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**Robert B. ANDERHOLT,
Congressman, R-AL 4th District, US Congress**

In January 2013, Congressman Robert B. Aderholt was sworn in to serve his ninth term representing Alabama's Fourth Congressional District.

Aderholt is a member of the powerful House Committee on Appropriations, which has jurisdiction over funding the operation of the federal government. As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Agriculture, he supports greater transparency, accountability and oversight to the appropriations process. Aderholt is also a member of the Commerce, Justice and Science; and the Homeland Security Subcommittees. An advocate of fiscal responsibility, truth in budgeting and a federal government that operates within its

means Aderholt brings common-sense solutions to the Committee.

Aderholt is also a member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (also known as the Helsinki Commission). Founded in 1976, the Helsinki Commission is comprised of 56 countries around the world that together monitors human rights in Europe and Central Asia.

A staunch supporter of his community and the state of Alabama, Aderholt believes the federal government serves a critical role in assisting state and local projects and economic development efforts. He continues to support pro-growth initiatives that create jobs, strong immigration standards and robust national security.

Prior to his election to Congress, Aderholt served as an aide to Governor Fob James and as a Municipal Judge in Haleyville, Alabama. Educated through Alabama's public school system, Aderholt went on to graduate from Birmingham Southern College and from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University.

Born on July 22, 1965, and raised in Alabama, Aderholt and his wife, Caroline, reside in Haleyville with their daughter, Mary Elliott, and their son, Robert Hayes. When Congress is in session, his family joins him in Washington, DC.



**Patrick F. FAGAN,
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Patrick F. Fagan is Senior Fellow and Director of the Marriage and Religion Research Institute (MARRI), which examines the relationships among family, marriage, religion, community, and America's social problems, as illustrated in the social science data. The Institute has a particular emphasis on the relationship between marital stability coupled with the practice of religion and their joint impacts on our social infrastructure (issues such as happiness, health, mental health and general well being, income and savings, educational attainment and family stability as well as such negative outcomes as poverty, crime, abuse, and drug addiction).

A native of Ireland, Fagan earned his Bachelor of Social Science degree with a double major in sociology and social administration, and a professional graduate degree in psychology (Dip. Psych.) as well as a Ph.D. from University College Dublin.

Fagan started his career as a grade school teacher in Cork, Ireland, then returned to college to become a psychologist, going to Canada to practice then to Washington, D.C. to pursue a doctorate in clinical psychology. In 1984, Fagan moved from the clinical world into the public policy arena, to work on family issues at the Free Congress Foundation. After that he worked for Senator Dan Coats of Indiana, then was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Family and Community Policy at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services by President George H.W. Bush, before spending the next thirteen years at the Heritage Foundation where he was a senior fellow.

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Ignacio F. Ibáñez Ferrándiz works since 2007 as Manager of the Legislative Assistance and Counter-Terrorism Financing Program of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism of the Organization of the American States (OAS) in Washington, DC, USA. He is also a member of the Executive Board of Spain's Popular Party (PP) in the United States, and a founding member of the PP Delegation in Washington DC. Mr. Ibáñez is an associate analyst at the Strategic Studies Group of Spain (GEES), as well. Prior to his position at the OAS, Mr. Ibáñez worked for the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the United Nations Office against Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna, Austria. Mr. Ibáñez, who has received OAS Outstanding Performance Awards in 2009 and 2010, has traveled extensively throughout Latin-America and the Caribbean providing policy and technical-level assistance and expertise on counter-terrorism matters. He has participated as invited expert in high-level visits of the United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (UN/CTED), as well as in evaluations conducted by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in South America. Additionally, he has been an invited speaker at multiple international fora such as the Committee of Experts on Terrorism of the Council of Europe (CoE/CODEXTER), the Asia Pacific Economic (APEC) Forum, the European Ideas Network (EIN), the ATLAS Economic Research Foundation, and the Acton Institute, among others. Mr. Ibáñez was an invited guest to the Mont Pelerin Society Meeting held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in April 2011. Mr. Ibáñez holds a Law Degree (honors) and a Master's Degree in International Relations (*Cum Laude*, Valedictorian), specializing in Terrorism and International Law. He has studied at the Universidad Complutense and the Universidad San Pablo-CEU (Madrid, Spain), Sorbonne University (Paris, France) and Cambridge University (Cambridge, United Kingdom). He has been invited to participate as guest lecturer at the University of Maryland (USA) and at the "XXXV Hemispheric Course on International Law" (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil). Mr. Ibáñez has published a variety of works and articles about law, political philosophy, international security, and terrorism, including a thesis on bioterrorism.

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Lecturer: University of Silesia (1979-1990), Jagiellonian University (1985-1989), University of Bielsko-Biała (2002-2004); University of Economics in Katowice (2002-2004). Traineeship at the École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris (1988-1989).
Mayor of Cieszyn (1990-1998). Member of Cieszyn Council (1990-1998).
Member of the Śląskie Provincial Assembly (1998-2004).
Leader of the Śląskie Provincial Executive (1998-2002).
Chairman of the Policy Council of the Solidarity Electoral Action (AWS) Social Movement (2002-2004).
Member of the Civic Platform (PO) National Council (since 2004).
Member of the Political Bureau of the European People's Party - European Democrats (2006-2009).
MEP (2004-2009 and 2009-2014), member of the Bureau of the Group of the European People's Party in the EP (since 2006); Vice-Chairman of the Polish delegation to the EPP Group in the EP; Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group's Budget and Structural Policies Working Group; Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Regional Development (2004-2009), founder member and Chairman of the URBAN Intergroup.
Chairman of the European Ideas Network's Values and Freedoms Working Party; member of the Board of the EPP Robert Schuman Foundation for closer cooperation between Christian Democrats in Europe.
Vice-Chairman of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) (1995-2001). Head of the Polish delegation to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe (1990-1998).
Member of the Bureau of the Assembly of European Regions (ARE) (2000-2004).
Member of the National Regional Policy Council (2000-2004). Member of the Committee for National Spatial Planning, Polish Academy of Sciences (2003-2008).
Knight's Cross of the Order of Poland Reborn (2000). Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite (2002); Emperor Maximilian award for contribution to European local and regional politics (2005); Golden Ribbon of the Association of Polish Towns - honorary award for outstanding services to local government (2007); MEP of the Year 2007 - awarded by The Parliament Magazine in the Regional Policy category; Winner of the Silesian Quality Award (2007); Honorary Silesian of the Year (2008); Hungarian Government István Pálfi award for special contribution to closer regional cooperation (2010).

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**Austin RUSE,
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Austin Ruse has headed the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute (C-FAM) since shortly after its creation in the summer of 1997. Mr. Ruse has held the title of President since 2000.

Ruse or his team have participated in every major UN social policy negotiation since 1997 including the multi-year negotiations that created the International

Criminal Court.

He has briefed members of the U.S. House and Senate on U.N. matters, as well as briefing White House and National Security Council staff. Ruse has also briefed senior government officials, journalists, Church and non-governmental leaders from around the world.

He has appeared on a number of national cable network programs discussing UN and Catholic issues, including news programs on CNN, CBS News, MSNBC, and Fox News.

Ruse has published in First Things, Washington Times, National Review Online, Weekly Standard, Human Events, Touchstone, as well as newspapers around the world.

He is a biweekly columnist for TheCatholicThing.org.

He is a former foreign affairs commentator for EWTN's weekly news broadcast The World Over hosted by Raymond Arroyo.

He lectures widely on U.N. matters, appearing throughout the U.S., also in Canada, Latin America, the Far East and Europe.

Ruse is a founder of the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast.

Prior to helping to found C-FAM, Ruse spent many years in magazine publishing including Forbes, Fortune, the Atlantic Monthly and Rolling Stone.

Mr. Ruse is a Knight in the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, a Knight in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, and is a founding member of the Diplomatic Society of St. Gabriel. Ruse is also a member of Sons of the American Revolution.

In recognition of Ruse's commitment and leadership in the effort to advance the sanctity of life he was awarded The Henry Hyde Life Leadership Award in 2010 by SpeakOut Illinois.

He holds undergraduate degrees in Journalism and Political Science from the University of Missouri, and an Honorary Doctorate from Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Mr. Ruse is married to the former Cathleen Cleaver, who is senior legal advisor to the Family Research Council. They have two daughters, Lucy and Gigi. They live in the state of Virginia where Mr. Ruse's family first arrived from England in the early 1700's.

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**Luis E. TELLEZ,
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Mr. Tellez spent the early part of his career working in the chemical industry, and subsequently spent over twenty years administering several non-profit corporations before becoming president of the Witherspoon Institute in 2003. He is a member of the Advisory Council of the James Madison program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University. Mr. Tellez received a BS and MS in chemical engineering as well as an MBA in Finance from Washington University in St. Louis.



**Jennifer A. MARSHALL,
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As director of domestic policy studies at The Heritage Foundation, Jennifer A. Marshall oversees research in areas that determine the character of our culture: education, marriage, family, religion and civil society.

Marshall heads the think tank's Richard and Helen DeVos Center for Religion and Civil Society, where researchers examine the role that religion, family and community play in society and public policy. She also oversees FamilyFacts.org, an online source of easy-to-share charts, briefs, videos and reports on the latest social science research on family and religious practice.

In 2010, National Journal named Marshall one of 20 "power players" in Washington for her work on school choice and other education reforms.

Before joining Heritage in 2003, Marshall worked on cultural policy issues at Empower America, a free-market think tank. Before that, she was senior director of family studies at the Family Research Council and taught at an American school in Lyon, France.

Marshall collaborates with Heritage colleagues to explore how moral values and civil society relate to issues such as limited government, a strong national economy and foreign policy. One recent hallmark of her team's efforts is "Indivisible," a 2010 collection of essays in which prominent fiscal conservatives write on issues normally associated with social conservatives, and vice versa.

Marshall contributes a regular column on issues of faith and family to the McClatchy-Tribune news wire, placing her perspective in dozens of the nation's best newspapers and affiliated websites. She has spoken at national and international forums, testified before Congress and appeared on numerous radio and television shows, among them C-SPAN's premier talk show, "Washington Journal," and PBS' "To the Contrary."

She is the author of "Now and Not Yet: Making Sense of Single Life in the Twenty-First Century" (Multnomah Publishers, 2007). The book evaluates the cultural, practical and spiritual issues that marriage-minded young women confront as the age of first marriage continues to rise in America.

Marshall holds a master's degree in statecraft and world politics from the Washington-based Institute of World Politics and a bachelor's degree in French from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., where she also earned teacher's certification. She currently resides in Arlington, Va.



**Brian BROWN,
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Brian S. Brown is an American activist and the president of the National Organization for Marriage (NOM), a non-profit advocacy organization that works to prevent or overturn the legal recognition of same-sex marriage in the United States.

In 2001, Brown became the executive director of the Family Institute of Connecticut, a socially conservative organization. He was NOM's executive director from its founding in 2007 and was additionally named president in 2010, succeeding Maggie Gallagher.



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