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Two Views On Ted Cruz

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Ted Cruz just announced he is a candidate for the Presidency. As such, we need to take a look at him; in particular his stances on the Constitution. We have two views to present to you. The first comes from Gary Franchi at the Next News Network. His video segment is titled, *Ted Cruz: First President of the North American Union?* Does Ted Cruz support the North American Union (NAU)? Does he support relinquishing US sovereignty to a larger Union, similar to the European Union? Gary takes a look at this issue. This is important, because if any candidate supports the creation of the NAU, he is giving up the sovereignty of the US, which NO ONE has the Constitutional power to do. Such a candidate/politician would be breaking their Oath to the Constitution.

Watch the video and decide for yourself. - Shorty Dawkins, Associate Editor

TED CRUZ: PROS AND CONS

By Chuck Baldwin March 26, 2015

Texas Senator Ted Cruz made his candidacy for President of the United States official this week. He is the first Republican to officially jump into the presidential race. He chose my alma mater, Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, to make the announcement. Readers immediately inundated me with requests for my thoughts on his candidacy. Today's column will attempt to answer those requests. Mind you, these are preliminary thoughts, subject to change one way or the other as I learn more about Senator Cruz.

Before I list what seem to me to be more obvious pros and cons of his candidacy, let me say that it is extremely obvious that Mr. Cruz is wanting to "corner the market" on the Christian conservative vote and make them the ideological and political base of his campaign. The fact that he chose Liberty University, the largest evangelical Christian university in the country, to make his announcement makes it crystal clear. And if some of the early reactions to the senator's strategy are any indication of whether Senator Cruz succeeded or not, it may seem that he has taken a big step in that regard.

While the politically potent Religious Right of the Reagan/Bush era is only a shell of its former self, it is a stark reality that no Republican since Richard Nixon has won a presidential race without the enthusiastic support of Christian conservatives. Republican presidential candidates must at least APPEAR "conservative" enough to attract the base of religious conservatives or face a thumping in the general election. If you don't believe that, just ask John McCain and Mitt Romney. And even though G.W. Bush was no conservative, Karl Rove and Company did a stellar job of packaging him that way. And as we know, more often than not, image garners more votes than reality. Sad but true. Former Texas Governor, Rick Perry, attempted the same thing in his presidential campaign in 2012, but was never able to make it stick.

By casting himself as the "Christian" candidate, Ted Cruz is trying to follow the campaign script of fellow Texan (and the last Republican to actually win the White House), G.W. Bush. And, of course, Cruz actually worked in the Bush campaign, so he has first-hand experience with it. And this is not something that Cruz feels uncomfortable doing. He is the son of an evangelical pastor and graduated from a Baptist high school. Accordingly, Cruz can naturally talk the language.

Since Jerry Falwell passed away, there is no evangelical leader with the ability and clout to coalesce, lead, and speak on behalf of enough Christian voters to make a lot of difference in Republican politics today. Plus, as a whole, the Religious Right has compromised its principles (and showed itself very ignorant of New World Order issues) so many times, and has disenfranchised so many religious conservatives that, as a movement, the Religious Right really doesn't even exist today.

However, if one wants to get an idea of what the remnant of the old Religious Right is thinking today, read what my friend Richard Viguerie has to say. Richard is one of the original founders of what became known as the Moral Majority and then the Religious Right. He is still very influential with those who would identify themselves as part of the Religious Right. And Richard has glowing words for Mr. Cruz:

"Today's official announcement that Senator Ted Cruz of Texas is running for president changes everything in the 2016 presidential campaign.

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