

VOTE NO TO BETO!

...wake up Texas...



by Kat Rowoldt

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I had an unexpected but welcomed call from a friend who's an elected official on the state level a few days ago. He called to get my take on the local opinions on the race between U.S. Senator Ted Cruz and U.S. Representative Beto O'Rourke; he is seeing strong momentum for Beto in his community.

That is what you'd think was happening everywhere around the state, based on the media's reporting.

Cruz / O'Rourke could not be more opposite in what they represent. Our state will go in two completely different directions depending on which one wins. And as my friend on the phone said to me, ". . . as Texas goes, so goes the nation." This is a huge responsibility which Texas really does shoulder. Hence, the huge fight to turn Red Texas into a blue state continues.

One morning while I was getting my brain cells focused on the day at hand, I had the Fox & Friends morning show playing in the background. One of the guests made a comment which stuck with me. He said, "People tend to vote *against* something, more than they vote *for* something." Those words rang true to me, reminding me how a handful of people worked *against* the school bond issue here and won the victory by two votes. And you can't forget all of those voters who voted *against* Hillary, not necessarily *for* Donald Trump.

One of the great concerns in this particular election is complacency. Will Republicans feel overly confident that races such as this can be won handily, and they will not need to turn out to vote? That's how Senator Cruz could lose: overly confident voters who don't go out to vote. So maybe the Republicans

need to be sounding the bugle for their voters to VOTE AGAINST everything that Beto stands for.

There are some Republicans who are no longer Ted Cruz fans. I'm not sure if it's the result of the Presidential race or something else. Even these Republicans, while not being Cruz fans, can still be activated to vote against the direction O'Rourke wants to take Texas. This truly may be the key to winning this race: We need their YES for Cruz, so it's NO to Beto.

Lifelong Texans have got to wonder what on earth is going on in our state. How did we end up with sanctuary cities, hundreds of thousands of illegal aliens invading our state/country annually, and soaring crime rates in our local communities? How did we let this happen?

In this Senatorial race, we have two very clear choices:

Senator Ted Cruz is known for his fight to uphold our U.S. Constitution. He wants to defend our borders, build the wall, and shut down sanctuary cities. He strongly supports our military and is an advocate for our veterans. While speaking to a small group of TEA Party-type conservatives from all across Texas in a private meeting in Temple back in June, Cruz shared that he had become a strong supporter and friend of President Trump's and told us how he had a listening ear with the President, and that he'd been able to initiate several key victories through this healed and now working relationship.

Representative Beto O'Rourke, on the other hand, does not support nor want to uphold our U.S. Constitution. He believes in open borders, tearing down the few border walls we have, and legalizing all sanctuary cities. He wants to shut down ICE and even close the Department of Homeland Security. He does not support our Second Amendment right regarding gun ownership, supporting rather the Socialist agenda of no personal defense. A quick glance down to Venezuela will give you a glimpse of the future he wants for Texas and America. He has publicly announced he will work to impeach President Trump. In other words, he is for anarchy, higher taxes, stagnant GDP, socialized medicine, against law and order, capitalism and the American dream.

Seriously? His agenda doesn't sound like a real Texan talking, though his birth certificate validates he is. Maybe it's his Mexican nickname that this Irish-American is using to go after a real Hispanic that's troubling. Robert Francis O'Rourke is not Mexican. He likes to speak Spanish to impress people. Ted Cruz was reared bilingual but chooses to speak English since this is America and more people in Texas understand English than they do *Español*.

This is a critical race, and one which should not be taken lightly. The devastating fact that thousands of younger voters are following "Pretty Boy

O'Rourke" is alarming. One day this generation will be governing our country. Unless their ideas are brought back to reality and grounded in America's founding principles and concepts, this country is doomed.

While everyone in the Republican party may not agree on everything in our platform, or some of our candidates, the one thing we should be able to agree on is what we *do not* want. We could probably even pull many Democrats over into this fight just based on that.

Texans are proud Americans. We take great pride in the size of our state, even the diversity within our state. We don't want Texas to become America's newest California or New York, though former Governor Rick Perry was great at importing people into Texas from various blue states.

Texans like our guns, our football, our Sunday church gatherings, and even our politics. We don't want anyone to MESS WITH TEXAS. It's not just a slogan, but a heartfelt way of life here. We don't mind people coming into our state and assimilating to enjoy what we enjoy - but hey, *Texan wannabes*, don't think we want to adapt to your way of life. That's not who we are - or what we are. If you want your way of life and culture, go back to wherever it originated, or where you can find it. Just leave Texas as TEXAS.

So, I hope you will join me in talking about this Senatorial race. Texas cannot be Texas with Beto O'Rourke representing us in the U.S. Senate. He does not embody who we are, what we believe, or what we want for this country. If we have to use words in our campaign rallies that "a vote for Senator Cruz is a vote against Beto," then let's do it. Ted Cruz needs every vote. Let me say that another way: Texas needs every vote we can muster to keep Texas, Texas.

Until next time. . . .

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