

# Why so many Texans are riding sidesaddle

by Nicholas Benton

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Despite illusions to the contrary, the positive impulses for growth in Texas are currently buoyed up, not by economic reality, but by ephemeral boom-conditions whose end is currently well within sight.

Nonetheless, the region represents a great deal in terms of potential, assuming that a new quality of leadership can be developed.

First, look at the situation that has developed in Texas. To my own shock, the urban areas of Texas are rapidly coming to resemble the Sodom and Gomorrah more associated with California and New York.

The social engineers of the British Tavistock Institute are promoting a profile for *reducing susceptible Midwest and Southern populations to degraded hedonists*. I would call the cult of country and western a paranoid form of hedonism. And this Tavistock profile particularly characterizes Houston. It overlaps the cult of "libertarianism." It is the thinking which makes a big thing out of the fact that in Texas, of course, "everyone" is against the government and against labor. One of the main attractions of Texas to large corporations is the fact that it is virtually a right-to-work state.

Right now, it is the oil-boom situation that is bringing people flocking into Texas; but in reality the economy is very rapidly flattening out under the pressures initiated by Volcker. As the situation really begins to level off, and the effects of the depression start to be felt in Texas—a prospect which is beginning to dawn on the people there—you are going to have an extremely grisly situation.

There is no regulation, no zoning, in the city of Houston. There are probably more porno movie houses and arcades in Houston and Dallas than in any other

cities in the United States. Without zoning, these are often located right across from public schools.

Also, there is no infrastructure. With a thousand people a week pouring into Houston alone—people in real desperation coming from the Northeast and other areas of high unemployment—the city does not have public transportation, sewage, or other necessary preparations to handle growth. Fleeing economic ruin, grasping for a piece of the "boom-town" action in Houston, floods of new people, many of them sucked into the country and western style of lunging after fast bucks and fast pleasure, pack congested freeways and "C&W" bars. Little wonder, then, that with this semi-crazed environment, Houston has by far the highest per capita murder rate of any major city in the nation. People get murdered every day in altercations over fender-bender collisions.

Another manifestation is the lack of any real culture to offset the "country and western" brainwashing. On the contrary, the so-called culture of Houston—the opera and art museum, for example—represents the avant garde of *anti-culture*. The Houston Opera is nationally renowned for its productions of works like the linguistic experiment *Willie Stark*. Madame de Menil's new art museum is only the latest in her family's long history of abuses of the minds and spirits of the people of Houston.

To mention the de Menils is to mention what is most fundamentally wrong with Houston. The late Jean de Menil, who headed the Schlumberger Corporation, has been accused of participation in planning the assassination of President Kennedy by Permindex, the New Orleans front for Murder, Inc. Through the de Menils' family ties to the Schlumberger financial interests, they have been aligned with the heirs of Southern interests whose ties to evil British and European aristocrats predate the Civil War. Combined with Morgan and Harriman money and direct Anglo-Canadian and continental ties today, this nest of evil based in Houston, and extending into Dallas, is a vital component of drug and terror operations.

Take, for example, the little Rothko Chapel that squats in the middle of Houston's downtown gay-pros-



titution "free zone." This obscenity, designed by a man who committed suicide upon completion, adorned with a pagan fertility cult symbol, was a particularly dirty trick by Madame de Menil, née Dominique Schlumberger, whose evil international networks used it last fall to convene a meeting of Muslim Brotherhood terrorist controllers within weeks after individuals allied with these same forces gunned down Anwar Sadat of Egypt. The purpose of the meeting was to plot the overthrow of the Saudi regime.

### **The problem**

To the extent that there has been an impulse for progress and morality in Texas—and there has been, as I shall describe—it is now up against a stone wall. Even the best Texans, even when they are relatively organized, as one could say the Democratic Party of Texas has been—until recently, are incapable of doing anything to save themselves or save the country, at this stage.

For many good people, the shock first hit in Texas last November. In Houston we elected a real fruitcake mayor, Kathy Whitmire. She was elected on the basis of flaunting the support of Houston's large gay community and environmentalist coalitions, and she won by a landslide. Her professed combination of political liberalism and fiscal conservatism is what is wrecking this country today.

In that same election, a second development was the election of three Libertarian Party members to the Harris County Board of Education covering Houston. They were elected on the program of dismantling the city's Board of Education altogether. Their campaigns were based on the philosophy that, in principle, there should be no public education, but that, to the extent it exists, it should function on a token system and not as a universal education.

The third development in the election was the overwhelming rejection of a proposed state constitutional amendment designed to guarantee adequate water development for Texas, to remedy an acute water crisis, both in household usage and in the depletion of water tables supplying the agricultural areas of the state, including the nationally vital cattle ranges. But the ballot proposition was overwhelmingly crushed—even though the only organizations that openly came out against it with any force were the Sierra Club and other environmentalist groups.

Finally, the November elections saw the environmentalists succeed, again by an overwhelming margin, in voting the state capital, Austin, out of participation in the South Texas nuclear power facility. This leaves this fast-growing city of half a million with no new source of energy.

Two things are very important to understand in terms of correcting this situation. One leads to the other. The first is Bible Belt religion, the second is, as I mentioned, Texas-style libertarianism.

Texas is in what is called the Bible Belt. In the same way that the high level of literacy and morality in the American colonies was shaped through the influence of the King James Bible and the poetry of John Milton, so was the development of the frontier in America.

This is notwithstanding the fact that, at every step of the way, our British enemy attempted to blunt, misdirect, and actually deploy this tendency to their own advantage, through the promotion of cults and sects. For example, ministers from both the Methodist and Baptist denominations, the most powerful influences in the South, gave weighty assistance to the presidential victory of British pawn, "libertarian" demagogue Andrew Jackson, over the nation-builder John Quincy Adams in 1828.

As the early Christian fathers knew very well in their rigorous treatment of gnostic heresies, religion is susceptible of perversion and deployment for evil, whenever the fundamental implications of the notion of consubstantiality (the idea that God's creative principle, as it unfolds in the physical universe, and man's striving for perfection are of the same ontological substance) are removed from primacy in religious expression.

The truly religious person is the one who seeks to order his or her life, to make judgments and actions, on

the basis of a perspective which stretches beyond the span of his or her immediate life, a perspective that reaches across generations, past and future, and seeks to make a lasting contribution.

What the cultists have always attempted to do—beginning with Aristotle's perversion of Plato, based on introducing an absolute separation between God, the "First Cause," and the principle of his creation—is to redefine religion. Rather than acting as a principle of perfection ordering a life, religion is reduced to the "religious experience," evoked in response to a mystic sensation, an incantation, or an individual preacher's "special revelation."

This "religious experience" stands outside the ordering of day-to-day life, and, depending on the particular church, pursuit of it can become an exercise in hedonistic frenzy. This is the essence of what the early church fathers recognized as heresy.

To understand this situation, which is extremely relevant to the Bible Belt, I propose reading William James's book, *The Varieties of Religious Experience*. The book is a manual for perverting every major religion and each specific Christian tendency into this kind of gnostic cult, based upon profiling each of them and redefining them from the standpoint of a "fundamental experience" or "sensuous encounter."

### The 'fundamentalism' question

Thus, religion in the Bible Belt today is generally thought of as people who go to church on Sunday for a "religious experience," and then operate their daily lives according to a different set of criteria.

It is equivalent to the problem of television and movies, which induce viewers to substitute for reality a fantasy-view of the world, a soap-opera view, to the net effect of rendering that population totally passive to efficient action, from a principled standpoint, against the forces leading to their own destruction. Now, a whole new satellite-linked TV network, the Christian Broadcasting Network, has been founded to substitute soap operas in the form of Christian "prophecies" for "Edge of Night" and "General Hospital."

Such operations not only lead to passivity, but can misdirect people into pure evil. This is where gnostic fundamentalism can converge with fascist thinking, especially as it is shaped into a movement by our enemies. Take, for example, the regular appearance of blatantly fascist "futurologists" such as Jeremy Rifkin and Alvin Toffler on Christian fundamentalist talk shows. Rifkin, in his evil book *Entropy*, as well as Marilyn Ferguson, in her pro-drug *Aquarian Conspiracy* text, point to fundamentalism as *coherent with the environmentalist redefinition of man* as a caretaker of nature (rather than a vehicle of the *Logos* charged to have dominion over nature, which is the true dimension

of the Biblical view of man).

This is the point of the pseudo-debate between so-called "creationism" and "evolution." Both views are false as presented in the debate. Both are based on an Aristotelean world view. The debate is staged to force potentially positive elements in the population into a mental box, ostensibly in defense either of faith or reason, from which no effective defense of our nation or population can be waged. The notion of consubstantiality in Christianity, as articulated in its most developed form by the great philosopher Leibniz in his *Theodicy*, recognizes the coherence between faith and reason, subsumed under the notion of creation ordered according to the principle of perfection.

The full appreciation of the implications of this view was indispensable for the framers of the U.S. Constitution, the framers and defenders of this republic. That's the point.

Look at the way the religious problem in the Bible Belt leads into the second important factor to understand: the libertarian mentality.

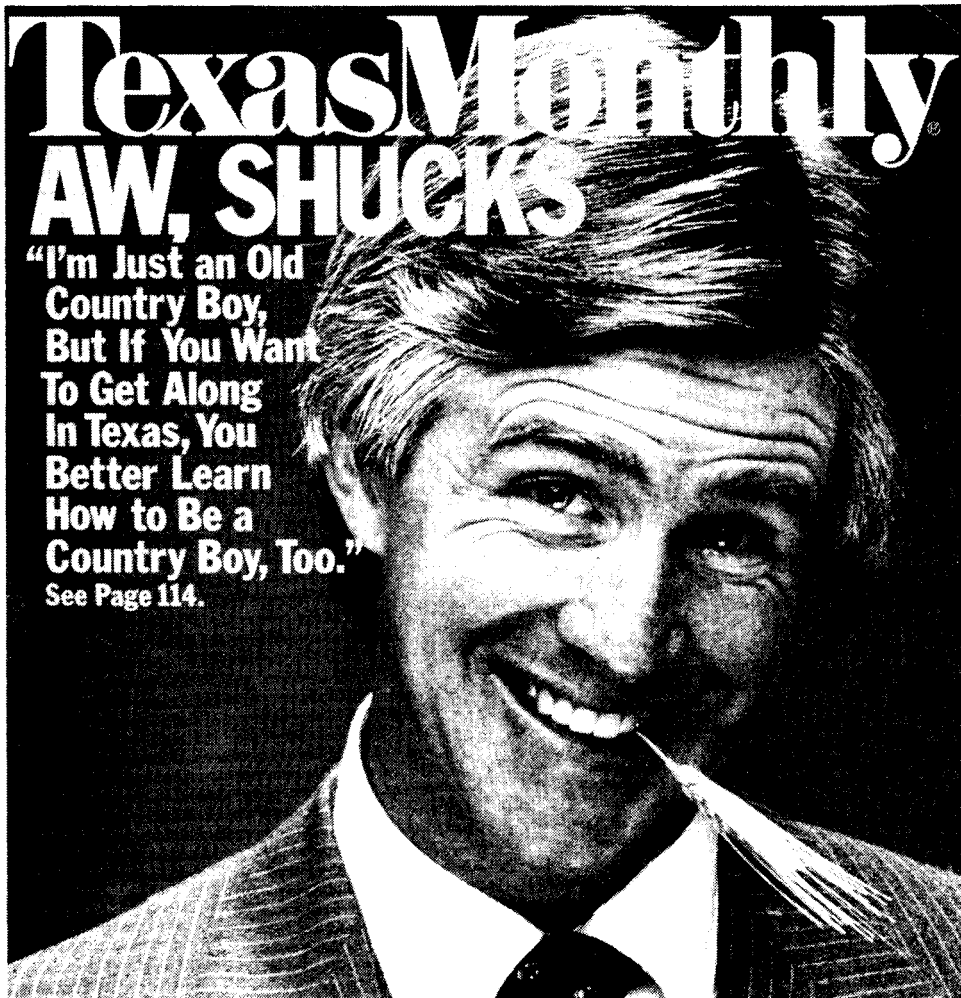
It is this mentality that the Tavistock institute profiles, and for which it prescribes the hedonistic cult of country and western.

This notion of the "Hobbesean man," out to beat the other guy in a world in which it is "each against all" epitomizes the mentality America's enemies seek to foment in our population. It is the mentality which in its obsession for individual gain, will tear down the institutions of democracy. It is the mentality over which tyranny can best rule, because it reduces every man to a petty tyrant.

No wonder it is egged on by every radio call-in talk show on every C&W station in the nation. A selfish little libertarian mind is a pawn of any enemy of the U.S. Constitution who wishes to exploit it. This is what's often called the "Texas go-get-'em attitude." It's not new. It's older than civilization; it is profoundly opposed to civilization.

It's indistinguishable from libertinism, Sodom and Gomorrah, which is why drugs and homosexuality are rampant in the growing country and western culture. It's no accident that Hollywood chose the same effeminate macho actor to star in both the *Saturday Night Fever* and C&W *Urban Cowboy* movies. The whole city of Houston went into a frenzy around the filming of *Urban Cowboy* there. It didn't matter that John Travolta merely substituted his tight discotheque pants for tight leather pants to play the lead role on a mechanical bull in Houston. The town ate it up, and the country and Western craze was launched.

Put these elements together, and it should come as no surprise how, in one election last November, a gay-backed Mayor got elected, water and nuclear programs were crushed, and extremists bent on mutilating public



*A sample of the "Texas ideology."*

education were placed on the Houston school board.

It's the same tendency which keeps a Phil Gramm in his House of Representatives seat, where he can help subvert the "Boll Weevil" caucus in Congress. Gramm is a Texas libertarian who defends Paul Volcker's high interest rates for the same reasons the British East India Company's house philosopher Jeremy Bentham, the defender of sex with children, wrote *In Defense of Usury*.

Growth advocates in Texas (and elsewhere) are not able to take Gramm on because their own epistemology is not sufficiently well grounded to be able to distinguish between their own positive impulses and the pure evil represented by a commitment to a libertarian point of view.

They are being destroyed by their own fundamental assumptions—that's the reality of the situation. Now they are at their wits' end, as the same elements represented by Jerry Brown and Tom Hayden in California move in for the kill on the Democratic Party in Texas. To the extent this occurs in a larger environment

defined by Volcker's policies, the pro-growth tendency in Texas, barring a profound change, is on its last leg.

### **The water danger**

Will such a profound change occur?

Look at the water situation. Look at the Ogallala aquifer, which is the sole ground water supply for 11 million irrigated acres in the High Plains, covering parts of six states including the Texas panhandle. It is drying up. *Half the nation's cattle and 22 percent of our agricultural exports come from there.* By 2020 or so, all 11 million acres will be out of water unless some new water is transported in.

What's been done about it? Congress voted to contract the A. D. Little Company of Cambridge, Massachusetts, which operates on the premises of the *Limits to Growth* study. They helped waste six years and \$6 million on a study whose conclusions are, in effect, that any course of action is too expensive, except the insanely expensive proposal they are pushing. Right now, the majority of decent Texans accept A. D. Little's assump-

tions, and they are bull-headedly insisting that \$2,500 an acre-foot is not too much to pay to dribble some water in from the Arkansas River! The real solution would be to break out of the box defined by A. D. Little and establish a national water recovery program, based on tapping the vast water supplies of Alaska and Canada, as a cornerstone of an ambitious overall national economic program, as Lyndon LaRouche has done in his four-point program for getting out of the depression.

Short of changing their thinking fundamentally, these Texans cannot even save themselves. They are only ensuring that no water comes to save the High Plains. And without water to the High Plains, the whole country dies, and millions abroad starve.

Without profound change, Texas's best people don't even know their enemy. They don't realize that Robert O. Anderson, head of Atlantic Richfield, leader of the Aspen Institute, sponsor of Jerry Brown, the American Indian Movement and the Friends of the Earth, is directing a scenario for the destruction of the western United States, for a return of the nation to a colonial status. Anderson is acting out the Jeremy Bentham plan for "Balkanizing" North America, devised by the British in the 19th century to capture precious metals and recolonize the U.S. economy.

Research spearheaded by *EIR* Energy Editor William Engdahl shows how the British have plotted the control of Rocky Mountains for well over a century. First, they exploited the Rockies for gold and silver to give Britain financial leverage over the developing United States, an edge which enabled pro-British Morgan interests to repeatedly trigger financial panics in the United States from the 1880s onward.

Then, once the Rockies were fully surveyed, and identified as the greatest concentration of precious metals in the world, pro-British elements began to launch an effort for direct ownership and control of the region. This was launched at the turn of the century when Teddy Roosevelt began locking up land in the Rockies as "national preserves."

Anderson's entire career as a creature of the British-created University of Chicago has been to encircle and move in on this Rocky Mountain "Golden Crescent." Atlantic Richfield is only an instrument for achieving dominion over this region, beginning with the Alaska oil pipeline, a joint venture with a subsidiary of British Petroleum. It now includes the \$45 billion gas pipeline boondoggle just voted up by Congress, and a series of no less than a half-dozen coal slurry pipelines out of the Powder River Basin and other areas in the Rockies. Meanwhile, Anderson has a standing offer to buy any farmland bankrupted farmers want to sell anywhere in New Mexico, and Anderson's British friends, through the Canadian drug-linked firm, Cadillac-Fairview, are

buying up and controlling most of downtown Denver.

No wonder Anderson deploys Jerry Brown, the Indians, and environmentalists to shut down every independent source of cheap energy surrounding this precious region—every nuclear plant, every growth-oriented industry and impulse for development.

This is the heart of the Carter administration's Global 2000 policy, a policy of genocide exponentially worse than Hitler's. It is *based on energy and water control*. Choke off nuclear. Choke off water. Make coal, a highly controllable resource, the only available source of power.

To make it work: profile the population. Divide the United States up into regions, on the basis of differences in populations, and set each of them into defending their own little regions, blind to the overall situation. Promote the "Texas way" here, the "California way" there. This is the point of Tavistock and "country and western." The overview of this scenario is published in the new book, by a *Washington Post* writer Joel Garreau, entitled, *The Nine Nations of North America*. It is a textbook for regional population profiles aimed at helping to make Anderson's resource fascism go down a little easier—with less organized opposition. It says, "You want to be a cowboy? You hate liberals? Great, we've got a nation for you right over here!" It's got an Hispanic state, a nation for environmentalists, a little something for everyone.

A harmless fantasy? Hardly. It's based on Bentham's model, and Robert O. Anderson is spearheading the effort to put it into effect.

This fascist Anderson! The same Robert O. Anderson just got awarded the "Roughneck of the Year" honor by the Independent Oil Producers of America, from the very people he will destroy in carrying out his scenario.

They don't know who is out to destroy them. Anderson, George Mitchell of Mitchell Oil and the Club of Rome, and Armand Hammer of Occidental Petroleum are considered friends, operating right in their midst, as well as the de Menils and Schlumbergers.

I've alluded to the direction the solution must take. *Nuclear and water development on a grand scale*—100 gigawatts of nuclear in six years and an additional 80 million acre feet of water a year from Alaska as soon as we can get it here—must be the cornerstone of an economic revival, the principal recipients to absorb billions in *new low-interest credit* premised on a return to a gold-reserve standard for the dollar, creating millions of new jobs, and stimulating a massive expansion of our capital-goods export capability.

We in the National Democratic Policy Committee are building for this with an important visit to Texas in February by Lyndon LaRouche, in order to shape the institutions in 1982 that we need to save the country.