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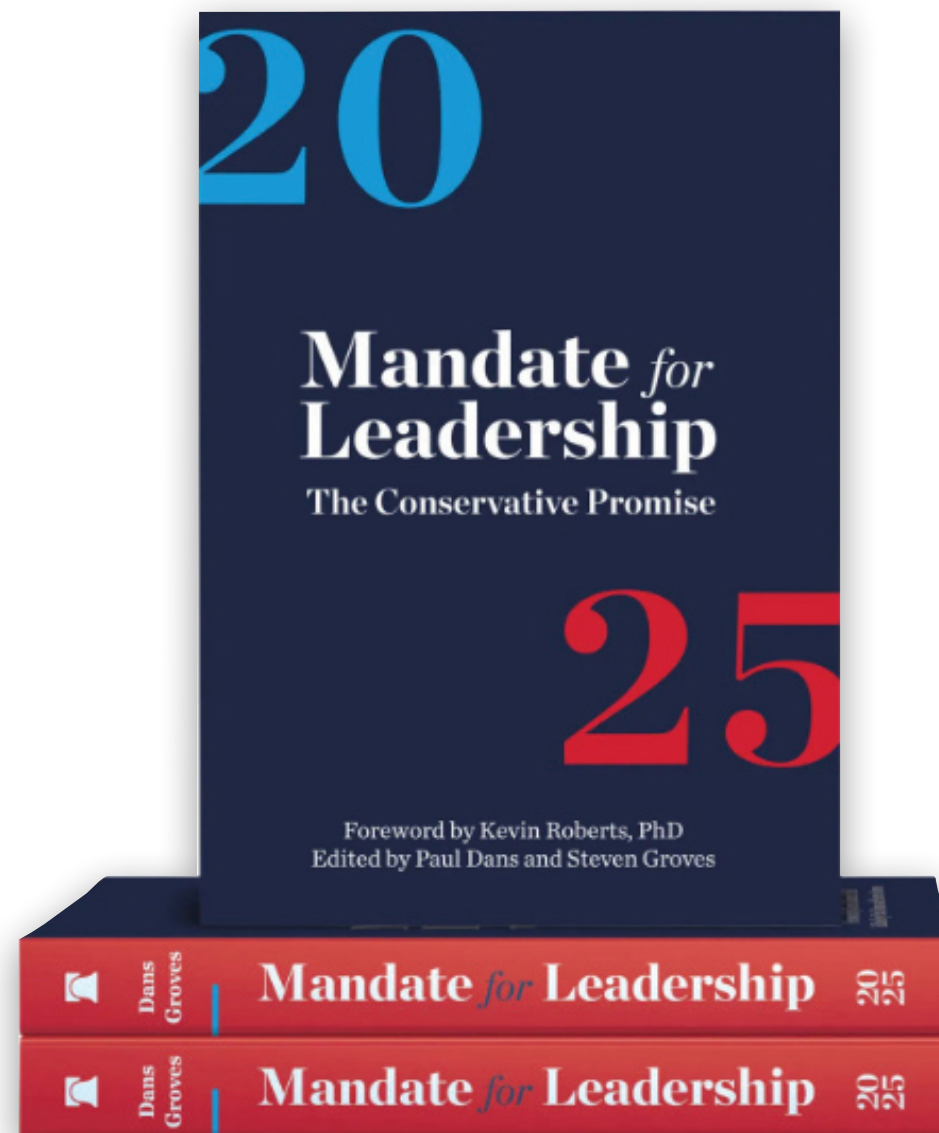
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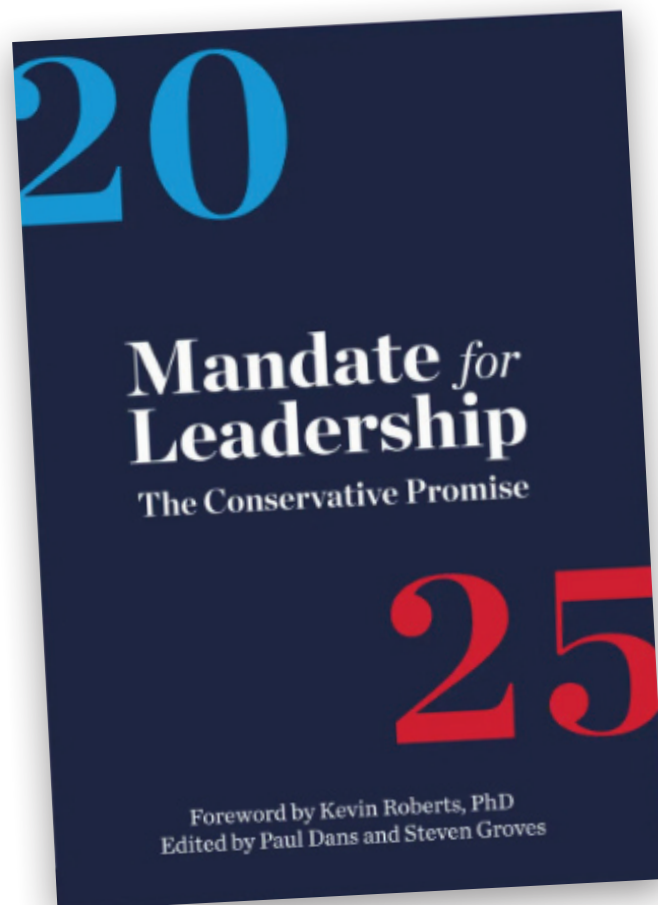
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is the Treasurer of Lake Superior Freethinkers. He has been very active with charitable groups in the region since retiring as Senior Research Scientist at Essentia Health, and is sought after as a speaker and presenter.

NOVEMBER 2024

Join us Sunday, November 3rd at 10am at the Hillside Community Center, 12 East 4th St., in person and via Zoom for a **video and open forum discussion** on

PROJECT 2025 PLAN OR TRAP?

Project 2025 is a conservative plan to prepare officials for a future Republican administration, focused on reversing progressive policies and shrinking government. Will Project 2025 prioritize specific religious perspectives, and if so, how will it handle the diversity of faiths in the U.S.? What role will religious freedom play in the project's stance on issues like LGBTQ+ rights, reproductive rights, and education? How does Project 2025 plan to address potential legal challenges to its proposed reforms? If you're like everyone else, project 2025 is at best confusing. This LSF First Sunday presentation will help a lot! This event will feature a compelling video, a summary by Dr. Charles Gessert, and an open forum discussion. Bring your questions.

To join the meeting via Zoom, click this url: <https://umn.zoom.us/j/8907500663>

Looking Ahead

LSF First Sunday Presentation
Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 10:00 am



Transgender 101

With Sean Hayes, Trans Northland Executive Director

Sean Hayes is passionate about building strong, joyful communities. For over 8 years, he's been an advocate and organizer for the transgender and queer community. As co-founder and executive director of Trans Northland (TN), a non-profit in the Twin Ports, Sean helps provide support and connection to transgender folks and those across the gender spectrum. Sean leads peer support groups, offers Trans 101 training, and organizes events like Transgender Day of Remembrance, Trans Day of Visibility, and Trans Joy Fest.

It's not uncommon for people to feel confused about transgender issues. For example:

- How does gender identity differ from sexual orientation?
- Why do some people use non-binary or gender-neutral pronouns?
- What is the process of transitioning?

In this presentation, Sean will share his own story, present Trans 101, and answer some of your burning questions surrounding transgender issues.

Join other members of Lake Superior Freethinkers, and become a member of FFRF



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JOIN US FOR **HAPPY HOUR**

**4:00-6:00 pm Thursday,
November 7th at Mexico Lindo,
Fitger's Brewery Complex**

Mexico Lindo will validate your parking and we
will validate your skepticism about religion.
See you there!



THE BOAT CLUB

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**Join us Wednesday November 20th at 5:30pm for LSF's Social Dinner
at the BOAT CLUB in the Fitger's Brewery Complex.**

Anthony Fauci



Physician and immunologist Anthony Stephen Fauci was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on December 24th, 1940 to Eugenia (Abys) and Stephen Fauci, owners of a family pharmacy. His pharmacist father was known as “Doc” in the neighborhood. Fauci attended a Catholic high school run by the Jesuits and graduated with a B.A. in classics in 1962 from the College of the Holy Cross, a Jesuit school in Worcester, Mass.

He graduated first in his class at Cornell University Medical College in 1966 and completed a residency in internal medicine. He then joined the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as a clinical associate at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). He became NIAID director in 1984, a position he still held in 2020.

He turned down several offers to lead the NIH and has been at the forefront of U.S. efforts to contend with viral diseases such as HIV, SARS, the 2009 swine flu pandemic, MERS, Ebola and COVID-19. As a member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force in 2020, he became a public health spokesperson for the office of the president during the pandemic.

Due to occasional mild but public disagreements with President Trump, Fauci was criticized by right-wing pundits and received death

threats resulting in the need for a security detail. He was demonized by “coronavirus truthers” and “anti-vaxxers” calling the pandemic a hoax and favoring so-called herd immunity over vaccination. He has received 30 honorary doctorates for his scientific accomplishments and between 1981-94 was the fifth most-cited scientist out of over 1 million worldwide who published articles in scientific journals.

He married Christine Grady, 11 years his junior, a nurse and bioethicist with the NIH, in 1985. As of this writing, she was chief of the Department of Bioethics at the NIH Clinical Center. They have three daughters, Jennifer, Megan and Alison.

Asked in 2003 by TheScientist magazine if he was a man of faith, given that he was raised Catholic and attended Jesuit schools, Fauci replied: “Broadly and generically, I’m not a regular church attender. I have evolved into less a Roman Catholic religion person [to] someone who tries to keep a degree of spirituality about them.”

Brian Lamb read the above statement to Fauci in a later interview (C-SPAN, Jan. 8, 2015) and asked him if that was still true. “Totally accurate today,” Fauci said. He also told Lamb that “there are a lot of things about organized religion that are unfortunate, and I tend to like to stay away from that. ... [T]he idea about the organization of religion is not something that I adhere to very much.”

“I look upon myself as a humanist. I have faith in the goodness of mankind.”

— Interview, The Scientist magazine (May 2003)