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Out-of-State Liberals Seek to Rewrite ND's Constitution for Political Gain

Bismarck – “Out-of-state left-wing radicals should not be allowed to rewrite our state constitution to further their radical political agenda,” said Lacee Anderson, spokesperson for the coalition opposing Constitutional Measure #3.

Who Is Really Behind Constitutional Measure #3?

The name of the local sponsoring committee organized in support of this proposed constitutional measure is North Dakota Voters First, but the truth is that this group is merely a front for radical political organizations, Hollywood elites and East Coast liberals seeking to overturn our political institutions and remake our state and nation in their image. The primary instigator and funder of this constitutional measure is an organization called Represent Us. Their board members include donors to the Democrat National Committee and Planned Parenthood, and supporters of the anti-DAPL protests. In funding this measure, Represent Us has been joined by a former ENRON executive, organizations with links to the National Democrat Party and Planned Parenthood, and an Obama Administration appointee.

What's Wrong with the NDVF Measure?

- **Out-of-state special interest groups should not be allowed to rewrite our state constitution to further their radical political agenda.**
- It introduces ranked voting, a method of voting where the person with the most votes is no longer guaranteed to win. In fact, **elections will be decided by spreadsheet, not ballots and the person voting for fringe candidates from parties like the Socialist or Green Parties will get two or more votes** where the person voting for mainstream candidates may only get one vote. By manipulating voting, those with a liberal or extreme agenda hope to increase their presence in regulatory, governing, and legislative offices.
- **The campaign for the measure is funded by radical leftist groups seeking to overturn our political institutions and remake our state and nation in their image.**
- They spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in out-of-state money for **paid signature gatherers who used misleading information and questionable tactics to scam North Dakotans and get their required signatures.** (<https://www.valleynewslive.com/content/news/Complaints-surface-that-ND-group-is-using-deception-to-collect-signatures-on-petition-571356681.html>)
- It fundamentally changes the way elections are held in North Dakota with the intent to make it easier for liberals to win by removing party labels.

- It subdivides representation in the North Dakota House in each Senate district with the hopes of forcing some incumbents out of office and opening the door for their preferred candidates.
- It lumps five entirely disconnected concepts into one constitutional measure in an all-or-nothing scenario.
- Independent candidates will no longer be allowed to petition themselves onto the general election ballot.
- It puts excessive detail into the constitution and makes the administration of elections more difficult and expensive.

Of course, the sponsors are cynically hoping the inclusion of more benign provisions like a minor extension for overseas military voters will cause voters to overlook the more serious implications of the constitutional measure. “It is totally inappropriate for Represent Us and their local surrogates to use our men and women serving overseas as props in their campaign to further their radical political agenda,” said retired Major General Mike Haugen, former Adjutant General of the North Dakota Air and Army National Guard.

Why Should North Dakota Voters Care?

Donors to these groups opposed the Dakota Access and Keystone XL pipelines and support issues like carbon emission taxes and radical environmental, wilderness and animal agricultural policies. According to Anderson, “Until we defeat these groups at the polls, they will keep coming with measures to further upend our political institutions and undermine our state’s economy and our North Dakota way of life. We urge voters to look carefully at this measure and join us in voting No this November.”

The opposition to Constitutional Measure #3 is being led by the Brighter Future Alliance, a North Dakota based nonprofit, whose mission is to advance the cause of freedom and free enterprise to further the common good and general welfare of the citizens of North Dakota and the United States.

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