hispanics to have the freedom of choice when it comes to Education. Encouragingly, elected officials are taking notice and supporting the effort to expand school choice in Florida and Texas – a testament to the power of individual parents, students, and educators who have made their voices heard on this important issue.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [4/15/15](#)]

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The LIBRE Initiative Along With AFP And Other Organizations Organized A Rally And March In Texas For “Elected Officials...Students, Parents And Community Leaders” To “Show Their Support” For School Choice.

According to a press release from the Texas School Choice Coalition, “Elected officials will join students, parents and community leaders at the Capitol in Austin on Friday, January 30 to show their support for expanding educational choice in the Lone Star State. [...] The rally and march will focus on expanding both public and private school choice options. The coalition planning the event includes the Texas Charter School Association, Texas Private School Association, LULAC District 12 Austin, Families Empowered, Parent Revolution, Texas Business Leadership Council, Texas Institute for Education Reform, Connections Academy, Americans for Prosperity, Institute for Justice – Texas, Texas Public Policy Foundation, The Justice Foundation, and the LIBRE Initiative.” [Texas School Choice Coalition Press Release, [1/13/15](#)]

Daniel Garza: “We're Honored To Work With National School Choice Week To Help Educate Our Communities And Communicate To Our Leaders The Value Of Expanding Choice In Education.” According to a press release from the Texas School Choice Coalition, “‘The LIBRE Initiative recognizes the importance of improving the education of our children by empowering families to choose the best schools for their kids,’ said Daniel Garza, Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative. ‘We’re honored to work with National School Choice Week to help educate our communities and communicate to our leaders the value of expanding choice in education.’” [Texas School Choice Coalition Press Release, [1/13/15](#)]

George P. Bush Attended A Rally Supporting “National School Choice Week” At The Texas State Capitol, Organized In Part By The LIBRE Initiative. According to the Associated Press, “New state Land Commissioner George P. Bush lent national star power to Friday's rally supporting school vouchers and charter schools, initiatives championed by top Texas conservatives that have previously stalled in the Republican-controlled Legislature. Organizers promised the ‘largest ever’ rally on the issue, but the crowd of teachers, students, activists — even a school marching band — on the Capitol steps looked to only number in the hundreds. [...] Many at the rally wore ‘National School Choice Week’ scarfs, and Friday's was one of many similar gatherings being held throughout the country. One of the organizers of Texas' event was the Libre Initiative, a national group funded by the conservative mega-donor Koch Brothers to woo Hispanics to conservative causes.” [Associated Press, [1/30/15](#)]

- **George P. Bush “Served On The Board Of One Of Texas' Largest Charter School Operators,” And “His Office Oversees Texas' Permanent School Fund.”** According to the Associated Press, “The son of possible 2016 presidential hopeful Jeb Bush, George P. Bush is a former public school teacher in Miami and served on the board of one of Texas' largest charter school operators. His office oversees Texas' Permanent School Fund, which helps pay classroom costs and which recently surpassed a Harvard University fund as the nation's largest educational endowment.” [Associated Press, [1/30/15](#)]
- **Bush Said He Would Use His “Voice And The Platform Of The Permanent School Fund To Encourage More Education Reform” And That “School Choice Must Be A Part Of That Conversation.”** According to the Associated Press, “[George P.] Bush promised to use his ‘voice and the platform of the Permanent School Fund to encourage more education reform’ statewide, adding that ‘school choice must be a part of that conversation.’ ‘The majority of our students are trapped in schools that are underperforming,’ said Bush, who switched gracefully between English and Spanish. ‘Some schools don't work and refuse to change, and that's why we need school choice.’” [Associated Press, [1/30/15](#)]

LIBRE Texas Director Rafael Bejar: Hispanic Parents In Texas “Often Find Their Children Trapped In Failing Schools,” And “Have Nowhere To Turn Simply Because They Live In The Wrong Neighborhood.” According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative Texas Director Rafael Bejar for the San Antonio Express-News, “Ask Latinos in Texas what

issues matter most, and it won't be long before they mention the state's education system. Recent polls find that education reform is one of the top issues for the Hispanic community. No surprise: Many of us — or perhaps our parents and grandparents — came to the United States to secure a brighter future for our children. But that brighter future is still out of reach for far too many. Hispanic parents in Texas too often find their children trapped in failing schools. They have nowhere to turn simply because they live in the wrong neighborhood.” [Rafael Bejar - San Antonio Express-News, [4/21/15](#)]

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According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative Texas Director Rafael Bejar for the San Antonio Express-News, “Worst of all, Texas offers few alternatives to this broken system. Hispanic parents here have far less choice in their children’s education than parents in other states. With 1 in 4 Hispanics living below the poverty line in our state, too many families can’t afford private schools or have little access to charter schools. Texas has even shut down charter schools in certain areas, further reducing alternatives.” [Rafael Bejar - San Antonio Express-News, [4/21/15](#)]

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Bejar: “Hispanic Students In Charter Schools Earn 7.6 Percent Higher Scores In Reading Than Hispanics Students In Public Schools, According To The National Bureau Of Economic Research.”

According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative Texas Director Rafael Bejar for the San Antonio Express-News, “Latinos need school choice policies because our children have so much to gain from them. Hispanic students in charter schools earn 7.6 percent higher scores in reading than Hispanics students in public schools, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research. In math, scores are 4.1 percent better.” [Rafael Bejar - San Antonio Express-News, [4/21/15](#)]

Bejar: “Because Many Hispanic Children Speak Spanish As A First Language, They Would Benefit From Greater Access To Charter Schools.”

According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative Texas Director Rafael Bejar for the San Antonio Express-News, “And because many Hispanic children speak Spanish as a first language, they would benefit from greater access to charter schools. These schools lead to the equivalent of around 50 days of additional reading, according to the Center for Research on Educational Outcomes.” [Rafael Bejar - San Antonio Express-News, [4/21/15](#)]

Bejar: “Elected Officials In Austin Can Help The Hispanic Community By Passing A Number Of School Choice Policies,” Such As “Taxpayer Savings Grants” To Pay For Private Schools.

According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative Texas Director Rafael Bejar for the San Antonio Express-News, “Elected officials in Austin can help the Hispanic community by passing a number of school choice policies. Good ideas are on the table in the statehouse. One example is legislation allowing Taxpayer Savings Grants, which help parents pay to send their children to schools outside of the public system. Sending a child to private school in Texas often costs the state thousands less, on average, than enrolling them in public schools.” [Rafael Bejar - San Antonio Express-News, [4/21/15](#)]

Bejar: Another “Successful Program” That Was Used In Arizona Is Education Savings Accounts, Which “Give Families The Freedom To Decide How Their Child’s Public School Funding Will Be Allocated.”

According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative Texas Director Rafael Bejar for the San Antonio Express-News, “Some legislators have proposed instituting a successful program from Arizona: Education Savings Accounts. ESAs give families the freedom to decide how their child’s public school funding will be allocated. Parents can use that money for private school tuition, textbooks, tutoring or special classes — flexibility to choose what they think best serves their child’s unique educational needs.” [Rafael Bejar - San Antonio Express-News, [4/21/15](#)]

Bejar: Scholarship Tax Credits “Give Individuals And Businesses An Incentive To Fund Alternative Schooling Options,” Which “Provides Parents With Alternatives To Public Schools.”

According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative Texas Director Rafael Bejar for the San Antonio Express-News, “Another proposal calls for Scholarship Tax Credits, which give individuals and businesses an incentive to fund alternative schooling options, including special needs programs. This, in

turn, provides parents with alternatives to public schools that are failing to meet their children's needs." [Rafael Bejar - San Antonio Express-News, [4/21/15](#)]

Bejar: The LIBRE Initiative "Launched A Petition You Can Sign Online" To Show Support For Texas "School Choice" Initiatives. According to an opinion by LIBRE Initiative Texas Director Rafael Bejar for the San Antonio Express-News, "There's no shortage of effective policies the Legislature should consider. It's time for Texas' Latino community to make its voice heard in support of greater school choice. At the LIBRE Initiative, we have launched a petition you can sign online (<http://studentswintx.com>) to show your support for these initiatives. Texas families — especially Hispanics — benefit from the freedom to choose where their children attend school, not by having that dictated by their ZIP code." [Rafael Bejar - San Antonio Express-News, [4/21/15](#)]

Wisconsin

LIBRE Sponsored A Roundtable On School Choice In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Featuring Sen. Rand Paul. According to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, "U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, the Republican from Kentucky who is considered a possible presidential contender in 2016, will be in Milwaukee April 23 for a roundtable on school choice. His visit is sponsored by the conservative The LIBRE Initiative and Hispanics for School Choice, a local organization that favors the expansion of school choice. The roundtable will take place at St. Anthony's Middle School, 2156 S. 4th St. It will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon." [Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, [4/15/14](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative: Bad for Women's Health and Contraception Access

Rachel Campos-Duffy: "Latina Moms At Their Core Are Conservatives — Deeply Religious And Fiercely Pro-Family And Pro-Life." According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy on NBCLatino.com, "Latina moms at their core are conservatives — deeply religious and fiercely pro-family and pro-life. Raised in an enduring Catholic culture that venerates motherhood as the pinnacle of human achievement, Latinas are rarely plagued by the angst and doubts that epitomize modern American motherhood" [Rachel Campos-Duffy – NBCLatino.com, [5/9/12](#)]

Campos-Duffy: "Nothing Could Be More Alienating To The Inherently Traditional Latina Than...The Radical Agenda Of Planned Parenthood And NARAL's Abortion Activists-In-Chief." According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy on NBCLatino.com, "Whether we work in or out of the home, our hearts remain at home. Our babies account for more than a quarter of the population younger than age 1, and more than a quarter of all at-home moms in America are Hispanic. Which calls into question the wisdom of the Democratic convention speaker strategy. Nothing could be more alienating to the inherently traditional Latina than the crusades of a Georgetown co-ed or the radical agenda of Planned Parenthood and NARAL's abortion activists-in-chief — yet they are celebrated speakers at the DNC convention." [Rachel Campos-Duffy – NBCLatino.com, [5/9/12](#)]

LIBRE National Spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy: "Hispanics Are Social Conservatives. They Are Family-Oriented, Pro-Life, And Pro-Traditional Marriage." According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in the National Review, "Third, Hispanics are social conservatives. They are family-oriented, pro-life, and pro-traditional marriage." [Rachel Campos-Duffy – National Review, [11/14/12](#)]

Campos-Duffy: "When We Highlight Our Position On Abortion And Traditional Marriage, We Spotlight The Secular And Radical Social Agenda Of The Left, An Agenda That Is Foreign And Antithetical To Hispanics' Values." According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in the National Review, "At the same time, in our zeal to promote the economic advantages of our principles, we must not shy away from the social issues. When we highlight our position on abortion and traditional marriage, we spotlight the secular and radical social agenda of the Left, an agenda that is foreign and antithetical to Hispanics' values." [Rachel Campos-Duffy – National Review, [11/14/12](#)]

CAMPOS-DUFFY ATTACKED SANDRA FLUKE'S ACTIVISM FOR CONTRACEPTION ACCESS: "THERE IS A WAR ON WOMEN, BUT IT'S NOT FOR

TAXPAYER-FUNDED BIRTH CONTROL FOR REALLY SPOILED GEORGETOWN LAW STUDENTS.”

Campos-Duffy: “Government-Funded, Free Birth Control, That’s What Sandra Fluke, That’s What They Are Trying To Tell Us That We Want.” According to the transcript of an interview with Rachel Campos-Duffy on the *Malzberg Show* on Newsmax.com, “MALZBERG: ‘The women I know, and I’m sure they are like you, care about, are their husbands working? Are they working? Are they losing their healthcare? How are they going to make ends meet? They don’t care if their employer or the government is going to pay for their birth control packet. And that’s not what they live and die for.’ CAMPOS-DUFFY: ‘Right. Government-funded, free birth control, that’s what Sandra Fluke, that’s what they are trying to tell us that we want. And you’re right, we don’t.’” [Newsmax.com – *Malzberg Show*, [9/30/14](#)]

- **Campos-Duffy: “There Is A War On Women, But It’s Not For Taxpayer-Funded Birth Control For Really Spoiled Georgetown Law Students.”** According to the transcript of an interview with Rachel Campos-Duffy on the *Malzberg Show* on Newsmax.com, “CAMPOS-DUFFY: ‘Government-funded, free birth control, that’s what Sandra Fluke, that’s what they are trying to tell us that we want. And you’re right, we don’t. [...] Conservatives need to go on the offensive because you know what? There is a war on women, but it’s not for taxpayer-funded birth control for really spoiled Georgetown law students.’” [Newsmax.com – *Malzberg Show*, [9/30/14](#)]

LIBRE INITIATIVE NATIONAL SPOKESPERSON: UNLIKE FEMINISTS, “THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY AND HARD WORK, HAVE EMPOWERED LATINAS TO EMBRACE OUR GENDER AND BIOLOGY AS STRENGTHS, RATHER THAN WEAKNESSES.”

Campos-Duffy: Unlike Feminists, “The Importance Of Family And Hard Work, Have Empowered Latinas To Embrace Our Gender And Biology As Strengths, Rather Than Weaknesses.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy on Fox News Latino, “Gender insecurity is at the heart of [Facebook COO Sheryl] Sandberg and America’s feminist movement and it is the motivation behind so many of its silly and alienating tactics from bra-burning to word banning. [...] On the other hand, the deeply entrenched religious and matriarchal roots of Hispanic culture that have elevated motherhood and by extension, the importance of family and hard work, have empowered Latinas to embrace our gender and biology as strengths, rather than weaknesses.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – Latino.FoxNews.com, [3/27/14](#)]

CAMPOS-DUFFY REPEATEDLY ATTACKED FEMINIST MOVEMENT OVER ABORTION, “BRA-BURNING”

Campos-Duffy: “Western Feminist ‘Intellectuals’ Continue To Obsess About Abortion-On-Demand, Spending Time And Resources Attacking The Catholic Church And Other Institutions Who Defend Life.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy on CatholicVote.org, “Today, little has changed in the feminist priority list. While Western feminist ‘intellectuals’ continue to obsess about abortion-on-demand, spending time and resources attacking the Catholic Church and other institutions who defend life, overtly misogynistic faiths, such as Islam, that forbid women to drive, show their hair or faces, or bring a rapist to justice without four male eye witnesses, get a free pass.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – CatholicVote.org, [2012](#)]

Campos-Duffy: “Gender Insecurity Is At The Heart Of... America’s Feminist Movement And It Is The Motivation Behind So Many Of Its Silly And Alienating Tactics From Bra-Burning To Word Banning.” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy on Fox News Latino, “Gender insecurity is at the heart of [Facebook COO Sheryl] Sandberg and America’s feminist movement and it is the motivation behind so many of its silly and alienating tactics from bra-burning to word banning.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – Latino.FoxNews.com, [3/27/14](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Criticized Pope For Trying To Address Climate Change Instead Of Need For More “To Offer A More Robust Manly, Not Feminized Version Of Christianity”

VIDEO: Campos-Duffy: “I Hope Our Pope Will Address” The Need For A More “Manly” Christianity When He Comes To The Joint Session Of Congress “Instead Of Climate Change.” 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](#)]

LIBRE Has Spent “Millions On Ads Attacking Obamacare Supporters,” While Latinos “Are More Likely To Be Uninsured Than Any Other Group In The US.” 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](#)]

Yahoo News: “Most Recently, No Issue Has Taken More Of LIBRE’s Resources Than Opposing Obama’s Health Care Overhaul.” According to Yahoo News, “But most recently, no issue has taken more of LIBRE’s resources than opposing Obama’s health care overhaul. In recent months, Garza and LIBRE staff have penned multiple anti-Obamacare op-eds that have appeared in USA Today, the Tampa Tribune, Fox News Latino and Forbes.” [Yahoo News, [1/17/14](#)]

LIBRE Released Ads Attacking Six Members Of Congress “For Supporting The Affordable Care Act And ‘Unnecessary Spending’ By The Federal Government.” According to VOXXI, “Alex also pointed to a new round of digital ads that the LIBRE Initiative released last week. The ads go after six members of Congress—all Democrats—for supporting the Affordable Care Act and ‘unnecessary spending’ by the federal government. Among those attacked by the ads are Reps. Joe Garcia of Florida and Pete Gallego of Texas.” [VOXXI, [9/26/14](#)]

- **Latino Victory Project’s Cristobal Alex: Ads Are “Intended To Defeat Candidates With A Strong Record Supporting Things Like Access To Good-Paying Jobs, Quality Education, Affordable Health Care And A Clean Environment.”** According to VOXXI, “‘The ads are more of the same,’ [Latino Victory Project head Cristobal] Alex said. ‘They’re targeted and intended to defeat candidates with a strong record supporting things like access to good-paying jobs, quality education, affordable health care and a clean environment. Those are the issues that Latinos care about.’” [VOXXI, [9/26/14](#)]

LIBRE National Coalitions Director Michael Barrera: Latinos Are “Not Seeing The Benefit” Of Health Care Reform. According to Think Progress, “‘They’re just not seeing the benefit [of health care reform],’ Barrera said of Latino Americans. ‘And actually, support for it among Hispanics has dropped considerably.’” [Think Progress, [9/30/14](#)]

- **AMA Study: “The Full Implementation Of The ACA... Has The Potential To Be One Of The Most Important Developments Affecting Latino Health Care.”** According to Think Progress, “The data, however, suggests otherwise. A study recently published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that the Affordable Care Act has decreased the uninsured rate for working-age Latinos from 36 to 23 percent, with young and low-income people benefiting the most. And in states that chose to expand Medicaid, the uninsured rate for Latinos decreased from 35 to 17 percent. The study’s authors wrote: ‘The full implementation of the ACA...has the potential to be one of the most important developments affecting Latino health care.’” [Think Progress, [9/30/14](#)]

Aspen Institute Henry Crown Fellow Fernando Espuelas: “To Hear Libre’s Commercials... You’d Think ObamaCare Is The Second Coming Of Joseph Stalin.” According to an opinion by Univision Network Host and Aspen Institute Fellow Fernando Espuelas in The Hill, “For example, in its barrage of 2014 cycle ads attacking ObamaCare, Libre threw sand in the eyes of voters, blinding them to vote (or abstain) against their own healthcare needs. In fact, ObamaCare has dramatically driven down the rate of uninsured Hispanics across age groups. The specter of getting sick and going bankrupt, or leaving illnesses untreated until they become critical and are finally dealt with in emergency rooms at great cost and risk, has been lifted for millions of people. Yet to hear Libre's commercials, and you'd think that ObamaCare is the second coming of Joseph Stalin.” [Fernando Espuelas – The Hill, [4/1/15](#)]

GARZA URGED YOUNG PEOPLE TO REJECT ENROLLING FOR THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

Garza Urged Young People To Reject Enrolling For The Affordable Care Act Because It “Gouges Young People To Prop Up An Unsustainable Scheme.” According to an op-ed by LIBRE executive director Daniel Garza for the New York Post, “The Libre Initiative is promoting a real debate in this community about how we can do better. The White House is avoiding a pitch that convinces young people they’re getting a good deal — because they aren’t. According to recent research by the National Center for Public Policy Analysis, about 3.7 million of those ages 18-34 will save at least \$500 if they choose not to buy health insurance and instead pay what the Obama administration calls the ‘shared responsibility’ penalty. Another 3 million will save \$1,000. [...]Rejecting this path isn’t ‘selfish.’ It’s common sense. The Affordable Care Act gouges young people to prop up an unsustainable scheme that will do serious harm to our health-care system.” [New York Post, [9/10/13](#)]

LIBRE Executive Director Daniel Garza: Obamacare Has Hurt The Hispanic Community Because “The Younger And Healthier Are Punished More, Or Have To Pay A Higher Cost Of Insurance.” According to an interview of the executive director of the LIBRE Initiative, Daniel Garza for the Daily Runner, “So what I mean to say by that is that Obamacare works in a way that the younger and healthier are punished more, or have to pay a higher cost of insurance—more of the burden to sustain those who are not as healthy and older. So we’ve been hurt the most because of Obamacare. In the long run, our economic opportunities for jobs, for growth, for wellbeing have actually diminished over the last ten or twelve years.” [Daily Runner, [9/22/14](#)]

GARZA OPPOSED ALLOWING YOUNG PEOPLE TO STAY ON PARENTS’ PLAN, ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

Garza: “Allowing Young People To Stay On Their Parents’ Plan And Eliminating ‘Pre-Existing Conditions’” Are “Costly Changes For Insurers.” According to an op-ed by LIBRE executive director Daniel Garza for the New York Post, “Part of the reason young people are getting a bad deal is that the law is making insurance so expensive. Policies can’t be sold in the Affordable Care Act exchanges unless they meet ‘essential coverage’ standards set by the administration — which go far beyond the policies that millions of Americans buy. Allowing young people to stay on their parents’ plan and eliminating ‘pre-existing conditions’ are also costly changes for insurers, forcing them to raise rates more. Even Secretary Sebelius admits people will see a higher cost from moving to what she calls a ‘fully insured product.’” [New York Post, [9/10/13](#)]

LIBRE OPPOSES MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAMS

Daniel 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: “After The Supreme Court Declared The Law’s Medicaid Expansion Provisions As Optional... The Administration Is Still Seeking To Force States Such As Florida And Texas To Participate.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “A new report from the Obama administration shows an increase of 11.7 million sign-ups to Medicaid - a surge largely due to the program’s expansion under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). After the Supreme Court

declared the law's Medicaid expansion provisions as optional for states, 29 have opted to expand while others have declined to do so, citing concerns over higher costs to taxpayers and poor health outcomes under the program. Despite the court's ruling, the administration is still seeking to force states such as Florida and Texas to participate." [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [5/7/15](#)]

LIBRE: Figures From The Rand Corp "Illustrate A Stunning Growth In Dependence On The Taxpayer-Funded Medicaid Program." According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, "A new study by the RAND Corp. found that while 22.8 million Americans gained coverage under the ACA, nearly 6 million people lost it -- leaving a net increase in coverage of about 17 million. These figures illustrate a stunning growth in dependence on the taxpayer-funded Medicaid program, as more than 2/3 of the total enrollment gains under the law have been realized through the government-funded Medicaid program, rather than more highly-rated private insurance." [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [5/7/15](#)]

LIBRE Executive Director Daniel Garza: "Coercing States To Expand Medicaid...Disregards State Priorities And Prevents Them From Exploring Better And Less Costly Ways To Ensure Quality Healthcare." According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, "Daniel Garza, Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: 'This administration needs to stop measuring success by growing the number of people dependent on government. Coercing states to expand Medicaid, an inefficient [*sic*] and unsustainable program with poor health outcomes, disregards state priorities and prevents them from exploring better and less costly ways to ensure quality Healthcare for low-income families. Pushing more Americans into Medicaid puts taxpayers on the hook and appears to be causing a surge in costly emergency room visits nationwide, which ultimately threatens care for the neediest among us.'" [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [5/7/15](#)]

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Garza: "Expanding Medicaid Could Ultimately Reduce The Quality Of Healthcare For People In Need In States Like Florida, Where A Large Portion Of The Population Is Hispanic." According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, "Daniel Garza, Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: [...] 'Expanding Medicaid could ultimately reduce [*sic*] the quality of Healthcare for people in need in states like Florida, where a large portion of the population is Hispanic. It's time for the administration to reassess its approach to ensure that the well-being and prosperity of every American is the top goal.'" [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [5/7/15](#)]

LIBRE BACKED GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN OVER AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, DOWNPLAYED EFFECTS

LIBRE: Democrats' Desire To Pass A Clean Continuing Resolution To Fund The Entire Government Would Also Fund All The Government's "Wasteful Programs." According to a blog post on the LIBRE Initiative website, "Close to 800,000 federal employees nationwide are feeling the brunt of Washington's inability to find solutions. For them the paychecks have stopped – at least for now - but the same can't be said for their mortgage, car, or their children's tuition payments. While Republicans have passed four targeted measures to provide funding for select agencies, Democrats continue to hold to their Demand for a 'clean' continuing resolution which would fund the entire federal government, wasteful programs and all. In fact, The White House has threatened to veto all of the House measures and Senate leadership continues to hold up any piecemeal measures, including one that would ensure full pay for furloughed federal workers." [LIBREInitiative.com/blog, [10/10/13](#)]

Daniel Garza: "Some Members Sought To Delay Full Implementation Of ACA" But With The Agreement To End The Shutdown "There Will Be No Relief For Those Who Find It Impossible To Comply" With The Law. According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, "Daniel Garza, Executive Director of The LIBRE Initiative released the following statement: 'While some Members sought to delay full implementation of the Affordable Care Act, or to lift the mandate that requires individuals to buy insurance, the penalty will go into effect without consideration to these critical

changes. There will be no relief for those who find it impossible to comply with a law that was rushed into place before it was ready. Millions of Americans will be unable to afford insurance or even to navigate the application process due to a faulty and costly website. In addition, they will face a fine which the White House insisted go forward without regard to economic struggle of millions of Americans. This is simply unfair. Being unable to afford policies at high prices should not trigger a penalty.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [10/17/13](#)]

LIBRE Stated That The October 2013 Government Shutdown Gave Them “The Opportunity To Reflect On What An Essential (Or Non-Essential) Use Of Taxpayer Funding Looks Like.” According to a blog post on the LIBRE Initiative website, “This Monday, we began week two of the partial government shutdown. While its time Washington put the Nation’s fiscal house in order, failure to pass legislation funding operations and agencies is a foolish way to run a government. A Budget process exists – Congress should follow it. Nonetheless, the shutdown does allow us the opportunity to reflect on what an essential (or non-essential) use of taxpayer funding looks like.” [LIBREInitiative.com/blog, [10/9/13](#)]

LIBRE: The USDA’s Page On The Shutdown Was “One-Sided” And “Reads Like The Introduction To A Doomsday Film.” According to a blog post on the LIBRE Initiative website, “The government-sponsored site, usa.gov, intends to provide a one-page resource to help the American people understand the impact of the shutdown, but instead reads like the introduction to a doomsday film. It’s focus is one-sided, describing the perils of a temporary reduction of non-essential staff in alarming, dramatic, and upsetting terms, which clouds the discussion on what our government should truly be spending on. As one reads through the listed impacts, it begs the questions of whether the role is appropriate for government.” [LIBREInitiative.com/blog, [10/9/13](#)]

LIBRE: “The Vitally Important And Legitimate Goals Of Chemical Inspections, Medical Research, And Infrastructure Improvements Could Be Achieved With Or Without Federal Oversight.” According to a blog post on the LIBRE Initiative website, “Forgive the sarcasm, but it is hard not to be slightly skeptical of the alarmism. The vitally important and legitimate goals of chemical inspections, medical research, and infrastructure improvements could be achieved with or without federal oversight. It is ridiculous to assume that companies will provide contaminated water simply because the FDA is closed, or that university researchers will all of a sudden stop caring about scientific progress. (Actually, those who wish to continue working even without pay have been forcibly prevented by the government from doing so). Many of these goals, while important, do not require government intervention.” [LIBREInitiative.com/blog, [10/9/13](#)]

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LIBRE: “The American People Are Saying ‘No’ To An Extended Government Shutdown And To The Affordable Care Act That Has Already Proven To Be Unworkable.” According to a blog post on the LIBRE Initiative website, “It’s time for Washington to put party politics aside to find real solutions that reflect the thinking of the American people, - who are saying ‘no’ to an extended government shutdown and to the Affordable Care Act that has already proven to be unworkable. Only then can we really say we are ‘a government of the people, by the people, for the people.’” [LIBREInitiative.com/blog, [10/10/13](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Consistently Attacks Safety Net, Food Stamps

LIBRE’s Director Of Faith Initiatives John Mendez: “To Whom You’re Dependent On Is Who You Belong To. So You Should Not Be Dependent On Government.” According to Think Progress, “Opposition to the President’s health care reform may be LIBRE’s signature issue, but it isn’t their only one. John Mendez, an Evangelical minister who serves as LIBRE’s Director of Faith Initiatives told ThinkProgress that it’s just one piece of their free market message. His job, he explained, is to put that message ‘in a theological context.’ ‘In Scripture it tells us of dependency on God, not dependency on Man,’ Mendez said. ‘To whom you’re dependent on is who you belong to. So you should not be dependent on government.

When government starts dictating to you how to spend your money, then our freedoms are starting to be chipped away at.” [Think Progress, [9/30/14](#)]

Campos-Duffy: “I Think In A Lot Of Ways” Entitlements “Are Creating, Purposefully, A Class Of Dependent Americans, Particularly Among The Minority Set.” According to an interview Rachel Campos-Duffy gave on The Palin Update with Kevin Scholla, “I had a segment on Fox & Friends talking about food stamps. And sort of challenging liberal notions of compassion when it comes to entitlements because I think in a lot of ways they are creating, purposefully, a class of dependent Americans, particularly among the minority set.” [The Palin Update via YouTube.com, [8/25/14](#)]

LIBRE INITIATIVE SPOKESWOMAN DEFENDED REPUBLICAN CUTS TO FOOD STAMPS

Rachel Campos-Duffy Defended Republican Measures To Cut Food Stamp Funding. According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in the National Review, “Republican measures would decrease SNAP funding by 5 percent over ten years — a rate much lower than the rate by which it has increased over the past decade. In addition, Republican reforms will help ensure that the program is sustainable by limiting it to only those who truly need it, and ending SNAP benefits for traditional college students and lottery winners.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – National Review, [11/5/13](#)]

HuffPost News Video Headline Featuring Campos-Duffy: “Wife Of GOP Rep. Defends Massive Food Stamp Cut.” [HuffPost Video via AOL.com, [11/14/13](#)]

Campos-Duffy: “More Food Stamps Are Not The Answer To Our ‘New Economic Normal.’” According to an opinion by Rachel Campos-Duffy in the National Review, “Should Americans take care of their brothers and sisters? Absolutely. We all have an obligation as individuals to care for the poor. And, yes, there is a role for government and even food stamps in this equation. But more food stamps are not the answer to our ‘new economic normal.’” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – National Review, [11/5/13](#)]

Campos-Duffy Opinion Headline: “Food-Stamps Folly.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – National Review, [11/5/13](#)]

Campos-Duffy: A Commercial For Walmart “Beautifully” Showed A Hispanic Walmart Employee Named Naomi, Who “Used The Government’s Safety Net As It Was Intended — As A Temporary Measure.” According to an opinion by LIBRE national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy for National Review, “Well, that’s exactly what happened a couple years ago when I first saw a commercial about Noemi Flores, a middle-aged Hispanic woman who earned her 20-years-of-service badge from Walmart. [...] Noemi’s story beautifully captures the power and dignity that comes from hard work, self-reliance, and earned success. She used the government’s safety net as it was intended — as a temporary measure. Indeed, one of the least-talked-about dangers of our ever-expanding entitlement culture is that it threatens the viability of these necessary programs for those who genuinely need and use them as a bridge to a better life. On a recent trip to Latin America, Pope Francis reminded the world that ‘we derive our dignity from earning our bread.’” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – National Review, [9/5/13](#)]

Naomi “Proudly Recounts The Day She Wrote A Letter To The Food-Stamp Office And Told Them She Wouldn’t Be Needing Their Help Anymore,” After She Had Started Working At Walmart. According to an opinion by LIBRE national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy for National Review, “Standing in her bright, cheery kitchen holding a cup of coffee, Noemi talks about darker days in the 1980s, when she was on welfare and raising four kids on her own. Then she started working for Walmart and things in her life started turning around, she says, ‘almost immediately.’ She proudly recounts the day she wrote a letter to the food-stamp office and told them she wouldn’t be needing their help anymore. ‘I knew that the more I dedicated [myself], the harder I worked, the more that it was going to benefit my family,’ she says. With tears of pride in her eyes she shows us the home she bought and then introduces us to her handsome son, Mario, who now also works at Walmart. ‘I believe Mario is now following in my footsteps,’ she proudly tells us from her front-porch steps, her arm around her son.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – National Review, [9/5/13](#)]

- **Study: Walmart’s Workers “Cost U.S. Taxpayers An Estimated \$6.2 Billion” Because Their Wages Are So Low They Are Forced To Rely On “Public Assistance Including Food Stamps, Medicaid And Subsidized Housing.”** According to Forbes, “Walmart’s low-wage workers cost U.S. taxpayers an estimated \$6.2 billion in public assistance

including food stamps, Medicaid and subsidized housing, according to a report published to coincide with Tax Day, April 15. Americans for Tax Fairness, a coalition of 400 national and state-level progressive groups, made this estimate using data from a 2013 study by Democratic Staff of the U.S. Committee on Education and the Workforce. ‘The study estimated the cost to Wisconsin’s taxpayers of Walmart’s low wages and benefits, which often force workers to rely on various public assistance programs,’ reads the report, available in full here. It found that a single Walmart Supercenter cost taxpayers between \$904,542 and \$1.75 million per year, or between \$3,015 and \$5,815 on average for each of 300 workers.” [Forbes, [4/15/14](#)]

Campos-Duffy: “Today, There Aren’t Enough Voices In Minority Communities Encouraging The Kind Of Upward Mobility And Self-Reliance Noemi Exemplifies And Pope Francis Encourages.” According to an opinion by LIBRE national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy for National Review, “On a recent trip to Latin America, Pope Francis reminded the world that ‘we derive our dignity from earning our bread.’ Today, there aren’t enough voices in minority communities encouraging the kind of upward mobility and self-reliance Noemi exemplifies and Pope Francis encourages. In fact, it’s quite the opposite. In their zeal to show compassion, liberal community activists are quick to offer government handouts and, in the process, convey the message that people are incapable of making it on their own. Similarly, President Obama’s rhetoric about ‘fairness’ and his big-government solutions to virtually every societal ill have convinced too many people that the American Dream is dead, rigged, and accessible only to the rich and well-connected. It’s a self-serving message that ensures we need big government and benevolent community organizers to get through life. Case in point: Julia, the infamously helpless character dreamed up by the Obama campaign who needs government at every turn.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – National Review, [9/5/13](#)]

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Campos-Duffy: “Poll After Poll” Show “Hispanics Think Democrats Care More,” But In The Obama Economy More Hispanics Are Out Of Work And A Million More Are Living In Poverty Than When He First Took Office.” According to an opinion by LIBRE national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy for National Review, “Poll after poll bears out that Hispanics think Democrats care more. Never mind that in the Obama economy more Hispanics are out of work and a million more are living in poverty than when he first took office. The fact that liberal policies rarely lead to the upward mobility and prosperity Hispanics desire doesn’t matter when liberal voices like La Raza and other Obama-aligned progressive community organizations are the only voices speaking in those communities.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – National Review, [9/5/13](#)]

Rachel Campos-Duffy: Wal-Mart Figured Out What Hispanics Want, “It’s The American Dream,” And Like Wal-Mart LIBRE “Is Fighting Every Day To Convince Them That It’s Still Alive.” According to an opinion by LIBRE national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy for National Review, “As the tremendous influence of Hispanics in the United States continues to grow, politicians and marketers alike are clamoring to answer the question, ‘What do Hispanics want?’ Wal-Mart figured it out — it’s the American Dream. And the LIBRE Initiative is fighting every day to convince them that it’s still alive.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – National Review, [9/5/13](#)]

Campos-Duffy: “Radical And Racially Motivated Latino Groups Such As La Raza, LULAC, And Mecha... Go Out Of Their Way To Sign Folks Up And To Begin The Cycle Of Government Dependency.” According to an opinion by LIBRE national spokesperson Rachel Campos-Duffy for National Review, “So Hispanics come to America for the American Dream. They are ‘trabajadores,’ and you would be hard pressed to find an American farmer, contractor, or restaurant owner who would not testify to their work ethic. Unfortunately, the communities in which they live and work are teeming with liberal activists: farm and service-industry labor unions, well-intentioned community-based social services providers and more radical

and racially motivated Latino groups such as La Raza, LULAC, and Mecha. [...] All of these activist groups and institutions have a common ideology and an affinity for big and centralized government, and of course, entitlements. They go out of their way to sign folks up and to begin the cycle of government dependency.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy – National Review, [11/14/12](#)]

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LIBRE INITIATIVE ATTACKS ON WELFARE STEREOTYPES

At LIBRE Event In Arizona, A Video Was Played “Saying Those Who Take Welfare Have ‘Condemned Their Children To Life of Mediocrity And Subsistence.’” According to Think Progress, “Nowhere in the packets handed out to the attendees or in the presentations was it disclosed that the host organization, LIBRE, is a pet project of the Koch Brothers—the billionaire fossil fuel magnates currently bankrolling Republican candidates and conservative initiatives around the country. But hints were there: speakers heaping praise on Walmart as a successful ‘family business,’ a video backed by dramatic music saying those who take welfare have ‘condemned their children to life of mediocrity and subsistence,’ a flyer listing the ways the Obama Administration has made life worse for Latinos over the past five years.” [Think Progress, [9/30/14](#)]

LIBRE: Research From The Cato Institute “Shows That The Current Welfare System Is Providing A Disincentive To Work.” According to a blog post on the LIBRE Initiative website, “A new study by the Cato Institute sheds some light on this problem. According to Cato’s research, Welfare benefits actually outpace the income most recipients can expect to earn from an entry-level job. This raises questions about Nevada, which has the fifth-worst Unemployment rate in the country, but is a lofty 15th in Welfare generosity. This research shows that the current Welfare system is providing a disincentive to work, given the level of benefits provided. This is doing the American people more harm than good, as many are trapped in a lifestyle of dependence, instead of self-reliance. Most Americans would agree that taxpayer-funded Welfare should be a temporary tool to use until they get back on their feet; it should never be more attractive than a paying job.” [LIBREInitiative.com/blog, [9/11/13](#)]

LIBRE: “Incentivizing People To Depend On The Government Through Programs Such As Welfare, Without A Path To Employment, Is Troublesome To Society And A Betrayal Of The American Dream.” According to a blog post on the LIBRE Initiative website, “Incentivizing people to depend on the government through programs such as Welfare, without a path to employment, is troublesome to society and a betrayal of the American dream. Right now, Welfare recipients in 11 states can earn more than the pretax salary of a first year teacher. In 39 states, they receive more than a starting wage for a secretary, and in the three most generous states, a person on Welfare can take home a salary higher than that of an entry-level computer programmer. In Nevada, a person on Welfare can claim a salary of as much as \$31,527 per year.” [LIBREInitiative.com/blog, [9/11/13](#)]

Daniel Garza: People Who Use The Federal Safety Net “Waste” Their Lives By Getting “Caught Up” In A “Safety Hammock.” According to an interview of LIBRE Initiative executive director Daniel Garza on MSNBC, “Melissa Harris-Perry: ‘And yet, and yet, Daniel, I mean the language of food stamps was particularly during the Republican primary and then even again, it revived during the general election, this sort of language of like the 47 percent, the entitled, the gifts. But we’re looking at these images of kids who are going to school hungry. I feel like, you know, Republicans get real bipartisan on this ...’

Daniel Garza: ‘Yes.’ Melissa Harris-Perry: ‘... when you show those images, but the fact is when they attack those programs in theory, they are attacking poor kids.’ Daniel Garza: ‘Well, what they’re attacking more than anything is not the wasted money as much as it is the wasted lives. And the wasted futures of people who get caught up in this safety hammock, let’s just say. What they want is a trampoline. Of course, you’re going to, you know, work hard to fulfill the need that exists. Everybody is touched by poverty at one point in their life with need, with scarcity. My parents were farmers.’” [MSNBC, [11/17/12](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Opposed Export-Import Bank

A LIBRE Initiative Press Release Referred To The Export-Import Bank As “Subsidies For America’s Most Successful Companies.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “Congress Should Reject Subsidies for America’s Most Successful Companies [...] The Export-Import Bank, which uses taxpayer dollars to guarantee loans by overseas customers of American companies, is currently scheduled to cease operation on June 30th - unless Congress acts to renew its authorization.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [3/16/15](#)]

LIBRE Press Release: The Ex-Im Bank “Only Benefits Less Than 1 Percent Of 1 Percent Of Small Businesses In The U.S.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “The Export-Import Bank, which uses taxpayer dollars to guarantee loans by overseas customers of American companies, is currently scheduled to cease operation on June 30th - unless Congress acts to renew its authorization. If Congress rejects appeals from companies and Interest groups that benefit from these taxpayer subsidies, the agency will sunset as it is currently scheduled to do. The Bank itself only benefits less than 1 percent of 1 percent of small businesses in the U.S., and is often described as ‘corporate Welfare’ and ‘crony Capitalism’ [sic] from conservatives and others who support a phase-out of the bank.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [3/16/15](#)]

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LIBRE: The Ex-Im Bank’s Beneficiaries Included Some Of America’s “Most Successful Multinational Firms – Often For Sales Of Products To Nations That Are Not Supportive Of America’s Foreign Policy.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “The [Export-Import] Bank itself only benefits less than 1 percent of 1 percent of small businesses in the U.S., and is often described as ‘corporate Welfare’ and ‘crony Capitalism’ [sic] from conservatives and others who support a phase-out of the bank. Even President Obama called it ‘little more than a fund for corporate Welfare.’ Its beneficiaries include some of America’s largest and most successful multinational firms – often for sales of products to nations that are not supportive of America’s foreign policy priorities.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [3/16/15](#)]

Daniel Garza: “The Government Should Not Be Picking Winners And Losers By Awarding Funds To Some Companies And Not Others.” 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 picking winners and losers by awarding funds to some companies and not others – even through loan guarantees.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [3/16/15](#)]

Garza: “Cronyism Expands Government Control Over The Market, And Turns It Into A System Of Special Favors Paid For By The Taxpayers.” 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 picking winners and losers by awarding funds to some companies and not others – even through loan guarantees. Cronyism expands government control over the market, and turns it into a system of special favors paid for by the taxpayers. It’s time for government to respect the hard work of American entrepreneurs, by allowing small businesses to compete without government granting special favors to the well-connected.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [3/16/15](#)]

Garza: “Hispanics Make Up The Largest Small Business Owning Minority In The U.S., And In Many Cases Taxpayer Money Is Going To Their Larger Competitors.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “Daniel Garza, Executive Director of the LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: [...] ‘Hispanics make up the largest small business owning minority in the U.S., and in many cases taxpayer money is going to their larger competitors.’” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [3/16/15](#)]

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LIBRE Initiative Opposed Normalization of Relations With Cuba

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](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Tweet: “We Agree W/@MarcoRubio. It Is Hard To See How This Announcement Moves #Cuba In The Direction Of #Freedom.” [LIBRE Initiative Tweet, [12/17/14](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Policy Director Jorge Lima: So Far The Talks Between The U.S. And Cuba “Appear To Be Very One-Sided - With Much Of The Concessions Benefitting The Castro Dictatorship.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “Jorge Lima, Policy Director of The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: ‘The United States has long led the world in calling for greater democracy and pressing authoritarian governments to respect individual rights and civil liberties. This should continue to be the case when discussing significant changes to the U.S. relationship with Cuba. So far, the talks appear to be very one-sided - with much of the concessions benefitting the Castro dictatorship, but not

the people of Cuba. While the U.S. has made significant changes to their approach with the island nation, the Castro regime has conceded little, and instead vowed to keep its communist system intact.” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [4/13/15](#)]

Lima: Castro's “Oppressive Dictatorship” Benefits “From The New Legitimacy Provided To It Thorough These Meetings,” Which Should Be “An Opportunity To Advocate For...Our Cuban Brothers And Sisters.” According to a press release from the LIBRE Initiative, “Jorge Lima, Policy Director of The LIBRE Initiative, released the following statement: [...] ‘As Raul Castro's oppressive dictatorship continues to benefit from the new legitimacy provided to it thorough these meetings and its attendance at the summit, dissidents on the island continue to live in fear of oppression, violent attacks, and arrests. Washington needs to ensure that as attempts to normalize relations continue, the Castro dictatorship must begin to guarantee the rights of its people. This is an opportunity to advocate for the democracy and freedom of our Cuban brothers and sisters. They should not be forgotten or ignored in order to achieve a politically-motivated deal.’” [LIBRE Initiative Press Release, [4/13/15](#)]

THE LIBRE INITIATIVE HAS CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

Marco Rubio

LIBRE Initiative’s National Strategic Director Jose Mallea Was Sen. Marco Rubio’s Former Campaign Manager.

According to The Nation, “Rubio was introduced by César Grajales, the South Florida field director for the LIBRE initiative, a Koch-funded campaign to attract Latino voters to the GOP. Rubio’s former campaign manager, Jose Mallea, is the group’s national strategic director.” [Nation, [9/4/14](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Tweet: “We Agree W/@MarcoRubio. It Is Hard To See How This Announcement Moves #Cuba In The Direction Of #Freedom.” [LIBRE Initiative Tweet, [12/17/14](#)]

Jeb Bush

Politico: LIBRE National Strategic Director And Former Marco Rubio Campaign Manager, Jose Mallea, Will Be Hired As Jeb Bush’s Hispanic-Outreach Adviser. According to Politico, “Marco Rubio’s longtime friend and 2010 Senate campaign manager is about to be hired as a Hispanic-outreach adviser for the senator’s likely Republican 2016 rival, Jeb Bush, sources familiar with the decision tell POLITICO. Jose Mallea’s hiring by Bush’s Right to Rise political committee is a one-two punch for the former governor: It underscores the depth of loyalty Florida Republicans have for Bush and it shows his intense interest in turning out the Latino vote.[...] Mallea, who refused comment, plans Friday to resign his post as the national strategic director for the LIBRE Initiative, a Latino-outreach organization tied to the influential Koch brothers. He was hired after the initiative was founded nearly four years ago.” [Politico, [5/1/15](#)]

Politico: “Though A Rubio Friend, Mallea Is Loyal To The Bush Family. From 2001-2005, Mallea Worked In President George W. Bush’s Administration In Various Appointed Posts.” According to Politico, “Though a Rubio friend, Mallea is loyal to the Bush family. From 2001-2005, Mallea worked in President George W. Bush’s administration in various appointed posts, including special assistant to White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card. Mallea, who refused comment, plans Friday to resign his post as the national strategic director for the LIBRE Initiative, a Latino-outreach organization tied to the influential Koch brothers. He was hired after the initiative was founded nearly four years ago.” Politico, [5/1/15](#)

Associated Press: LIBRE Director Daniel Garza Has Been Friends With George P. Bush For 15 Years. According to the Associated Press, “George P. Bush has ‘always been viewed as inevitable for a national position, and I think he's acted deliberately and very astutely in everything he's done,’ said Daniel Garza, executive director of the Libre Initiative, which has collected millions of dollars from the billionaire industrialist Koch brothers and seeks to promote conservative values to Hispanics nationwide. He's been Bush's friend for 15 years.” [Business Insider, [2/5/15](#)]

George P. Bush Attended A Rally Supporting “National School Choice Week” At The Texas State Capitol, Organized In Part By The LIBRE Initiative. According to the Associated Press, “New state Land Commissioner George P. Bush lent national star power to Friday's rally supporting school vouchers and charter schools, initiatives championed by top Texas conservatives that have previously stalled in the Republican-controlled Legislature. Organizers promised the ‘largest ever’ rally on the issue, but the crowd of teachers, students, activists — even a school marching band — on the Capitol steps looked to only number in the hundreds. [...] Many at the rally wore ‘National School Choice Week’ scarfs, and Friday's was one of many similar gatherings being held throughout the country. One of the organizers of Texas' event was the Libre Initiative, a national group funded by the conservative mega-donor Koch Brothers to woo Hispanics to conservative causes.” [Associated Press, [1/30/15](#)]

Bush Said He Would Use His “Voice And The Platform Of The Permanent School Fund To Encourage More Education Reform” And That “School Choice Must Be A Part Of That Conversation.” According to the Associated Press, “[George P.] Bush promised to use his ‘voice and the platform of the Permanent School Fund to encourage more education reform’ statewide, adding that ‘school choice must be a part of that conversation.’ ‘The majority of our students are trapped in schools that are underperforming,’ said Bush, who switched gracefully between English and Spanish. ‘Some schools don't work and refuse to change, and that's why we need school choice.’” [Associated Press, [1/30/15](#)]

Rand Paul

Sen. Rand Paul Was Featured On A Roundtable On School Choice In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Sponsored By The LIBRE Initiative. According to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, “U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, the Republican from Kentucky who is considered a possible presidential contender in 2016, will be in Milwaukee April 23 for a roundtable on school choice. His visit is sponsored by the conservative The LIBRE Initiative and Hispanics for School Choice, a local organization that favors the expansion of school choice. The roundtable will take place at St. Anthony's Middle School, 2156 S. 4th St. It will be from 10:30 a.m. to noon.” [Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, [4/15/14](#)]

Chris Christie

Former Director Of Hispanic Outreach For Chris Christie's 2013 Reelection And Gov. Susana Martinez's 2013 Political Director, Edith Jorge, Was Hired As The Eastern Regional Director At The LIBRE Initiative. According to Politico, “Edith Jorge, the former director of Hispanic outreach for Chris Christie's reelection in 2013 and New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez's political director for her reelection in 2014, has been hired as the eastern regional director at the LIBRE Initiative, the conservative Koch-backed nonprofit that targets Hispanic communities.” [Politico, [3/24/15](#)]

Rick Scott

LIBRE Blog Headline: “Future Of Hispanic Student Success Hangs On Florida Governor Race.” [Valerio Martinelli - LIBRE Initiative.com, [10/28/14](#)]

LIBRE: In Florida The State Teachers Union, The School Boards Association And PTA “Filed A Lawsuit Challenging The Constitutionality Of Florida’s Largest And Most Successful School Voucher Program.” According to an opinion by LIBRE policy analyst Valerio Martinelli originally published in Spanish in Diario Las Américas and posted on the LIBRE Initiative website, “Last August, the statewide teachers union, the school boards association and PTA filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Florida’s largest and most successful school voucher program, the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program (FTC). Established in 2001, the FTC allows accredited scholarship organizations to provide low-income families with vouchers to enroll their children in a private school of their choice.” [Valerio Martinelli - LIBRE Initiative.com, [10/28/14](#)]

Governor Rick Scott “Has Opposed The Lawsuit, Calling It An ‘Unconscionable’ Action With ‘Terrible Consequences On Lives Of Florida’s Poorest Children.’” According to an opinion by LIBRE policy analyst Valerio Martinelli originally published in Spanish in Diario Las Américas and posted on the LIBRE Initiative website, “Governor Scott has opposed the lawsuit, calling it an ‘unconscionable’ action with ‘terrible consequences on lives of Florida’s poorest

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Mitt Romney

LIBRE Regional Director Jose Mallea: “When You Consider The Values Of Hispanic Voters: Economic Freedom, Less Government” It's “Only Romney” Who “Will Lead Us This Way” According to the Palm Beach Post, “But Jose Mallea, former campaign manager for U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio and now regional director for the Libre Initiative, a conservative national policy organization, said the Republican ticket’s economic appeal will reach Hispanics. [...] Instead, Mallea said, ‘When you consider the values of Hispanic voters: economic freedom, less government interference, they are willing to ask ‘which of the candidates will lead us this way?’ And it’s only [Mitt] Romney.’ With the GOP struggling to appeal to women, Hispanic and black voters, this week’s convention featured a diverse lineup of speakers -- addressing an overwhelmingly white crowd of delegates inside the Tampa Bay Times Forum.” [Palm Beach Post, [8/31/12](#)]

RNC

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](#)]

During The 2012 Republican National Convention LIBRE And Univision Hosted “An Official Event Sanctioned By The RNC,” Called “Reclaim Your Dream Be Libre.” According to an opinion by the executive director of the LIBRE Initiative, Daniel Garza, for the Tampa Tribune, “On Aug. 30, LIBRE and Univision Network will co-host the ‘Reclaim Your Dream Be Libre’ Policy Luncheon, an official event sanctioned by the RNC to host a conversation made up of a diverse panel of distinguished Hispanics and elected officials. And we choose to drive the discourse on the topics that U.S. Hispanics have expressed are the most critical for our community.” [Daniel Garza – Tampa Tribune, [8/21/12](#)]

ADVOCACY AGAINST DEMOCRATS & LATINO CANDIDATES

Latino Candidates

Ads Released By LIBRE “Go After Latino Lawmakers Amid National Efforts To Try To Increase The Number Of Latinos Elected To Office.” According to VOXXI, “He added that what’s also ‘illogical’ is that ads go after Latino lawmakers amid national efforts to try to increase the number of Latinos elected to office. Currently, Latinos represent 17 percent of the country’s population. But there are only 31 Latinos elected in Congress, making up nearly 6 percent of the total number of members in Congress.” [VOXXI, [9/26/14](#)]

Cristobal Alex: “Instead Of Working Together To Increase Our Voice, LIBRE Is Literally Attacking Our Candidates And Trying To Limit Our Voice.” According to VOXXI, “Currently, Latinos represent 17 percent of the country’s population. But there are only 31 Latinos elected in Congress, making up nearly 6 percent of the total number of members in Congress. ‘Instead of working together to increase our voice, LIBRE is literally attacking our candidates and trying to limit our voice,’ Alex said.” [VOXXI, [9/26/14](#)]

Labor Council For Latin American Advancement President Hector Sanchez: “It’s Unacceptable That An Organization That Claims To Support The Latino Community Is Attacking Latino Candidates,” According to BuzzFeed, “It’s unacceptable that an organization that claims to support the Latino community is attacking Latino candidates,” said Labor Council For Latin American Advancement president Hector Sanchez, who works to increase Latino representation in government. ‘We are the most underrepresented group when it comes to public office, to have them going after Latino candidates is an attack on the Latino community.’” [BuzzFeed, [3/12/15](#)]

LIBRE Released Ads Attacking Six Members Of Congress “For Supporting The Affordable Care Act And ‘Unnecessary Spending’ By The Federal Government.” According to VOXXI, “Alex also pointed to a new round of digital ads that the LIBRE Initiative released last week. The ads go after six members of Congress—all Democrats—for supporting the Affordable Care Act and ‘unnecessary spending’ by the federal government. Among those attacked by the ads are Reps. Joe Garcia of Florida and Pete Gallego of Texas.” [VOXXI, [9/26/14](#)]

LIBRE Spent Significant Money Attacking Democrats

LIBRE Has “Poured Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars” Into Ads Attacking Four Democrats Who Voted For Obamacare. According to Think Progress, “While LIBRE may not tell their members who to vote for, they have poured hundreds of thousands of dollars into telling them in English and Spanish who not to vote for—specifically, four Democratic House members who support the Affordable Care Act.” [Think Progress, [9/30/14](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Predicted “A Suppressed Latino Turnout” In The 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](#)]

ARIZONA

AFP, LIBRE, And Other Conservative Groups Failed To Unseat Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick In A Race Where Her Chances Of Winning Had Been Put At 12 Percent. According to Roll Call, “Republican operatives called her race ‘cooked.’ One national news organization put her chances at 12 percent. After all, Arizona 1st District voters already fired Democratic Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick once before in a toxic climate in 2010. But as House Democrats fell across the country, Kirkpatrick didn’t just win re-election. She expanded her margin from 2012. She proved the naysayers wrong due to one, simple political maxim: To win, a candidate has to be better than his or her opponent. And she was. [...] National Republicans supported him [Andy Tobin], including the NRCC, a Koch-aligned group called Libre Initiative, YG Action Network, Americans for Prosperity, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and American Action Network. Outside groups spent about \$7.4 million in advertising, according to a Democrat tracking media buys.” [RollCall.com, [11/18/14](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Ran Ads Targeting Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick And Connecting Her To Obama. According to the Washington Post, “Atop the House GOP campaign arm’s list: \$3.1 million to try prying Democrat Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick from her sprawling district in northern and eastern Arizona.[...] Other spots by GOP and conservative groups juxtapose photos of Kirkpatrick and Obama and cite her support for administration priorities. ‘Can’t she see Obamacare is hurting Arizona families?’ said a Hispanic-looking woman in one ad by the Libre Initiative, a conservative group backed by the wealthy Koch brothers that’s trying to attract Hispanic support.” [Washington Post, [10/18/14](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Co-Sponsored A Gubernatorial Forum That Was Not Attended By “Republican Front-Runner” Doug Ducey, Frank Riggs Or Andrew Thomas. According to The Arizona Republic, “A depleted gubernatorial panel took the floor in Wednesday night’s gubernatorial forum sponsored by Univision Arizona and the LIBRE Initiative. Republican front-runner Doug Ducey claimed yet another scheduling conflict. Border-security champion Andrew Thomas declined his invitation, taking issue with the debate’s focus on Latino issues. Frank Riggs also was not in attendance as he had a campaign event in Snowflake. Both his campaign and event sponsors confirmed a mix-up in communication led to his absence.” [Arizona Republic, [8/20/14](#)]

- **LIBRE’s Arizona State Field Director Claimed The GOP Primary Gubernatorial Candidates Did Not Attend Because He “Confused” Them And “Ducey Had Never Promised To Participate.”** According to The Arizona Republic, “[LIBRE’s Arizona State Field Director Stephen] Viramontes said earlier Wednesday that Ducey had tentatively agreed to the debate weeks ago but backed out Monday, citing a prior engagement. Ducey’s campaign said they never committed to attend the event. Viramontes called the Republic late Wednesday to say he had confused Ducey, Riggs and Thomas, and that Ducey had never promised to participate.” [Arizona Republic, [8/20/14](#)]
- **GOP Candidate Andrew Thomas On LIBRE Forum: “I Believe It Is Wrong And Damaging To Our Nation To Conduct A Forum That Expressly Caters To One Racial Or Ethnic Group Only.”** According to The Arizona Republic, “[Andrew] Thomas took to Twitter to call the debate ‘balkanizing,’ and he posted to Facebook the text of an e-mail he sent to Stephen Viramontes, LIBRE’s Arizona field director. LIBRE is a non-profit, which has a mission of bringing conservative ideas to Hispanic-American communities. ‘I am declining to participate in your debate,’ Thomas wrote. ‘I believe it is wrong and damaging to our nation to conduct a forum that expressly caters to one racial or ethnic group only. This is particularly true when the debate is to be broadcast to the voters by a media outlet that speaks only Spanish, as Arizona is an Official English state.’ [...] Thomas, the former Maricopa County attorney who was disbarred for unethical behavior, continues to defend himself against allegations of racism.” [Arizona Republic, [8/20/14](#)]
- **The Debate Was Translated Into Spanish And Broadcast By Univision—“The First Of Its Kind In Arizona.”** According to The Arizona Republic, “The debate was translated into Spanish and broadcast by Univision. Event sponsors said it was the first of its kind in Arizona. The invitation-only event opened with a meet-and-greet with Latino business, religious and community leaders.” [Arizona Republic, [8/20/14](#)]

LOUISIANA

LIBRE Initiative Executive Director Daniel Garza: Sen. Mary Landrieu “Voted To Tie The President’s Hands On Immigration, And Latino Activists, In Particular, Could Be Expected To Heavily Criticize The Senator.” According to an article by Libre Initiative Executive Director Daniel Garza on the Libre website, “On Sept. 18, Sen. Mary Landrieu, a Democrat from Louisiana, voted with many Senate Republicans to prevent the president from altering Immigration law by executive order. Landrieu had voted ‘yes’ on comprehensive Immigration reform last year, but now portrays herself as an opponent of what she calls ‘amnesty’—mostly because it had become clear that many constituents disapproved of her vote for Immigration reform. Therefore, it shouldn’t have been all that surprising when she changed her position, and voted against a top policy priority of many Latinos. Even the most amateur political observer would think that a change of this magnitude might be expected to draw a lot of attention. Landrieu had voted to tie the president’s hands on Immigration, and Latino activists, in particular, could be expected to heavily criticize the senator. The last thing they need is to lose congressional support on their top priority. And the leading congressional advocates for reform, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, would probably offer the harshest criticism. After all, it had been a tough few weeks for the caucus.” [LibreInitiative.com, [9/29/14](#)]

NEVADA

LIBRE’s Nevada Executive Director And Southwest Region Press Secretary Have Appeared In The State’s Spanish-Language Media Promoting The Group As Foils To Reid And His Allies. According to Politico, “In addition to creating good will in the community by providing social services such as Spanish-language training for the state’s drivers exam, LIBRE has gotten some traction in Nevada’s Spanish-language media, where the group’s executive director, Daniel Garza, a former Bush administration official, and Southwest region press secretary Ronald Najarro, have appeared often promoting the group’s services or as conservative foils to liberals, including juxtaposed against Reid and his allies.” [Politico, [8/19/14](#)]

FLORIDA

LIBRE Has Spent More Than \$700,000 On Ads Attacking Rep. Joe Garcia. According to Politico, “This is the second series of ads that the LIBRE Initiative has run against the freshman Democrat on Obamacare, and a spokesman for the group said it will have spent more than \$700,000 in Garcia’s district alone with the two ads.” [Politico, [1/14/14](#)]

The LIBRE Initiative Launched An Ad Campaign Attacking Rep. Joe Garcia For Supporting Obamacare. According to Politico, “A conservative Hispanic advocacy group will launch a new round of ads Wednesday targeting a vulnerable House Democrat over Obamacare — an effort that highlights the problems that it says Latinos have faced with the health care law. The ad from the LIBRE Initiative goes after Rep. Joe Garcia (D-Fla.) and stars a Latina doctor in southern Florida who cites a handful of concerns she has about the Affordable Care Act — such as higher premiums and canceled insurance policies.” [Politico, [1/14/14](#)]

Aspen Institute Henry Crown Fellow Fernando 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](#)]

TEXAS

LIBRE Spent About Half A Million Dollars On An Ad Campaign Attacking Rep. Pete Gallego For His Support Of Obamacare. According to Yahoo News, “On Thursday, LIBRE launched a media broadside against Rep. Pete Gallego, the second in a series of ads against the Texas Democrat. The ad criticizes Gallego for his support of the Affordable Care Act in 2010, and LIBRE says it's spending about half a million dollars for a two-week run in his district on network TV.” [Yahoo News, [1/17/14](#)]

LIBRE INITIATIVE ACTIVITY IN KEY STATES

LIBRE Opened Field Offices “In As Many As A Dozen States With Large Hispanic Populations.” According to Yahoo News, “A group of Hispanic conservatives is ramping up an aggressive campaign to attract Hispanic voters as part of an ongoing effort on the right to bring more minorities into the fold. This push by the LIBRE Initiative includes a seven-figure ad buy against Democratic lawmakers who supported the Affordable Care Act, often called Obamacare, and the opening of field offices in as many as a dozen states with large Hispanic populations. And in a novel move, the group is even providing social services to Hispanic communities while it sells its message.” [Yahoo News, [1/17/14](#)]

In 2014 LIBRE Had Operations In Eight States, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico, Virginia And Texas. According to the Associated Press, “Libre now has operations in eight states in the hope Hispanics will repay conservatives with their votes. Organizers already have 3,000 Texas volunteers, and similar undertakings in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico and Virginia. Libre is but one piece of the Koch brothers' sprawling and effective network of conservative groups. Alongside the grassroots-focused Americans for Prosperity and the youth-oriented Generation Opportunity, Libre began courting Hispanic voters in 2011.” [Associated Press, [8/11/14](#)]

Former Director Of Hispanic Outreach For Chris Christie's 2013 Reelection And Gov. Susana Martinez's 2013 Political Director, Edith Jorge, Was Hired As The Eastern Regional Director At The LIBRE Initiative. According to Politico, “JORGE TO LIBRE INITIATIVE: Edith Jorge, the former director of Hispanic outreach for Chris Christie's reelection in 2013 and New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez's political director for her reelection in 2014, has been hired as the

eastern regional director at the LIBRE Initiative, the conservative Koch-backed nonprofit that targets Hispanic communities.” [Politico, [3/24/15](#)]

Since February 2015 The Center For Shared Services, “A Recruiting Arm For Koch-Backed Organizations” Has 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](#)]

Rachel Campos-Duffy: “We Have Offices And Operations At A Very Grassroots Level That Are Permanently Embedded In Hispanic Communities In Key Swing States.” According to a speech Rachel Campos-Duffy gave to the Young America’s Foundation, “So what we do is we have offices and operations at a very grassroots level that are permanently embedded in Hispanic communities in key swing states.” [Rachel Campos-Duffy Speech – Young Americas Foundation via Ustream.tv, [6/20/14](#)]

To Spread Its Message LIBRE Stated It Would “Align With Organizations That Support Economic Freedom,” Such As The American Enterprise Institute, CATO And The Mercatus Center. According to the Center for Public Integrity, “Garza said the initiative plans to target three big states California, Florida and Texas, plus the Southwest and Northeast. To spread its message widely, the initiative will ‘align with organizations that support economic freedom,’ such as the American Enterprise Institute, CATO and the Mercatus Center, Garza said. ‘We want to be a partner and a resource.’” [Center for Public Integrity, [9/22/11](#)]

NEVADA

LIBRE Initiative Has Committed “Significant Resources” To Nevada, Including Opening A New Office In The State And Two Full-Time Staffers. According to Politico, “And the LIBRE Initiative, which seeks to spread fiscal conservatism among Hispanics, has also committed significant resources to Nevada since first setting up shop here in 2012. Back then, it shared space in AFP’s Vegas office, but this year it moved into a new office of its own across the street from a wedding venue called the ‘Elvis Chapel.’ An April ribbon-cutting was attended by at least one GOP congressional candidate, and the group now has two full-time staffers and a growing volunteer base in the state.” [Politico.com, [8/19/14](#)]

“The LIBRE Initiative, An Expanding Grass-Roots Organization Now Operating In Nine States,” Organized A Driver’s Test Prep Session In Spanish For Latinos In Nevada. According to the Washington Post, “For Republicans, the road to warming the hearts and winning the votes of Latinos may begin at a Las Vegas flea market. On a recent morning, inside the Eastern Indoor Swapmeet Las Vegas, a group funded by the billionaire Koch brothers helped 250 Latinos — some of them undocumented immigrants — pass the Nevada driver’s test. The LIBRE Initiative, an expanding grass-roots organization now operating in nine states, organized the four-hour test prep session to teach the rules of the road in Spanish — no tome y maneje (no drinking and driving), el límite de velocidad es sesenta y cinco millas por hora (the speed limit is 65 miles per hour).” [Washington Post, [4/30/15](#)]

- **“Everyone Who Came” To LIBRE’s Nevada Driver’s Test Prep “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](#)]

ILLINOIS

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](#)]

WISCONSIN

PR Watch: The LIBRE Initiative "Is Set To Increase Its Staff By 30 Percent, And Expand To Wisconsin." According to the Center for Media and Democracy's PR Watch, "Now, a critical part of the Koch infrastructure called the LIBRE Initiative is poised to bring Latinos back into the GOP fold just in time for the 2016 election cycle. The \$5 million-a-year organization spreading the gospel of 'free enterprise and personal responsibility' is set to increase its staff by 30 percent, and expand to Wisconsin. The organization will have its work cut out for it." [Center for Media and Democracy PR Watch, [2/10/15](#)]

Voces De La Frontera Executive Director Christine Neumann: "LIBRE Is Part Of A Hidden Agenda Of 'Misinforming The Latino Community About The True Record Of Politicians Like Governor Scott Walker.'" According to the Center for Media and Democracy's PR Watch, "The LIBRE Initiative is part of a hidden agenda of 'misinform[ing] the Latino community about the true record of politicians like Governor Scott Walker on issues such as immigration, and to try to convince Latinos to vote against their economic interests', Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Executive Director of Voces de la Frontera, a grassroots organization defending immigrant and low-wage worker rights, told CMD." [Center for Media and Democracy PR Watch, [2/10/15](#)]

PR Watch: "The LIBRE Initiative Is...A Textbook Example Of Astroturfing Almost Entirely Funded By The Koch Brothers' Secret Bank Freedom Partners." According to the Center for Media and Democracy's PR Watch, "Described as a 'grassroots organization,' the LIBRE Initiative is, in fact, a textbook example of astroturfing almost entirely funded by the Koch brothers' secret bank Freedom Partners. The increased funding is part of a wider strategy to boost the network's front groups, which was unveiled at the biannual donors summit at the Ritz Carlton in the Palm Springs desert on January 25." [Center for Media and Democracy PR Watch, [2/10/15](#)]

LIBRE Initiative Founder Daniel Garza Said LIBRE "Intends To Start Operating In Wisconsin Soon And In Another State He Declined To Identify." According to the San Antonio Express-News, "Daniel Garza, 46, the former George W. Bush administration official who founded Libre and leads it, says his organization also intends to start operating in Wisconsin soon and in another state he declined to identify. We've been driving a different conversation and it really resonates with the Latino community,' he contended." [San Antonio Express-News, [4/4/15](#)]

TEXAS

In 2014 LIBRE Had 3,000 Texas Volunteers. According to the Associated Press, "Libre now has operations in eight states in the hope Hispanics will repay conservatives with their votes. Organizers already have 3,000 Texas volunteers, and similar undertakings in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico and Virginia. Libre is but one piece of the Koch brothers' sprawling and effective network of conservative groups. Alongside the grassroots-focused Americans for Prosperity and the youth-oriented Generation Opportunity, Libre began courting Hispanic voters in 2011." [Associated Press, [8/11/14](#)]

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](#)]

FLORIDA

LIBRE “Has Its Biggest Operation In Florida, With Two Full-Time Teams In Orlando And South Florida, Made Up Of 12 Staff Members.” According to BuzzFeed, “LIBRE has its biggest operation in Florida, with two full-time teams in Orlando and South Florida, made up of 12 staff members. The groups hold one or two events in Orlando and four a week in South Florida. The high volume of events allowing them to beat the drum on issues that matter to them in friendly confines. A recent panel conversation on school choice, for example, featured experts from around Florida — and all of them supported school choice.” [Buzzfeed, [3/12/15](#)]

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