

Lubbock, Texas



Sitting tight as could be in his little stirrups, Dexter prayed to the Lord.

“Dear God....please don’t let me die today. Please God. Forgive me for my sins, and let me survive to see another day.”

With a crash, the announcer began to read off the details.

Announcer: “And here with us today, ALL THE WAY FROM MIAMI, is OUR OWN SENATOR, /u/DexterAamo, here for an early warmup ride before the actual events begin. Let’s see how this *Floridian* performs in the Heart of Texas!”

Several members of the crowd promptly begin to sing “Down in the Heart of Texas,” but Dexter takes no notice. His face is as white as chalk, and he’s bending into his horse hard. He most certainly does not want to take a fall today.

Announcer: “And with a ready, set, 3, 2, 1, LET’S OPEN!”

The crowd cheers and jeers as Dexters bull, spooked, takes off into the stadium.

Thwoomp! The bull bucks backwards, and it’s all Dexter can do to stay on it. 1.

Buck! The bull lurches forward, and Dexter slips over to the side. 2, 3.

Poof! All of a sudden, Dexter is hit by a wave of dust, as his bull decides to reach down and bend over. He’s thrown backwards, losing control and landing several feet behind. Above him, a whistle blows.

Announcer: “And good work to the Senator, with a whopping 5 second total! For a new timer, not bad at all, not bad at all.

Dexter stands up, tasting the blood in the back of his mouth. He grins, takes off his hat, and walks off to the side, where is he joined by several of his staffers for the rest of the rodeo.

Afterwards, he heads over to a planned rally right next door by the local convention center, where he’s joined by rally and rodeogors alike.

DexterAamo: “Ah, think I bit my tongue a couple times back there, but that’s all fine by me if it means I get to be here with y’all today!”

DexterAamo: “Well, since I’ve just partaken in an activity which just about requires the maximum of human will and strength just to hold on, I think today sounds like a good day to talk about the greatness of America, the power of the American dream, and the importance of self-reliance. That sound good with you guys?”

DexterAamo: “Rodeo riding may have its origins in Spain, but when I think of the culture and the values behind it, it is fundamentally American. The determination to hold on, to keep trying even when it keeps getting harder and harder. The willpower, and the *desire* to do one’s best, no matter the odds. The push, and the courage that riders display. It’s the same kind of courage, the same kind of moral fortitude, that George Washington and his men displayed at Valley Forge, that the settlers of the west displayed in their great conquest, that our forefathers displayed in their defense of America during the Second World War. Rodeo riding is the epitome of the rugged

individualism that our nation is known for, that our nation was built on, and I'm proud to say that I've been to many a show!"

DexterAamo: "Unfortunately, too many liberals and leftists in America today seem a little disspirited, and doubtful of this dream. Let's rouse them back up! After all, even a quick skim of the numbers show the simple truth: Yes, America is still the land of opportunity. Yes, Free Markets work. Yes, America is great, and yes, Americans are living better now than ever before. This is the greatest country in the world, and I love it for what it is: 50 United States, come together into one perfect union."

DexterAamo: "My opponent claims that Americans don't make "a nickel more" today than in 1970. He's right. We don't *just* make a nickel more. Adjusted for inflation, [median personal income has risen by \\$9,131 from 1974 to 2018](#). That's not one nickel. That's not even two. That's **36,524** nickels! Seems like Mr. Banana might have...understated things a little bit, shouldn't we say?"

Dexter winks to the crowd.

DexterAamo: "But of course, money isn't everything. Quality of life matters too. And on that too, the greatness of the American Dream isn't just still around — it's getting even better."

DexterAamo: "In 1973, the average American lived in a house with just 551 square feet per person. Since then, the cost of housing has remained relatively constant at an average of \$116 a foot, despite large increases in certain metro areas, but the average amount of square footage the average American gets to call their own has almost doubled, to 1,058. It's not that housing is getting cheaper — it's that Americans are earning more, and doing better, than ever before. And now, just imagine what we could do if we actually went ahead, repealed Obamacare, cut taxes across the board and implemented a 15% flat tax in this country, decreased the burden of regulation, ended corporate bailouts, reformed social security, and implemented a real free market in this country!"

DexterAamo: "Just imagine. What if we could fix the welfare system, so that more people enter the workforce, instead of being pushed out of it? What if we obeyed sound economic reasoning and put a cap on the growth of government, instead of letting it continue to grow exponentially and drown out the private sector? What if we acknowledged what economists have been telling us for years, and ended price controls that actually work to decrease supply and **increase** prices? What if, **instead of treating**

government as the solution to all our problems, we recognized that far too often, **it is the problem?**”

DexterAamo: “I am a believer in small government. I am a believer in free markets, and I am a believer in free enterprise. I believe that capitalism, the system of free markets, free trade, and free and consensual commerce, is the greatest economic system in the history of man. And I **know** that capitalism isn’t just economically right — it’s morally just too, because self dependence and entrepreneurship are virtues, not sins.”

DexterAamo: “That’s why, as your Senator, I’ve been a fighter against big spending, special interests, and **for** small government. When President Gunnz tried to pass a high tax, high spending budget that included wasteful items across the board, [I fought back.](#) When President Air defunded Charter Schools at the behest of the Teachers Unions, [I fought back with strong new legislation.](#) When President Air hiked taxes, [I introduced legislation to cut and reverse them. all while keeping a balanced budget.](#) I’ve introduced constitutional amendments to repeal the income tax, to limit the rate at which the government can grow every year, and new bills and legislation to end welfare waste. And if re-elected, I’ll keep doing just that. I am a Conservative fighter, and I’m proud to represent the people of Dixie as just who I am.”

DexterAamo: “I understand why politicians like to talk about the failure of the American Dream. It’s a powerful visual, and it’s a strong message. But it’s not born out by the facts. Have decades of high taxes and regulations harmed our economy and hurt everyday Americans? Sure. Do we face great challenges in years ahead? Absolutely. But neither of those things means that the American Dream is somehow dead. We’ve faced great challenges at every point in our history. The Revolutionary War. The Mexican American War. The Civil War. The Indian Wars and the settlement of the West. The Great Depression. World War 2. What defines us, and what has made us into the great nation we are today, is not our ability to avoid challenges. It’s been our ability to defeat them, and we’ll do exactly the same in years to come. God bless the United States, God bless the State of Dixie, and God bless all you fine folks here with me tonight! It’s time for some REAL CONSERVATIVE CHANGE!”