

TEXAS FREEDOM NETWORK



2017

THE YEAR OF RESISTANCE

Annual Report



TFN President Kathy Miller delivers the closing speech to 10,000 science advocates at the March for Science-Austin on Earth Day 2017.

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MESSAGE ON THE YEAR
OF RESISTANCE.**

▶ On the morning of Nov. 9, 2016, the country, and the world, woke up to a reality that a majority of Americans did not want or expect.

Many of us experienced emotions that ranged from confusion to outright fear. But before that day after the election was even over, we began to see our friends and partners pick themselves up and rally around a single word: RESIST.

2017 became the year to RESIST the forces that seek to take away our rights and divide our state and country.

THE RISING GENERATION'S TIME IS NOW



TOP: Texas Rising activists march to the Capitol during the 2017 legislative session to meet with lawmakers.



MIDDLE: The Texas Rising Summer Institute gathered young people from across Texas to train them to be activists in their communities.



BOTTOM: Members of the Texas Rising chapter at Texas State University register new voters.

By some estimates, it has already happened. Other estimates say it will happen in 2018. Regardless of when it happens, young people ages 18–35, also known as Millennials, will be the largest voting-eligible generation in the country for many years to come.

The goal of TFN’s program for student activists, Texas Rising, is to make sure this powerful voting bloc becomes engaged in the political process and stays that way – for life.

“The Texas Rising generation has the power to reshape Texas into a place that is fair and just to all of us who live here. The time to use the full extent of that power is now.”

— Paxton Batchelder of Texas Rising at San Antonio College

Texas Rising at a Glance

 **25,000**
Texas Rising activists across the state

13 
Student chapters

 Young voters registered: **27,591**

A YEAR OF RESISTANCE

Whether standing on our own or with our coalition partners, TFN was instrumental in several notable achievements in the first year of the resistance. Here are some highlights.



TOP: TFN and other pro-LGBT equality groups organized activists at the state Capitol to repeatedly protest a discriminatory “bathroom bill,” which was defeated in both the regular and special legislative sessions.

LEFT: Legislators proposed numerous school voucher schemes, but TFN and our coalition partners stopped every one of them.

BOTTOM LEFT: For the first time in decades, state science curriculum standards are free from creationist propaganda following a vote by the Texas State Board of Education in April. TFN celebrated this big victory the following day by helping to lead the March for Science in Austin. (Photo credit: Rob Santos)

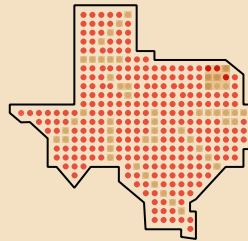
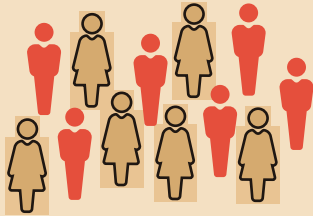


BOTTOM RIGHT: The TFN Education Fund released its latest in a series of groundbreaking reports on what is and isn't being taught on sex education in Texas schools.

TFN BY THE NUMBERS

130,000+

TFN supporters



TFN members in all **150** state legislative districts



30,000+

Messages sent by TFN members to lawmakers during the legislative session

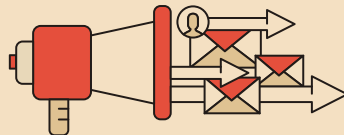


330,000+

Text messages sent to TFN supporters

3,600,000

Rapid Response Alerts sent to TFN activists



2,138 Media mentions



12,000,000+

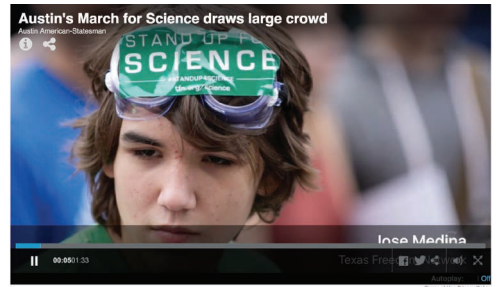
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TFN IN THE NEWS

In print, on the radio, online and on camera, TFN got its message out in 2017.

Austin American-Statesman



Austin's March for Science draws large crowd

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Legisladores texanos aprueban una ley que regulará el uso de baños para personas transgénero en escuelas públicas

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Rally at UTSA protests Texas LGBTQ bills



MANY FAITHS, ONE GOAL: A BETTER TEXAS

For too long, it seemed that only one narrow faith perspective, one that stood opposed to LGBT equality and access to reproductive care, was represented at the Texas Capitol.

No longer. TFN has recruited hundreds of progressive faith leaders to make their voices heard on issues like the discriminatory “bathroom bill” and on cruel and unnecessary abortion restrictions.

“I can’t stress enough how important it is for people of faith to stand up and say, yes, we believe in equality and, yes, we believe in reproductive rights. Coming from faith leaders, it’s a powerful message that’s difficult to ignore.”

— Rev. Kim Smith, associate pastor at Central Presbyterian Church in Austin



LIES INTO LAWS

Texas politicians are using lies about abortion to pass laws that make it more difficult or even impossible for women to access abortion care.

In 2017, the TFN Education Fund launched a major statewide advertising and public education campaign – Lies into Laws – to call out the lies and those laws.

“This campaign is about making sure Texans know that too many lawmakers have lied to them over and over again in an effort to shame and punish women who seek an abortion.”

— TFN President Kathy Miller

Lies into Laws is focused on anti-abortion laws, but we also pushed back against the lies used to attack transgender Texans at the Capitol.

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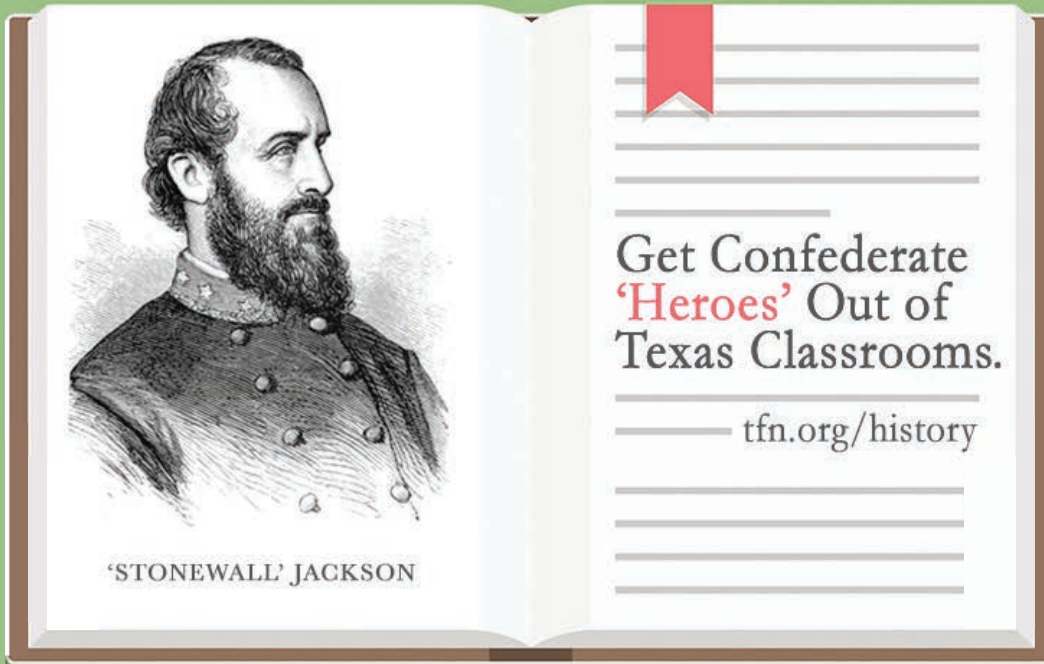
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