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EVANGELICAL VOTERS

The 90 million Evangelicals in America 50 million of whom can vote have been challenged to become more involved, even more aggressive in public life. That challenge has been issued by the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS. Their call to action is simple and direct:

“Shape public policy.”

The 12-page document not finalized calls upon Evangelical Christians to affect society in every way. The rationale:

“Jesus is Lord over every area of life.”

Evangelicals are chided for their political inactivity. The NAE and Christianity Today editor, David Neff, state that only one half of the eligible Evangelical voters did in fact vote in the 2000 election. Neff and NAE reason that Evangelical Christians represent almost 30% of the electorate and if all voted, no matter the differences, America’s political life would be profoundly impacted.

Evangelical and other Christians often ignore politics and other things of this world for any number of reasons, including the fact that no matter the vote, Evangelicals do have access, but without influence. Yet, NAE warns Evangelicals that they “must be careful not to equate Christian faith with partisan politics.” On its face, that seems most difficult since the major parties Democrat and Republican have such different philosophic, political, economic and social objectives. Evangelicals tend to be conservative and tend to vote Republican which party is by and large more conservative. That is so even though Evangelical Christians have disparate views on issues such as war, the environment, education and the like. There are those who believe in the rightness of just wars, and there are those who believe that all war is wrong no matter the reason. There are those who would fully protect the environment and others who would carefully exploit nature’s resources, and there are those Evangelicals who champion public education while others believe only in private and parochial education.

Evangelical Christians are however virtually united on the social issues of the day. They are against abortion, and in particular partial birth abortion. Evangelicals are against euthanasia, human cloning and uncontrolled stem cell research. The vast majority of Evangelicals are passionate about marriage as the union between one man and one woman, and against same sex marriage in any form.

They are resistant if not hostile to the homosexual agenda in general. If all such social and moral issues are paramount, then the Evangelical will vote Republican. If secondary, and issues such as war, the environment, education, foreign policy, the military will predominate and some Evangelicals will vote Democrat and others Republican.

Whatever the issue, whatever THE EVANGELICAL POSITION, EVANGELICALS MUST VOTE!

It is the civic duty of every American citizen of voting age, including Evangelicals to be involved, express points of view, interact and communicate with decision makers and leaders, and most importantly VOTE.

It is a contradiction in terms for Evangelicals to bemoan the so-called immoral state of our society and the trend toward godlessness and withdraw from the political process, refusing to vote. Some think no American has the right to criticize unless he or she is fully involved in the political process and votes. The act of voting is the greatest expression and the ultimate act of the highest freedom. To vote as one believes is the finest expression of political and social consciousness and the moral duty of every Christian.

If you are an Evangelical Christian, it is your duty to God and country to vote. We at Crawford Broadcasting Company hope and pray you do.