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What do you think about Fox News’ Bill O’Reilly pushing Congress to approve 3 laws--passing Kate’s Law; stopping federal funding to sanctuary cities; and for Planned Parenthood?

On last night’s O’Reilly show on Fox News, he had various guests on to discuss 3 different laws he is advocating for Congress to pass. The first one to discuss is Kate’s Law. This law would provide that any illegal immigrant felon that has been deported, that if they return to the U.S. illegally and get caught, would be sentenced to a mandatory 5 years in jail. The key point is it covers felons, not just people coming across the border. Convicted criminal felons. When released, they would be deported. If they came back again, the mandatory sentence would double.

The arguments against this law are generally:

1.  The law generally targets Mexicans and should be defeated.

2.  The mandatory sentence is too harsh.

The arguments supporting the law:

1.  Americans deserve to be protected from criminals.

2.  The government has the responsibility to enforce immigration laws.

3.  It is illegal to come into the country without proper permission.

The law is intended to keep us from becoming victims of illegal immigrant felons.

The White House and some Democrats, have said they will not support this law. Republicans are saying that this will probably be coming to a vote soon in the Congress.

Even as yet, Republicans have not widely taken a position on the law.

The next item O’Reilly is pushing is to stop federal funds from flowing to sanctuary cities. Proponents argue that sanctuary cities are havens to shelter illegal aliens. They also say that these elected officials that have instituted these sanctuary zones are in direct violation of their sworn oath of office. Their oath of office swears that they will defend the state and federal constitution by enforcing all laws. These people are violating their oath of office. The federal and state attorney generals should bring charges against these elected officials that blatantly violate laws. The president should order his attorney general to prosecute these elected officials. The white house and some democrats, including Pelosi have said they will not support this law. Until these attorney generals bring appropriate charges against these officials, Congress should withhold federal funding for any city or county that decides to violate the law by not enforcing the law.

The 3rd item O’Reilly is pushing concerns Planned Parenthood. We’ve all probably seen the undercover videos of some of Planned Parenthood officials doing some cold and callus negotiations to sell baby body parts for research. We don’t know how widespread the problem is with the staff, nor do we know how encompassing the problem is within Planned Parenthood. What we do know is that the videos have shown some very uncaring people discussing the selling of body parts in a very cold and calculated way.

O’Reilly is recommending Congress stop funding until an investigation by the attorney general is done to determine any wrong doing by Planned Parenthood. To this point, the U.S. attorney general has no interest. No surprise there. In California, our attorney general Kamala Harris seems only interested in going after the people that may have filmed these interviews illegally. She shows no concern to the possible violation of state and federal laws by Planned Parenthood. It seems ideology in the attorney general’s office is more important than the law. Politics should never be a consideration in law enforcement. It seems for the last 7 years, politics and ideology is the main criteria in decisions whether to investigate and prosecute crime. This is wrong on so many levels.

I don’t agree with everything O’Reilly comes up with. However, I do agree with him on these positions. We don’t have to accept illegal immigrant felons into our cities. They should be in prison, off our streets. Pass Kate’s Law now. We shouldn’t provide our tax dollars to cities and counties that will not enforce the laws of the land. We don’t get to choose what laws we follow. Their punishment for not following the law should be loss of federal funding… and… We should prosecute elected officials that do not follow their oath of office. Finally, our tax dollars should not be provided to any organization that may be breaking any federal or state laws. Until an investigation is done, funding should be withheld.

In conclusion, hey Congress, if the administration will not require cities to protect us from crime, then you have got to step up and force them to do what’s required by their oath of office. They swore to support the constitution and defend us from attack, both foreign and domestic. Make them do it.

I’m Tom Wiknich, and that’s what I think. I’d like to know what you think. If you have any comments about this editorial, or would like to discuss or recommend a topic, I’d like to hear from you. Please email them to info@kzgn.net.