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Tommy Thompson, current presidential candidate, former Wisconsin governor, and former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, delivers the Policy Orientation's morning keynote.

Setting the Agenda: 5th Annual Policy Orientation

Tommy Thompson, former Wisconsin governor, former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, and current presidential candidate, provided an early morning keynote to the sold-out audience at the 5th Annual Policy Orientation for the Texas Legislature.

In addition to Thompson, state policy-makers including Governor Rick Perry and House Speaker Tom Craddick joined together with *20/20* co-anchor and award-winning author John Stossel to discuss the most important issues facing our state—and nation—at the two-day symposium in Austin, February 7 and 8, 2007.

Thompson addressed pressing issues such as health care reform and the need for greater choice in our public education system. He recounted how being open to change and innovation in his home state of Wisconsin led to the birth of welfare reform as we know it and encouraged all Texas citizens to remain in the arena and fight for reforms that will have the most positive impact on future generations.

Speaking from personal experience as both a state and national policy leader, he cautioned against the federal government's "one size fits all" plan for health care and encouraged Texas to be a leader in the debate for more affordable, accessible health care for all Texans.

Legislative Update

For a daily legislative update, please visit our website at www.TexasPolicy.com!



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The Foundation's mission is to improve Texas government by generating academically sound research and data on state issues, and by recommending the findings to opinion leaders, policy makers, the media, and general public. The work of the Foundation is conducted by academics across Texas and the nation and is funded by hundreds of individuals, foundations, and corporations. The Foundation does not accept government funds or take contributions to influence the outcomes of its research.

The President's Message

As we stand in the midst of the 80th Legislative Session, the Texas Public Policy Foundation is making inroads in the most important policy issues of the day.

TAXES & SPENDING

Earlier this session, the Texas Legislature voted to breach the constitutional spending cap to give tax relief to Texas taxpayers. Just four years ago, Texas faced a \$10 billion shortfall. A lot can change in four short years. Today, Texas enjoys record surpluses and has more than \$14 billion in new revenue over the previous biennium. Spending the new revenue to create or expand programs will simply obligate Texas lawmakers to future spending. On the other hand, *returning* the surplus to Texas taxpayers will allow greater opportunity for all.

For this reason, a truly effective tax and expenditure limit remains a high priority for the Foundation, helping to ensure that the state's budget does not expand too quickly and that taxpayers are not left with the bill for government's out-of-control spending spree.

EDUCATION REFORM

Giving parents and students freedom to choose their schools is another important issue the Foundation is addressing this session. We expect vigorous debate on the merits of school choice in general, as well as with school choice programs targeted at certain students,

such as children in foster care or with disabilities.

The Foundation also remains at the forefront of discussions on moving to end-of-course exams for students in public schools. Two years ago, the Foundation presented the end-of-course exams as an alternative to the high-stakes TAKS test and recently released a new study for legislators to consider this session.

DEREGULATION

Texas enjoys an unprecedented level of competition in its retail electric market, and leads other states in deregulating the telecommunications industry. The Center for Economic Freedom and its director, Bill Peacock, continue to champion free market principles and less regulation through testimony and invited presentations to lawmakers.

EFFECTIVE JUSTICE

With Texas' non-violent prison population now larger than the entire prison population of every state but California, the Foundation's Center for Effective Justice remains a key leader in prison reforms, looking for alternatives to building costly new prisons through the more effective use of probation, parole, and restorative justice practices.

HEALTH CARE

In 2003, the Legislature made important reforms to the state's health and human services programs to ensure that the programs were tar-

geted *only* to truly eligible Texans. Many of those reforms have been slowly reversed as the state's budget picture has changed, and the 80th Legislature is again considering reversing course on some of the most important reforms—good policy decisions prompted by the state's budget shortfall. The Foundation supports those reforms and the move to a privatized system for processing applications and renewals for benefits.

Medicaid is another important policy issue facing our state and the nation. States around the country struggle with growing Medicaid budgets and caseloads. Roughly a third of all new state revenue over the last decade has gone to fund the state's Medicaid program, crowding out other budget priorities. State lawmakers will be looking at Medicaid reforms designed to contain costs and exercise greater flexibility over the program. The Foundation has supported fundamental Medicaid reform and many of the Foundation's ideas are included in the ongoing discussion.

It is your support that allows us to fight for a freer, more prosperous Texas as we weigh in on all of these issues. Thank you!

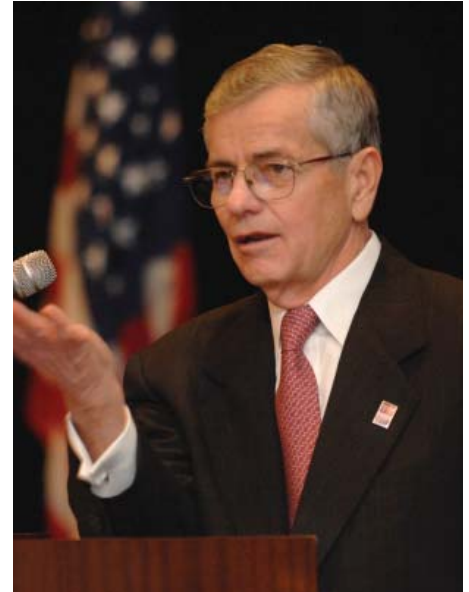
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Representative Jodie Laubenberg discusses the issues with John Stossel before the VIP breakfast reception and book signing.



House Speaker Tom Craddick delivers the kick-off keynote address.

John Stossel was not afraid to throw a few punches at the ‘clueless media, monster government, and public education monopoly’ as the event’s dinner keynote speaker.

Stossel. “Competition has given us better TVs, homes, cars, food, phones, and well, everything. So why don’t we harness it to teach our kids?”

Stossel also took aim at ‘monster government’ and how it has grown to be too much of a good thing—patronizing, overprotective, and destructive to our liberty. “Limited

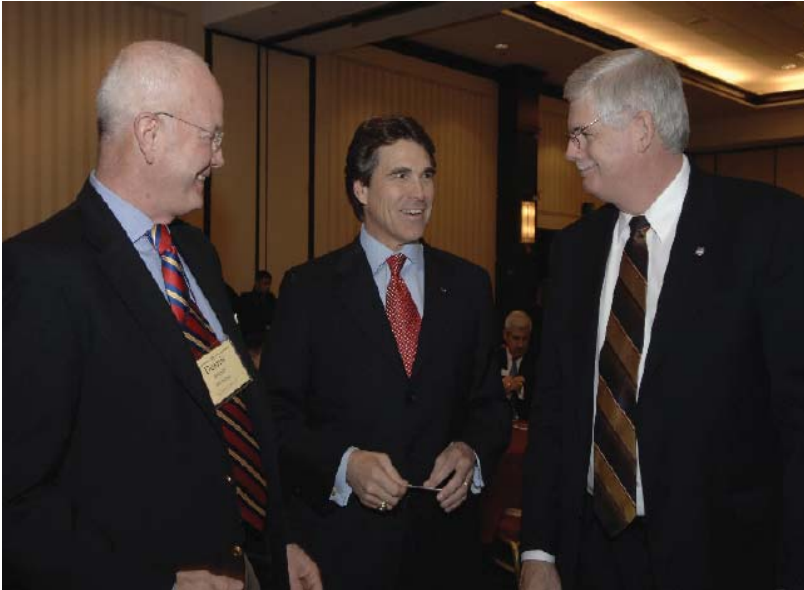
Stossel captivated the audience with an informative, enlightening, and highly entertaining look at the myths permeating our society. His presentation included an in-depth look at the true state of education in America and the incorrect belief that a government monopoly—public education—is the best and brightest way to educate America’s children.

By contrast, explained Stossel, competition is the smarter choice if we seek to inject more efficiency, effectiveness, and higher accountability into our education system.

“Competition is remarkably good at making services better,” noted



Senator John Whitmire, Chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, participates on a panel discussion of effective justice issues.



Governor Rick Perry chats with Policy Orientation sponsors Dennis Kearns and Ron Olson before his luncheon keynote address.



Representative Larry Taylor is interviewed by *Austin American-Statesman* reporter W. Gardner Selby.

government is a wonderful thing,” noted Stossel, “but our government has grown from the founders’ genius vision to a monster that sustains itself with constantly increasing taxes, endless meddling, and ever-greater intrusion into what was once private life.”


Focusing on Texas, House Speaker Tom Craddick and Governor Rick Perry provided insight into the policy issues on the agenda for the 80th Session.

Texas Public Policy Foundation analysts moderated 15 panels that

consisted of committee chairs, legislators, nationally known researchers, and academics. Sitting legislative chairmen served as panelists, drawing interest from other legislators. State Representative Fred Hill, also the chairman of the House Local Ways & Means Committee, has noted:

By hearing high-caliber experts—whether I agree with them or not—discuss their policy positions in one setting at the Texas Public Policy Foundation’s Policy Orientation is of great educational value to my colleagues and to me.

The first Policy Orientation was held in 2003 to a sold-out audience. Successive events have also sold out in a matter of weeks. Attendance has grown from 400 registrants in 2004 to more than 600 in 2007. This year, legislators in attendance numbered more than 70.

Thank you to all of the 2007 sponsors for your support of the 5th Annual Policy Orientation for the Texas Legislature. We would especially like to thank Mesa Water, Inc. and Union Pacific for generously underwriting this important policy event for the Lone Star State. 

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In the News...as seen in the *Houston Chronicle*, January 30, 2007

HOUSTON★CHRONICLE

Appalling dropout rates make school choice case

How bad does it have to get in public education?

By JAMIE STORY

Every hour of every school day, 93 students drop out of Texas public schools. While a few of these students may move to a private or home school, the majority have abandoned school completely.

The Texas Education Agency claims a high school graduation rate of 84 percent, but as the *Houston Chronicle* reported on Monday, the consensus among researchers is that the state's graduation rate is nearly 20 points lower than this official statistic.

The crisis is even worse in urban areas. Houston's graduation rate is less than 50 percent, according to a study by the Gates Foundation. That translates into 43 dropouts every school day. San Antonio and Dallas follow closely behind.

Fortunately, there is at least one proven way to increase graduation rates: school choice. Researcher Jay Greene of the Manhattan Institute has found that school choice students exhibit higher graduation rates than their peers who remain in public schools, even when the public school students come from more advantaged backgrounds. More importantly, he has found that when parents have more choices, public school graduation rates increase as well.

Data from Texas support these findings. The graduation rate reported by San Antonio's Edgewood ISD has increased from 59 percent to 75 percent since 1999, the year a privately funded school choice program was started there.

School choice would increase graduation rates for public and private school students alike, without costing taxpayers an extra dime. It should be a no-

brainer. Unfortunately, teachers unions and public school officials don't see it that way. They fight school choice on the grounds that it takes money away from public schools, while failing to recognize the millions of dollars they lose due to dropouts every day.

If school officials are so concerned with dollar figures, perhaps they should spend their time improving graduation rates rather than opposing school choice.

Houston ISD lost almost 7,800 high school students last year, for reasons other than graduation. For each one, the district lost \$7,200 in revenue, totaling a whopping \$56 million in one school year alone. To put this number into perspective, that's roughly what Milwaukee's entire school choice program cost in its first nine years combined.

Not only do public schools lose out on revenue as a result of dropouts, but taxpayers also are shortchanged when they have paid to educate students who never graduate with a diploma. A Texas Public Policy Foundation study found that for each graduating class, HISD spends more than \$500 million schooling students who never receive a diploma. Texas schools as a whole spend up to \$11.2 billion per graduating class in such a manner.

Too often in Texas, elected officials equate education with bricks and mortar and bloated bureaucracies. This mindset has produced a broken educational system that fails our taxpayers and, worse, our children. Parents deserve the option to take their tax dollars to the school that will provide the best education for their child be it a public,

private, charter, or even virtual school especially if doing so results in higher graduation rates for all Texas children.

More money does not equal better achievement; school choice does. But money equals power, so it is no surprise that school officials object to the possibility of losing dollars through school choice.

They might have a legitimate reason to fear school choice if it would decrease per-student spending, but it wouldn't. A typical voucher amount is significantly less than the amount spent by public schools, so school choice actually increases per-student spending in public schools.

Fears of large overall cuts to public school budgets are also unfounded. Milwaukee has the largest voucher program in the country; yet the program costs only a fraction of the \$1.2 billion spent by Milwaukee public schools each year. And Milwaukee's public school graduation rate has increased significantly since the program began 16 years ago.

By introducing competition, school choice can and will increase high school graduation rates across Texas. When more students stay in school, public school budgets rise, and taxpayers get more bang for their buck.

Rather than running away from school choice, educators should embrace it—for the dollars if not the students it saves.

Story is an education policy analyst at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a conservative, nonprofit research institute based in Austin.

Book Review

The Science of Success: How Market-Based Management Built the World's Largest Private Company

Forty years ago, Charles Koch returned home to Wichita, Kansas to take the reins of the oil and gas company that his father had established and was threatening to sell.

Today, Koch is chairman and CEO of the largest privately-held company in the world, with 80,000 employees in 60 countries and annual revenues greater than Microsoft. Koch Industries is still in the oil business, but has added pipelines, refineries, jet fuel, and asphalt to its capabilities... along with fertilizer, chemical technology, commodities trading, municipal finance, ranching, carpet, spandex, and toilet paper.

How did Koch achieve such phenomenal success—multiplying its book value 2,000-fold in the course of 45 years, outpacing even the S&P 500 index by orders of magnitude—with what seems to be an irrational hodge-podge of businesses? He took the analytical mindset he developed as an engineer, dedicated himself to intense study of some of history's greatest free-market economists, crafted his own system of Market-Based Management, and set out to drill that philosophy into all of his employees.

Koch has now made his system available to the masses through his new book, “The Science of Success:

How Market-Based Management Built the World's Largest Private Company.” Our full review of the book can be found online at: www.texaspolicy.com/pdf/Koch%20book%20review.pdf.



Foundation Profile

David Guenther, Director of Media and Government Relations



David Guenther

David Guenther is the Foundation's new Director of Media and Government Relations. He joined TPPF following two years of service in the governmental relations department at the Texas Workforce Commission.


From 1997 through 2003, he was managing editor of *The Lone Star Report*. He has appeared on the Fox News Channel's “The O'Reilly Factor”

and the Salem Broadcasting Network's nationally syndicated “David Gold Show.” He has been a commentator on Texas issues for NationalReview.com, and quoted in national publications such as *The New York Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The National Journal*, and *The Southern Political Report*.

David was brought on board in order to have a full-time person dedicated to spreading the word on the important work of the Foundation—and so far, it has paid off! In the first three months of 2007, the *Houston Chronicle* mentioned the Foundation in 10 news articles, published Foundation guest columns on school choice and prison alternatives, and cited Foundation research twice in its own editorials and columns. The *Austin American-Statesman* mentioned the Foundation

in eight news articles and published guest columns on school choice and overcriminalization. The *San Antonio Express-News* mentioned the Foundation in seven news articles and cited Foundation research in one of its own columns. The *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* published guest columns on CHIP and school district financial accountability.

Our media “hits” for the first quarter will more than double those from 2005 (the last “regular session” year). Foundation news mentions and column reprints have already reached a combined print circulation of 16 million, compared to 23.8 million for all of 2006. The Foundation has participated in 40 talk radio interviews so far in 2007, compared to 50 in all of 2006.

The Foundation is thrilled to welcome David to our team! 

Texas Electric Market Sets the National Standard

Commentary by Bill Peacock



Bill Peacock is Vice President of Administration and Director of the Center for Economic Freedom at the Texas Public Policy Foundation.

“Texas is competitive electricity’s greatest success story in the United States, if not the world.”

The upcoming Texas summer may not be as heated as the current debate over electricity prices in the Texas Legislature.

The debate actually started last summer when electricity prices—quite naturally—increased due to high demand, high natural gas prices, and a past-its-prime Price to Beat. Prices eventually began to decline as conditions changed, but not in time to cool the debate at the state Capitol.

Critics of free markets have taken advantage of this to persuade many legislators that today’s prices can be blamed on deregulation and greedy corporations. However the facts show a very different picture.

The Texas Public Policy Foundation just released a comprehensive study of the Texas electric market. Dr. Robert J. Michaels, professor of economics at Cal-State Fullerton, concluded that “Texas is competitive electricity’s greatest success story in the United States, if not the world.”

“Furthermore,” wrote Michaels, “competition has brought substantial benefits to Texas in only a few years, both in absolute terms and relative to other states. Innovations planned for 2009 will further improve investment choices and power pricing, and institutions put in place by the Texas Public Utility Commission can sustain competitive markets into the future.”

The Foundation determined that despite a more than 200 percent increase in the price of natural gas, the average price of electricity in Texas is only 27 percent higher than the regulated price of 2001. Some consumers can even buy electricity for roughly the same price as 2001.

Additionally, average prices in Texas are lower than in New England and the Mid-Atlantic coast. Rates in Houston and Dallas are comparable to almost every other major city.

These findings go to the heart of the debate over deregulation because many legislators who generally support free markets can’t shake the feeling that prices are “just too high.” Therefore, they conclude that something must be wrong with the market. The recent accusations of market power abuse by TXU reinforce this notion.

But in the most competitive electric market in the country, prices are not too high because of problems with the market or TXU. They have risen as a result of voluntary agreements between buyers and sellers in the face of significant increases in the price of natural gas, upon which Texas depends heavily for generating electricity.

Unfortunately, this message is not getting through, so the legislature is attempting to “fix” the market.

Most of these fixes run counter to the free market principles that have governed a decade of reforms in Texas. From tort, tax, and budget reforms to deregulation of the telecom and electric markets, Texans have decided that markets are often a better solution to our problems than government intervention. The results have proven this to be the right approach.


Texas’ top-ranked tort system has doctors flocking to locales and specialties that not long ago were experiencing critical shortages. Our nationally acclaimed business climate has given us a job growth rate that is twice the national average. We may take all this for granted, but investors and executives looking to do business in Texas do not.

“Texans can continue down the road of markets, affordable electricity, and jobs. Or we can go off-road toward government intervention, California-style rolling blackouts, and economic stagnation. The route we choose is up to us.”

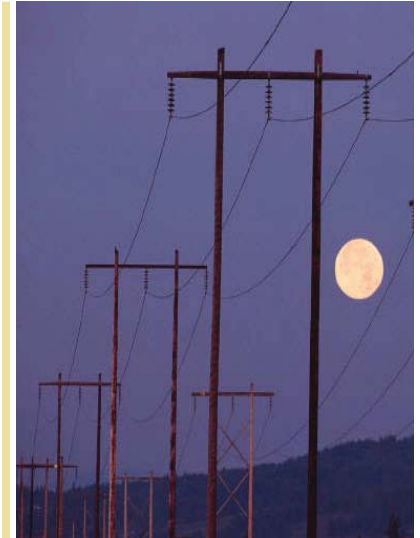
Much more is at stake in the current debate over deregulation than the price of electricity. Undue interference in our electric market would send the wrong message to investors and executives in all industries, putting our sterling reputation and the jobs that go with it in jeopardy.

Fortunately, there are measures compatible with free markets that can be taken to address legitimate concerns about electric competition. We can enhance enforcement and remedies for abuses in the market, press forward with changes scheduled

for the market in 2009, and provide assistance for those who cannot afford to pay their bills.

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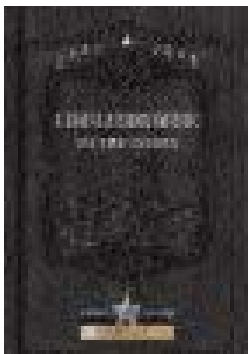
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What TPPF Donors Are Saying

About the Texas Public Policy Foundation’s “2007-2008 Legislator’s Guide to the Issues”

The Texas Public Policy Foundation’s bi-annual “Legislators’ Guide to the Issues” is a collection of executive summaries of the Foundation’s most important research. It couples sound research conducted by the Foundation’s experts with practical policy recommendations. The Guide is just one way we effectively communicate our message to the Texas Legislature.



A limited number of Guides are still available and can be purchased on the TPPF website for \$10 each at www.TexasPolicy.com or call **512-472-2700**.

“You have created a booklet of documents that legislators can actually use because it effectively outlines important issues for Texas and proposals for a conservative approach. This is a brief, insightful, but comprehensive summary of very complex issues. It is an extraordinarily effective way for TPPF to get their ideas in front of people who are in a position to make policy decisions.”

Dr. John Dale Dunn
Brownwood, Texas
TPPF benefactor since 1993

“I live in Texas now, but when I was a member of the New Mexico Legislature, I would have done anything for a handy reference tool such as this! Thank you for going to the effort to develop such as well-done, necessary guide. In my opinion, this summary of the Texas Public Policy Foundation’s most important research should be ‘required reading’ for all citizens!”

Mr. Steve Helbing
Midland, Texas
TPPF benefactor since 2001

Donor's Corner

Ginny and Dr. Bryan Maupin

By Shari Hanrahan, Vice President of Outreach

Meet pioneers Ginny and Dr. Bryan Maupin, the first Texas Public Policy Foundation contributors to take advantage of our convenient monthly giving program.

“We like giving to TPPF monthly because it’s easier to budget our donation. It factors into our monthly expenses the same as the electric, cable, or phone bill. TPPF makes it so easy by directly billing our credit card. I guess you could say we dollar cost average our donation to TPPF.”

The Maupins were introduced to the Texas Public Policy Foundation by TPPF board member Ramiro Galindo at a Foundation-sponsored event in Houston, with U.S. Senator John Cornyn as a special guest.

“We had the opportunity to interact with staff and other supporters. Our experience convinced us that TPPF and its supporters share our values. We felt our voice would have more clout through TPPF instead of donating to individual causes. TPPF has a proven track record of producing and delivering good, solid reports to state legislators and their staffs.”

Not only do the Maupins support the Foundation financially, they energetically “spread the word” about how we successfully impact public policy.

“For two years in a row, we co-hosted a function with Ramiro at his home to

“We felt our voice would have more clout through TPPF instead of donating to individual causes.”



Dr. Bryan and Ginny Maupin, longtime supporters of the Texas Public Policy Foundation and Capitol Council members.

inform friends and colleagues about TPPF. Whenever we hear complaints about how our individual freedoms and opportunities are being eroded, we promote TPPF as part of the solution and encourage them to support this outstanding organization.”

“The Foundation’s principles are the same principles our country was founded on; free markets, limited government, personal responsibility, private property rights, and individual liberty. America is called the land of opportunity because of these principles. We have seen encroachment on these principles through legislation and the courts. TPPF has been a strong voice

educating the public and policymakers on how important it is to protect and defend these principles.”

“Whenever we hear complaints about how our individual freedoms and opportunities are being eroded, we promote TPPF as part of the solution.”

As members of our Capitol Council, they enjoy exclusive invitations to many of the Foundation’s events. “We would donate to TPPF without these invitations (don’t tell them!), and we have thoroughly enjoyed bending the ear of politicians we might not meet in any other forum.” ★

Texas Public Policy Foundation's Annual Survey Results

At the close of 2006, the Texas Public Policy Foundation conducted their annual member survey to find out what YOU think about the Foundation, and what is most important to YOU in Texas policy. Here are some of your answers:

Policy issues that are most important to you:

1. Government Spending: 20%
2. Private Property Rights: 14%
3. Tax & Budget Reform: 13%
4. Public Education: 12%
5. Government Efficiency: 11%


We couldn't agree more! Government spending affects every issue we work on, so our Fiscal Policy team is diligently working for needed reform.

Already this year, we've released six papers on everything from growth in state spending to taxpayer protections. Our work to strengthen private property rights is also at the top of our list—our Center for Economic Freedom has become the expert source for eminent domain issues. The state's second budget driver—public education—also receives much of our attention. Our two in-house experts are tracking and responding to legislation dealing with school choice, teacher pay, financial transparency, and more.

What are/would be your reasons for giving to the Foundation?

1. Belief in the core principles of the Foundation: 41%

2. Belief that the Foundation makes a difference: 20%
3. Belief that the Foundation is my voice in Austin: 14%
4. To receive the Foundation's research and literature: 11%
5. To be involved: 8%
6. To help in a specific area I care about: 6%

Everyone has a different reason for giving, and we appreciate them all. Our vision for Texas remains strong: it is up to all of us to improve Texas by providing legislators with independent research and realistic solutions to meet our greatest challenges. We are making a difference in Texas because of YOU! 

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The *2007 Policy Primer Series* covers a wide variety of topics sure to be of interest and importance during the 80th Session of the Texas Legislature.

- June:** *Math-Science Deficit in Texas* (Center for Education Policy)
July: *Accounting for Public Benefits in the State Budget* (Center for Health Care Policy)
August: *Universal Service* (Center for Economic Freedom)
September: *Additional Appropriations Reforms* (Center for Fiscal Policy)
October: *Reforming Texas Higher Education* (Center for Education Policy)
November: *Overcriminalization* (Center for Effective Justice)



Research... a sample of 2007 Foundation research

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