
It's no accident that these are the concerns defining political trends in this election year. They are the same concerns that fill the letters I receive every day from friends of FRC. What ties so many of these issues together is concern for our children's future. We inherited a nation that was free. We were a nation where a man's word was his bond. We were a nation where a person trying to start a business was hailed as a pioneer, not hauled before a dozen permit boards like a suspected criminal. We were a nation where parents could let their children spend an afternoon watching a double feature at the local theater without fearing they would be saturated with sex and violence on the screen. We were a nation where the "village" did, to borrow Hillary Clinton's word, help raise children, but always with respect for parental authority.

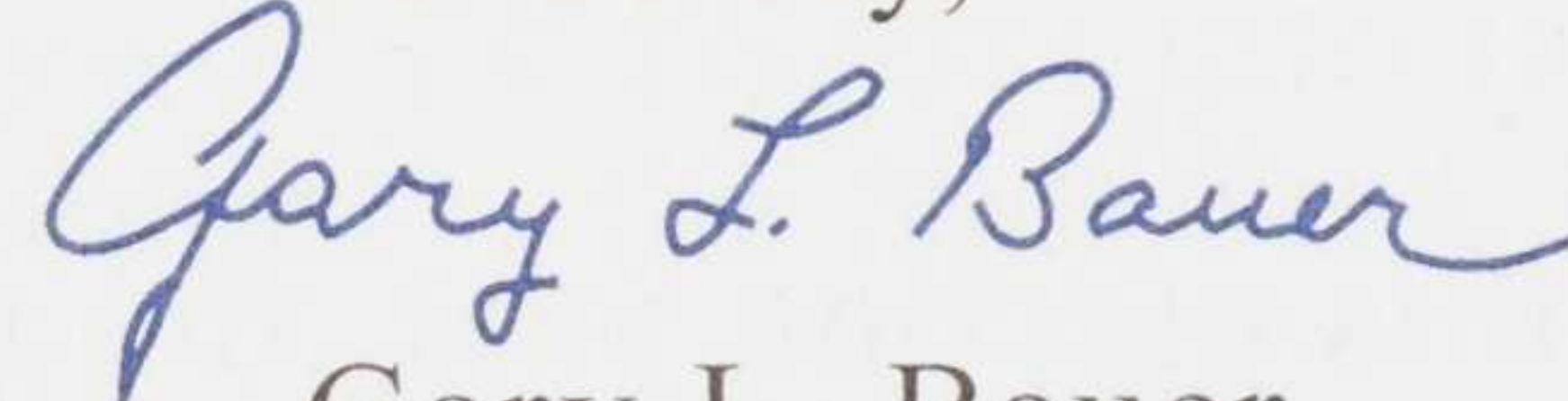
That nation has had its deep flaws—racial prejudice, for one. But to that problem we have now added others. We have kept the bathwater and (all too literally!) thrown out the baby.

FRC believes that the national public policy debate is too important for families to sit on the sidelines. We will continue to put ideas and research on the table that will chase the ghosts of relativism from our public life. We will continue to insist that some values are good for families, while others are bad. We will continue to fight for the causes that endure: respect for every human life, the honorable bonds of husband and wife, the virtue of sexual restraint, the daily love that only a parent can lavish on a child.

These are the themes that guide FRC. I wish I had enough space here to tell you of all the activities in which our government relations and policy staff are now engaged. Be sure to read the latest *Washington Watch* for all the details—weekly updates are available from our legislative hotline at 202-783-HOME. And don't forget to consult the enclosed reply card for information on the latest FRC resources.

Thank you for your prayers, your encouragement and your financial support. Your partnership with us is essential to our success. Slowly but surely, this great nation is awakening to the dream of restoring its families and communities. God bless you for all you're doing to help turn this dream into a reality.

Sincerely,



Gary L. Bauer
President

P.S. Our hope that millions of Americans will learn more about the pro-family agenda is coming true. The response to my book, *Our Hopes, Our Dreams*, has been excellent, but the best news is that we are reaching a wide secular audience as well. Two major book chains, Walden Books and B. Dalton, are now carrying it! I've just received word that *Publisher's Weekly*, one of the major resources that booksellers and librarians use to determine what books they will acquire, will carry a review of the book. Thank you for your prayers and for all you're doing to help get this resource in the hands of people who are considering and embracing our issues! Let's keep the momentum going!