Conservative students face the liberal onslaught

Conservative students on campus face an onslaught from leftist professors eager to indoctrinate students with their leftist ideology... and turn the next generation of young Americans more liberal than the last.

But now, through the support of Leadership Institute donors, conservative students on college campuses fight back — and win.

LI’s CampusReform.org gets professor suspended

The Leadership Institute (LI) organized the Campus Conservatives group at Michigan State University. Evan Schrage, a student in that group, enrolled in a creative writing course.

Evan’s professor went on a vicious tirade against conservatives on the first day of class. Evan recorded the professor’s rant on his cell phone, and sent the video to the Leadership Institute. LI’s campus news watchdog CampusReform.org posted the story online, and the resulting coverage got the professor suspended from teaching this semester. Evan appeared on The O’Reilly Factor to further expose his professor.

LI’s Conservatism 101 balances the curriculum


But the Leadership Institute offers an alternative — Conservatism 101. Students across the country now have access to a course that explains the history and philosophy of conservatism, taught by conservatives rather than leftists (see story pages 4-5).

Students armed with conservative principles can articulate their views and win against dangerous leftist ideology.

Donors make the Leadership Institute’s success possible

Conservative principles learned. Leftist professors suspended.

Thanks to donor support, the Leadership Institute helps transform vulnerable students into conservative warriors — to fight the left and win.

By Mitchell Nozka

Sen. Ted Cruz teaches LI’s Conservatism 101 Online course (see pages 4-5).

Top conservative and LI graduate Matt Krause advances conservatism in Texas legislature (see page 6).
LEFTIST PROFESSORS SUSPENDED
Li’s CampusReform.org exposes vicious anti-conservative classroom tirades

The classroom: a bully pulpit for liberal indoctrination

Liberals on college campuses have an advantage: Leftist professors hold a near-monopoly over teaching positions.

Vulnerable, impressionable students take their professors’ liberal indoctrination as the truth. Even those students who disagree may keep their mouths shut because they require the class — and a good grade — to graduate.

But the Leadership Institute empowers conservative students to speak up and fight back.

Students fight back through the Leadership Institute

The Leadership Institute embarks on a rescue mission to assist embattled conservative college students. Every fall since 1997, LI has sent out field staff across the country to organize and train students, and provide them with resources to fight against leftist abuses and indoctrination from professors and administrators.

This fall semester, 15 highly-trained Institute field staff newly identified 21,856 conservative students, and organized 216 new groups — bringing the total number of groups in LI’s unique national network to 1,523.

When organized and well trained, conservative students fight back against the left, they almost always win.

Li’s watchdog, CampusReform.org: an air assault to assist ground forces on campus

As part of the Leadership Institute’s rescue mission for embattled college students, Li’s campus news watchdog website CampusReform.org acts as an air assault to assist college students on the ground.

Li’s investigative journalists help conservative students expose leftist bias on their campuses. This fall semester, news coverage on CampusReform.org got two professors suspended from teaching in the classroom:

• In September 2013, Michigan State University (MSU) professor William Penn spent the first day of his creative writing course telling students “Republicans have already raped this country,” and Republicans are racists and suppress black voters.

  Evan Schrage, a member of MSU’s Campus Conservatives group organized by the Leadership Institute, recorded the professor’s vicious tirade. Li’s CampusReform.org staff posted the video online. The coverage made national headlines, and Evan appeared on The O’Reilly Factor and Fox and Friends to expose this leftist diatribe.

  MSU officials suspended Penn from teaching for the fall semester.

• After a deranged man committed murder at the Washington, D.C. Navy Yard in September 2013, journalism professor David Guth at the University of Kansas posted on the social media site Twitter his desire to see the children of NRA members murdered.

  “The blood is on the hands of the NRA,” the professor posted.

  “Next time, let it be your sons and daughters ... May God damn you.”

  Li’s CampusReform.org staff called the professor for a follow-up interview and published it on the website. The professor unapologetically said, “Hell no, hell no — I do not regret that. I don’t take it back one bit.

  University officials saw the resulting news coverage, said the professor’s “conduct violated acceptable standards for professional ethics,” publicly censured him, and suspended him from teaching in the fall semester.

With support from generous donors, the Leadership Institute trains conservative students to expose vicious leftist professors on campus and hold them accountable for their actions.

By Mitchell Nozka
A decade of interaction with the Leadership Institute

“I’m extremely proud of my time at the Leadership Institute,” says Chris Malagisi. “It might be cliché, but Morton Blackwell and the Leadership Institute changed my life. In the past decade, I have continuously interacted with LI staff both personally and professionally.”

Chris’ training with the Leadership Institute launched his career to advance conservative principles and teach the next generation of conservatives to fight for what’s right.

An industrious student discovers the Leadership Institute

Chris made the most of his high school and college years. After serving as a Congressional Page in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1998, Chris pursued a B.A. in Political Science at American University in Washington, D.C. His studies included a semester in London with visits to over a dozen European countries, and a semester at sea around the world. Back stateside, Chris interned in the Bush White House in 2001.

After obtaining a Masters of Public Administration at Syracuse University in 2004, the College Republican National Committee hired Chris as their Ohio Youth Director. “I led the student outreach field program in the lead up to the presidential election. To prepare for this challenging position, I went for training at the Leadership Institute.”

Like many other LI graduates, Chris discovered once he became involved with the Leadership Institute, the relationship would continue throughout his career.

From LI student to LI teacher

After he attended several Leadership Institute training schools, LI hired Chris as a Grassroots Coordinator to train conservatives across the country how to win campaigns. Later, Chris became LI’s Director of Political & New Media Training. He taught activists how to develop a message, speak in public, debate, build coalitions, and more. “I’m proud that during my time at LI, we trained over 5,000 candidates, activists, and organizations’ staff across the country.” Along with teaching students, Chris also recruited top-notch faculty to teach activists in more than 200 trainings.

Teaching conservative principles

After his work on four presidential campaigns, Chris joined the American Conservative Union as the Director of National CPAC & External Relations (Conservative Political Action Conference). CPAC is the nation’s largest gatherings of conservative speakers and organizations nationwide. The Leadership Institute co-sponsors CPAC and runs political trainings at the Washington, D.C. event annually.

Later, Chris joined the Leadership Institute’s Conservatism 101 project to teach conservative students the history and philosophy of conservatism. Since 2008, Chris has taught the History of the Conservative Movement class at American University in Washington, D.C., and a class on voting behavior, elections, and campaigns.

Every semester, Chris’ version of the Conservatism 101 class has a waitlist of students clamoring to get one of the maximum of 30 spots available (see pages 4-5 for more on Conservatism 101).

Today, Chris also runs the Young Conservatives Coalition (YCC) to network young, active conservatives. The Leadership Institute co-sponsored the YCC’s “Buckley Awards” event in November, named after conservative icon William F. Buckley, Jr., to recognize top leaders in the conservative movement.

America: the exceptional nation

Chris’ grandfather told him stories about the turmoil the Communists wrought upon Greece, and how his family came to America to seek a better life.

“I was the beneficiary of the American Dream my grandparents had, and that sentiment stayed with me growing up,” Chris said. “I think conservatism is a natural extension of the American Dream. Its goal is to conserve the uniqueness that made America the exceptional nation my grandparents left their home country for.”

Through his teaching and training, Chris strives to preserve conservative principles for the next generation – to restore a prosperous and free United States of America.

By Mitchell Nozka
Your choices are:
liberalism, socialism, communism, or Marxism

A college student picks up a course catalog and almost always finds an abundance of choices in liberalism, socialism, communism, and Marxism – but nothing on conservatism. Or worse, professors may teach conservatism – to assault those principles.

But now, not only can conservative students across the country take a course on conservative philosophy, but also learn from professors who praise and defend conservatism. A course that promotes free enterprise, individual rights, and American exceptionalism.

LI’s Conservatism 101 on campus for college credit

The Leadership Institute’s Conservatism 101 project establishes for-credit courses to balance the overwhelmingly-liberal college curriculum.

LI’s Conservatism 101 teaches the history and philosophy of modern American political conservatism. The course starts with the foundations of conservatism – the founding fathers and the Constitution – and looks at four areas of conservatism: traditional, social, neo-conservatism, and libertarianism.

Leadership Institute graduate and former staff member Chris Malagisi teaches the Conservatism 101 course at American University (AU) in Washington, D.C. (see article page 3). AU’s class has a waitlist every year from students clamoring to enroll.

In September 2013, University of Texas at Austin started a new Conservatism 101 class. Two more classes will start at Clemson University (South Carolina) in Spring 2014, and East Carolina University (North Carolina) in Fall 2014.

Donor support gets classes approved

Thanks to donor support, the Leadership Institute helps conservative students fight to get Conservatism 101 on their campuses.

Though the Leadership Institute has succeeded in getting Conservatism 101 approved as a for-credit class on several college campuses, it’s an uphill battle. Conservatives must battle college administrators or student governments to get a course approved. It takes even more work to keep it as a permanently offered course.

However, for students whose colleges refuse to offer a for-credit course, they now have access to Conservatism 101 online.

Sen. Ted Cruz and others teach LI’s course online

In partnership with Free Think University, LI’s Conservatism 101 course launched online this fall at FreeThinkU.com. Open to all at no charge, students can learn conservative history and philosophy, and earn scholarships for completing the course. Fourteen instructors teach the online course, including:

- Wall Street Journal columnist Stephen Moore
- Grove City College professor Paul Kengor
- Author and radio talk-show host Mark Levin
- Leadership Institute president Morton Blackwell
- U.S. Senator Ted Cruz

Thanks to generous Leadership Institute supporters, conservative students learn the foundations of conservatism to defend and advance their conservative principles – and fight back against rampant leftism on college campuses.

By Mitchell Nozaka
Senator Ted Cruz says, “I want to thank you if you’ve been involved with the Leadership Institute which does a tremendous job preparing activists to stand up and fight to make a difference in this country.”

Several key members of his 2012 campaign and his current office staff are Leadership Institute graduates.

Senator Cruz’s lecture is titled “What is the Future of the Conservative Movement?” Pictured left is his handwritten answer to the Leadership Institute’s students, activists, and donors.
"I would not be where I am today in the Texas House of Representatives if it were not for the Leadership Institute's training," State Representative Matt Krause said. "The Leadership Institute gave me the tools to succeed in the political world."

A ministry leading to law and politics

The fourth-generation Texan grew up the son of a pastor, grandson of two pastors, and great-grandson of a pastor. "Being in full-time ministry was a legacy in our family," said Matt. "But, from an early age, my father helped me see I could have an impact in whatever field God called me to."

In high school, Matt worked as a church custodian to pay for basketball camps and his car insurance. His hard work and discipline netted him a full scholarship to attend what is now San Diego Christian College in California. After graduation, Matt studied law at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. He graduated third in his class and opened Liberty Counsel’s Texas office in 2007, where he specialized in constitutional litigation.

Obama election spurs Matt to fight for children’s future

"I got involved in politics because of Barack Obama’s election," Matt said. "I have three kids and a fourth on the way. I didn’t want to be the generation that didn’t leave a better country to my children and grandchildren than those who came before me."

With a deep heart to care for his children and the future of America, Matt decided he would run for political office. But first he attended the Conservative Political Action Conference in 2009. "I visited the Leadership Institute’s booth and was impressed with all they offered," he said. "When I started my run for office, I signed up for LI’s Future Candidate School."

Leadership Institute’s Future Candidate School

"Attending the Leadership Institute’s Future Candidate School was instrumental in my political career. I learned the nuts and bolts of campaigning — how to raise money, how to dress appropriately, how to deal with the media, and even the best handshake to use when speaking with voters. It was an A-to-Z guide for candidates."

As a Leadership Institute graduate, Matt first ran for a Texas House of Representatives seat in 2010.

Leadership Institute graduate Matt Krause took LI’s Future Candidate School and won election to the Texas House of Representatives in 2013. Conservative groups across Texas rate Matt a top elected conservative.

A top conservative in Texas

Less than a year into his term, conservatives throughout the state already recognize Matt’s value in the Texas House:

- Ranked the third most conservative member of the entire 150-member House
- Named one of the “Top Five House Courageous Conservatives” by the Texas Conservative Coalition
- Received perfect voting scores from Texans for Fiscal Responsibility and Texas Eagle Forum

“Duty is ours. Results are God’s.”

The 33-year-old gave his life to Christ on Easter Sunday in 1987. Matt’s faith has shaped his life as an honest, responsible, and hard-working Christian conservative. "I take comfort in the fact that God is the one who ‘raises up kings and removes them.’ Even when we have bad leaders, God uses us in the political process," Matt said. "I encourage conservatives to patiently rely on the Lord, but not be timid. As John Quincy Adams said, ‘Duty is ours. Results are God’s.’"

Matt Krause praises the Leadership Institute’s impact on his life. "The Leadership Institute gives you the tools to maneuver in the political world. No matter which area of politics you feel drawn to, the Leadership Institute has a training to help you succeed."

By Mitchell Nozka
Lincoln and Jean Griswold:

Focus on Future Generations

Support LI to Train Young Conservatives

Freedom vs. big government

Dr. Lincoln Griswold believes in freedom ... and hates big government.

“We have a President who wants a crown, who does everything in his power to rust away all our founding fathers set up as restrictions against the controls of bureaucracy,” says Dr. Griswold. “The founding fathers created a system where Americans have the freedom to live, think, and act without constraints of government. To have what God intends for people – freedom.”

Dr. Griswold supports the Leadership Institute to restore and preserve that freedom.

“Leadership Institute is a clear voice that must be heard”

As devoted supporters of the Leadership Institute, New York natives now Pennsylvania citizens Lincoln and Jean Griswold say “the Leadership Institute is one of the clearest voices that must be heard, without which our country will have very little chance of surviving what it’s going through right now.” They understand LI’s vital mission to defend and champion conservative principles through training college students and activists.

Dr. Griswold and his wife first donated to the Leadership Institute fifteen years ago because of Morton Blackwell, president of the Leadership Institute. Morton’s goals to train and organize young conservatives for activism matched the Griswold’s vision to restore America.

A Reagan Republican who sticks to conservative principles

President Ronald Reagan has influenced Dr. Griswold the most over the past decades, as he admires individuals who clearly state what they believe. Dr. Griswold explains, “In politics, the real test is whether you stick to your principles or not. You also must have conviction to stick to those principles.”

Like many conservatives, Dr. Griswold finds himself frustrated with the decisions made by politicians in Washington. Many politicians are either flat-out liberal, or once elected, they abandon the conservative principles they claimed to have.

Morton Blackwell agrees with Dr. Griswold: “Many politicians claim to be conservative, but then jump ship when the going gets tough. Don’t fully trust anyone until he has stuck with a good cause which he saw was losing.”

Train youth to restore America

Dr. Griswold believes in training young people to undo the damage from leftist policies and restore America to conservatism.

And a focus on future generations dominates Dr. Griswold’s thinking. He explains his greatest concern for future generations: “Unless we get rid of overbearing government, we will never be able to re-establish the freedom that has been so important for hundreds of years.”

Dr. Griswold supports LI to protect his grandchildren, the younger generation

The Griswolds value the education and experience that grew them into conservatives. Lincoln Griswold ministers as a Presbyterian pastor. Jean Griswold founded Griswold Home Care, America’s oldest non-medical home care organization to help older and disabled individuals.

Their compassion for people also includes America’s youth. The Griswolds’ four college-aged grandchildren reinforce their support of the Leadership Institute. LI stands side-by-side with college students on campus to rescue them from the one-sided leftist agenda many professors tout.

Dr. Griswold says, “Unless students get a glimpse of what the Leadership Institute is trying to do, our country will go down the tubes. We have to reinforce our younger generation to understand conservative principles.”

“By Katherine Casey:

“The Leadership Institute is one of the clearest voices that must be heard, without which our country will have very little chance of surviving what it’s going through right now.”
Dear Friend of the Leadership Institute,

Class is in session.

And thanks to you, it's getting better for conservative students on campus.

Your support helps the Leadership Institute roll back the leftist campus monopoly and advance conservative principles.

Take Evan Schrage. The Leadership Institute recruited and organized the Campus Conservatives student group at Michigan State University. Evan, a member of that group, recorded his professor’s vicious in-class tirade against conservatives.

Leadership Institute staff and Evan worked together to expose this leftist abuse – and this professor was suspended from teaching this semester.

And you helped the Leadership Institute start our Conservatism 101 project – to teach students the history and philosophy of conservative principles. Conservatives like Mark Levin and Senator Ted Cruz joined me to teach this course, provided online at no charge to students. Conservative students across the country can go online and learn how to articulate their views now and for the rest of their lives.

There's still much work to do. Liberals still dominate college campuses. But with your help, the Leadership Institute trains conservative students how to fight back.

My best wishes to you for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for all you do to train conservative students and activists through the Leadership Institute.

Cordially,

Morton C. Blackwell
President

For a complete list of classes, visit: www.leadershipinstitute.org/training