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ACEs – The Conservative’s Secret Weapon *Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)*

I served in Congress 1994 – 2010) and over that time I developed a growing sense of futility because an underlying and foundational issue was never addressed – the increasing number of dysfunctional and broken families.

In a recent Heritage Foundation forum, [Families vs Socialism](#), host David R. Burton says that “socialism and family are incompatible:”

The family requires independence from governmental interference in order to flourish, and parents know its needs better than government officials. Meanwhile, the breakdown of the traditional family leads to greater need for state assistance.

Hence it is no accident that, historically, advocacy of socialism has always tended to go hand in hand with hostility to the traditional family structure. Anyone opposed to socialism should defend the traditional family and anyone concerned to defend the traditional family should oppose socialism.

Destroying nuclear families is the “final solution” of the socialist. Victims of broken families become more dependent on government and government grows to accommodate the dysfunction. Now it is politically unacceptable to openly defend and advance traditional family values in today’s culture.

But, I find hope in a landmark study by Kaiser Permanente and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) called [Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACE\)](#), and I know it’s the key to reverse this trend.

The study shows that childhood neglect, abuse and household dysfunction can impede and delay social development. Unless the abuse is remediated, their impacts can lead to social/behavioral issues, including poor social development, unhealthy coping behaviors, engagement in risky behaviors or violence into and throughout adulthood.

Generally, parents from dysfunctional households who were abused and neglected reproduce the same abuse against their own children.

Unaddressed childhood trauma, in adults and children is the common denominator of crime, homelessness, suicides, incarceration, declining education, abortion, social justice and mass murder.

I BELIEVE WE CAN WIN THE FIGHT TO RESTORE THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY BY RALLYING THE NATION TO REDUCE ACEs.

This has inspired me to re-enter California politics to create and pass ACE legislation and create a non-profit called the Council on Domestic Relations (CDR) to build support for ACE reduction nationwide.

Many people ask me why I am running for a seat in the California Assembly [George2024](#) when I have served honorably in Congress. The reason is to create and pass [ACE Legislation](#), which will:

- Declare ACEs a statewide public emergency.
- Set aside ___% Health and Human Services funding (similar to the 40% mandate for public education) for ACE awareness and reduction.
- Allow for the creation of community advisory committees to reduce ACEs
- Direct local health, education, and law enforcement agencies to facilitate and assist
- Fund using existing, not new, social spending

This legislation will then be promoted in all fifty states of America.

I created a nonprofit foundation called [Council on Domestic Relations](#), to build nationwide support for ACEs in the private sector, and to replace initiatives like the Environmental, Social and Corporate Governance (ESG) and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) agendas with a campaign to end Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).