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## Texas Secession

The Texas secession has turned into a big concern across the country. People are wondering if it is even constitutional for a state to secede from the union. If they do decide to secede it will change Americans and Texans forever. Some major arrangements Texas will have to come up with are their own government, military, and currency. Not only that, but they will have to resolve the issues about trading with other countries, requirements to be a Texas citizen, and dealing with illegal aliens.

It would not be completely bad for Texans if they did decide to secede. They would be free to decide upon their new values. Susan L. Anderson wrote the piece “We Are Our Values” and she expresses that we need to truly look into what we believe in and then stand for that. If Texas doesn’t agree with our union then I hope they do have enough courage to stand up for what they think is right.

Texas also has many resources that will help them out. Bill Burch, the chairman of the Grass Roots Institute of Texas, testifies that Texas has about 90% of the oil refinement capacity in the United States. Burch claims that Texas is a major producer of natural gas, agricultural products, fishing, clothing, finance, weaponry, aircraft, cars, wood, coal, chemicals, computers, electronics, medical equipment, and much more.

If Texas is so independent, then what is stopping them from seceding? There are still many problematic factors in the decision to secede. They would need to create their

own currency and who knows if anyone will accept it. Would any of the countries trade with them? In the U.S. News, John A. Farrell brings up the point that Texas would also have to build their own army, navy, and air force from scratch. It is good that most everyone in Texas knows how to use a gun, but they would probably have to do a serious draft to find enough people for this. Farrell also makes the point that if the majority of the money is going into the military, then there will be a decline in money for the medical field, schools, and roads. Along with that, they would need to come up with their own constitution that everyone could agree upon, and creating a whole new political system doesn't happen over night. If the people don't like the government or constitution in Texas, then what is going to stop them from coming back to the U.S.? Texas would be left with no one to fulfill their responsibilities.

This nation was built upon Christian beliefs and this secession goes against the scripture Isaiah 2:4 which reads, "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall man learn war anymore." What this means is there should be peace upon on the earth and all hatred should be gone. Therefore, according to our dominate religion in the United States, the majority of the people should be wanting our country to be one and not divided because we can't get along.

If Texas secedes and their plans fail, they could end up living in poverty which will be worse conditions than they are already living. In "Death Without Weeping," written by Nancy Scheper-Hughes, a professor in anthropology at the University of California, she visits a rural town where all of the people are living in poverty. The death rates are high and most mothers expect their babies to die within the first year. Conditions are unbearable and it is almost considered a blessing to be dead. Texas may think their

lives are horrible now, but if their plans go wrong they could be living similar conditions as this town is. Is it really worth it to risk everything just to become your own country?

I support that all states should have the right to secede from the union because if that was not part of the agreement then we as people would not actually be free. I am a firm believer in Ron Paul's stand for this issue, and he states that our country was founded on secession and argues that it is not treasonous for a state to want to secede. It also states in the Declaration of Independence that if the rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are not secure, then it is the right of the people to alter it or to institute a new government. I do however, believe that Texas should carefully weigh out their decisions if they choose to secede, and then make the correct judgment if it would be worth it to all of Texas to do so. Their decision could potentially hurt the U.S. in that there will be fewer resources, but I also think there is a greater potential for America to come out on top because having a state secede from the union creates competition with the government. Greg Gutfeld from Fox News is all for the competition and thinks it would be a good thing for America. Having Texas secede would be a sign to the government that the people were raising up against them which might be just what we need to get all of our rights back. From this I think the government would back off and try to please us so no other states would want to secede. The government would hopefully let us call the shots in our own lives and stay out of our business. I do not see the Texas succession as a bad thing but I fear they have not thought of all the possible outcomes for their possible new country.

This issue is very complex on what the right thing to do is, but I feel that the constitution is true and we should follow it precisely. Texas does have the right to decide if they want to secede, and I just hope they look at all of the variables involved.