



COME LET US REASON TOGETHER
A GOVERNING AGENDA TO END THE CULTURE WARS

**Statements Regarding the Come Let Us Reason Together Governing Agenda
from NARAL Pro-Choice America and People For the American Way**

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NARAL Pro-Choice America:

As new leadership emerges in Washington and across the country, we have a unique opportunity to change the tone of the debate over reproductive rights. To that end, Third Way's proposals are a welcome addition to this process. As our movement for common ground continues to gain steam among Americans across the political spectrum, we are watching with interest to see if anti-choice politicians will put aside their divisive old habits and join us in working for practical, commonsense solutions to help prevent unintended pregnancy.

People for the American Way:

Third Way has taken on a daunting challenge in reaching across culture war battle lines to build momentum for policies to move the nation forward. People For the American Way will continue to advocate energetically for full legal equality for LGBT Americans and for women's right to reproductive choice. Nonetheless, we recognize the significance of broadening evangelical support for these core principles including efforts to reduce unintended pregnancy and prevent job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Just as passionate advocates for religious liberty sometimes disagree on the application of that core constitutional principle to specific policy questions, we know that there will never be unanimity on these difficult questions. But there is great value in conversation that seeks to find shared support for ways to move the nation toward the ideals of freedom, equality, and opportunity for all.