

The Hijab: Covering More than Just the Head

By Steve Huston



Wake up and be vigilant! Then, pray and act accordingly. Ask the Lord for open eyes and a discerning mind; danger is moving quickly while the church and many Americans slumber on, either ignorant or willfully blind to what is happening.

Do you understand why the hijab is more than just a head covering? Are you aware that it was invented in the 1970s, making it NOT a dictate of the Quran, which was written over 1300 years earlier? It's a symbol of oppression to dominate women, not a symbol of modesty and dignity.

Recently, FOX personality, Judge Jeanine Pirro, asked if the hijab Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) wears means that she follows Sharia law, which is "antithetical to the United States Constitution." In response, FOX demanded that she issue an apology and suspended Judge Jeanine's show for two weeks. While Rep. Omar thanked FOX for their support, neither the "Judge" nor the American people have an answer to this important and legitimate question.

The following interaction shows the ignorance and/or sleight of hand that the Left uses to minimize the importance of this question.

Critic John Nolte, tweeted: "Does a Jewish man who covers his head put the Torah

above the Constitution? Does a Catholic woman who covers her head put the Pope above the Constitution? What a stupid thing to say."

Robert Spencer of Jihad Watch rightly responded: "*No in both cases, because in both cases the headwear in question is not part of a larger system that is incompatible with Constitutional rule. However, the hijab is part of such a system, and that's all Pirro was saying.*"

I find it odd that a Somali refugee, escaping the horrors of Sharia law, desires to implement and promote her native law and push her culture on the nation that welcomed her with open arms. That's how Islam works; its Sharia-compliant adherents will not assimilate. They conquer inch by inch, gaining more and more ground like a snowball that starts on a hilltop. As it rolls down the hill it picks up mass and momentum; until eventually, anyone or anything that gets in its way will be crushed by its increased weight and speed. By her own actions, Rep. Omar has proven that she has no desire to assimilate which makes her an invader not an immigrant; and Judge Jeanine has found herself in the path of a snowballing Islam.

Rep. Omar spoke out against the 181 year-old ban (in defense of her modern headcovering), which states that a House member

must be "uncovered" to address the floor. Rules were changed, allowing her to wear her hijab; she stated, "*And this is not the last ban I'm going to work to lift.*"

She has helped to raise funds for the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) which is an unindicted conspirator in a terror-funding case, linked to Hamas, and was designated by an Arab Gulf nation as a terrorist organization.

CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad said, "*Fox News must clearly state that Jeanine Pirro will not be allowed back on the air after her long history of Islamophobic hate rhetoric and the network must also take similar action against other Islamophobic hosts like Tucker Carlson.*"

Awad also declared "*All existing advertisers should drop their ads on Fox News to ensure that they are not associated with the promotion of hate.*"

Rep. Omar's district is known as "Little Mogadishu," having its claim to fame as being "the terrorist recruitment capitol of the United States," according to FBI statistics. Leo Hohmann reports, "*It has Sharia cops who make house calls to make sure the refugees are following the rules of Islamic dress*

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codes and the strict regulation of interaction between the sexes.”

Omar has written a letter asking a presiding judge to show leniency to a group of men who were accused of trying to join ISIS.

Let’s also remember that Rep. Omar has made the news several times with her continual anti-Semitic trope; which begs these questions: Why is she still on the House Foreign Affairs Committee? Where does this hatred for Israel come from? Do such expressions of hatred against our strongest ally in the Middle East belong in our nation’s law-making, governing branch?

Rep. Omar must have felt emboldened by FOX’s stand for Islam. Speaking at a Hamas-linked CAIR fundraiser she called for an uprising. *“I say raise hell; make people uncomfortable; because here’s the truth. For far too long, we have lived with the discomfort of living as second class citizens, and frankly I’m tired of it and every single Muslim in this country should be tired of it.”* Do these sound like the words of a grateful refugee or an invader?

With all this and the fact that she questions the motives of Americans who support Israel, accusing them of dual loyalties, can she really be offended by Judge Jeanine’s question? With all the above, how can FOX—a so-called “conservative” news outlet—discipline a truth-telling, Constitutional America-supporting on-air personality for asking a vital question with important implications, while they wrongly self-conform to Sharia blasphemy restrictions?

Here’s the message FOX news is sending: Rep. Omar may question the motives of Americans who support Israel, but Judge Pirro cannot question Rep. Omar’s motives even though she adheres to a legal system which is incompatible with the Constitu-

tional law which she has taken an oath to uphold and protect. FOX, in essence is saying, “Free speech stops at the door of Shariah compliancy and its adherents.”

My title states that the hijab covers more than just the head; we need to wake up and see that it is part of the Islamic system that is acting subversively to undermine our Constitution and the freedoms handed to us by our forefathers. As one Egyptian woman points out: *“Muslims use your own democratic laws and values against you, and they do it successfully while you keep sleeping as if in a deep coma. This is why the leftists are the people who are worthy of the title ‘useful idiots.’ They are in a perpetual state of shame and self-loathing and will be the first victims of Islam once it takes over.*

“Muslims use them as a stick to beat you with, but even they will never ever be accepted as friends to the Muslims after, and they will definitely be their first victims. Leftists, liberals, progressives, Antifa, Code Pink and so on are all appeasers of Islam. Appeasing evil is cowardice. They are fooled people who feed crocodiles, hoping they will eat them last. They are the enemy within your countries.”

Wake up! You know who’s in control by recognizing who you cannot criticize. As Islam grows, free speech shrinks and all other freedoms with it!

As Islamic influence and power increases; as we find our nation and ourselves in the path of this Sharia snowball; as we see the undermining of our Constitution, our foundations, and yes, the undermining of the image of the one true God; what should we do? How then shall we live?

First, let us recognize that our personal responsibility and the government’s responsibilities are different from one another. Its job is to protect the citizenry, *“establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity,”* according to the Constitution.

As Christians we are called to *“do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God,”* and to pray *“for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet*

and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.” To this end, let us pray and urge those in authority to follow the Law of the Land—Our Constitution. Pray for God to move upon our land and upon the minds and actions of those who He has put over us. Call and write them; urge and encourage them; pray that God will rule and overrule.

What should we do personally? Love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. According to Jesus that’s the first and greatest commandment; the second is like it—love our neighbor as ourselves. Everything hangs on those.

Get right with God and daily grow closer to Him. Don’t allow your relationship to grow cold; keep it burning hot with the fire of devotion. Don’t grieve the Spirit through apathy or absence; seek to walk humbly with Him. Only then will we be able to truly *“love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.”* After all, it’s easy for us to love those who love us or are like us, isn’t it? **God calls us to something much more.**

God wants us to see our enemies as created in His image. They may be deceived and not bear His image well; but they are image bearers of God nonetheless. They may deny His existence, hate Jesus, and in like manner hate you; still, they were CREATED IN GOD’S IMAGE by God and for God. And Jesus has commanded you and I to love them, do good to them, and to pray for them.

It’s not paradoxical. We can desire and pray for justice against those who would destroy our country from within and without. We can **rejoice for righteousness’ sake** to see the full weight of the law fall on those workers of iniquity and those bent on extinguishing this “light on a hill,” and pray that God’s mercy will draw them to salvation, keeping their soul from an eternity in hell.

We aren’t to fear or to hate; we are to love. Love enough to speak the truth, witness to the glory of God, magnify the name of Christ, and share how by His grace and atoning work we are gloriously saved and set free from the bondage of sin. This is true liberty; this is true freedom; this is the foundation America was built upon. May God shed His grace upon us once again.

Michigan AG and the SPLC – Comrades in Arms

By Lisa Van Houten



It may be trite, but it's true: Elections have consequences. Michigan residents are finding that out under our newly elected Democrat Attorney General Dana Nessel, who is wasting no time in pushing a leftist agenda.

As a result of action taken by AG Nessel, faith-based adoption agencies now will be required to violate their religious beliefs and place children with LGBTQ couples. Agencies that refuse to compromise their faith will no longer be permitted to facilitate foster care adoptions. The directive, forcing faith-based adoption agencies to place children with same-sex parents, will threaten agencies such as Catholic Charities and Bethany Christian Services, which handle approximately 25 to 30 percent of Michigan's foster care adoptions.

In 2015 Michigan passed a law to protect child-placement agencies from being forced to provide services that conflict with their religious beliefs. Republican Michigan Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey, stated: "... Nessel's actions make it clear that she sought the office of attorney general to further her own personal political agenda. The legislature wrote and passed a law regarding adoption practices in Michigan to both protect religious freedom and guard against discrimination. ... Nessel's apparent disregard for the laws of our state, the Constitution, and the well-being of thousands of children is an affront to all citizens."

In addition, Attorney General Nessel is also using the power of the state and her position to target faith-based, conservative organizations – **labeling them as "hate groups."** Nessel and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights (MDCR) launched a new hate-crimes unit "to fight against hate crimes and the many hate groups ... in our

state." To determine which organizations are considered "hate groups," Nessel and the MDCR are taking their cues from the left-wing Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC).

The SPLC has raised millions from liberal donors to target Christian and conservative organizations. Rich Lowry from National Review described the SPLC as **"an organization that has weaponized political correctness for its own money-grubbing."** The SPLC, a "nonprofit," has more than half a billion dollars in assets, including **\$121 million in off-shore funds.**

When it's not stockpiling donations, the SPLC designates highly-regarded organizations as hate-groups - such as Family Research Council and Alliance Defending Freedom for their Biblical view of marriage; the respected Center for Immigration Studies due to its opposition to illegal immigration; and even Maajid Nawaz and his Quilliam Foundation - declared an anti-Muslim hate group by the SPLC, even though Nawaz himself is a Muslim – one who opposes radical Islam.

With complicity from the media, the SPLC then seeks to undermine the credibility of those on SPLC's hit list; it successfully convinces Donor Networks to withdraw support from them; and the SPLC is used as a source by Amazon, Google, and other tech companies in prohibiting the free speech of these organizations.

Recently, however, the biblical precept "your sins will find you out" could be applied to the Southern Poverty Law Center as SPLC co-founder Morris Dees was fired due to "conduct issues" and SPLC president Richard Cohen resigned over the controversy. The Daily Signal reports: "Current and former SPLC employees have accused the organization of turning a blind eye to sexual harassment and racial discrimination within its own ranks. ... SPLC employees were long aware of racial issues and sexual harassment within the organization, former SPLC staffer Bob Moser recounted in a scathing essay published in The New Yorker. Moser described the SPLC as a **'highly-profitable scam'** that 'never lived up to the

values it espoused,' despite its portrayal to gullible donors. 'We were part of the con, and we knew it,' Moser wrote.'

In spite of the SPLC's blatant bias and ethical concerns, that's the source Michigan Attorney General Nessel and the MDCR are using to determine which Michigan organizations they will label as hate groups.

Recently the Judeo-Christian law firm American Freedom Law Center (AFLC) – a target of the SPLC - filed a federal civil rights lawsuit against Attorney General Dana Nessel and the MDCR Executive Director for using the power of their office to target groups such as the AFLC.

As The Detroit News reports: *"The lawsuit says the recent policy announced by Nessel and Arbulu legitimizes the 'radical, leftist' Southern Poverty Law Center's efforts to 'marginalize' political opponents by labeling them hate groups.*

"The lawsuit stems from an announcement in which Nessel said her office would form a hate crime unit to prosecute hate crimes and review any groups identified in the Southern Poverty Law Center's 2018 list of hate groups. ..."

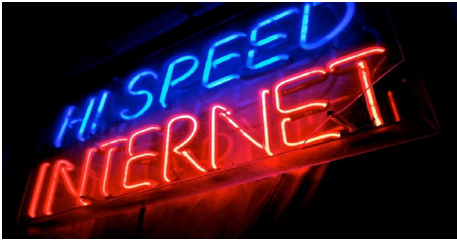
Robert Muise, co-founder and senior counsel of the Michigan-based AFLC said it's a violation of the Constitution "when you have the attorney general who's relying on that political propaganda to investigate and target us with the power of the state."

Mat Staver, founder and chairman of the Christian law firm Liberty Counsel, another law firm falsely labeled a "hate group" by the SPLC, supports AFLC's suit, stating: **"To use a liberal organization against a conservative organization and then threaten sanctions and investigation against the conservative organization ... that violates the First Amendment."**

As the highest law enforcement official in the state of Michigan, Nessel's undermining of state law and First Amendment freedoms **should be a warning to every Michigan citizen.**

Mo' Internet, Mo' Problems

by Chris Johnson



The uproar over the alleged denizen of children's YouTube videos known as "Momo" seems to have died down. Google and various tech publications have claimed it never existed and was simply a masterful "troll" of concerned parents, while the multitude of first and second hand accounts have petered out.

In case you're not on Facebook or somehow missed all of the excitement, beginning in earnest several weeks ago, articles and posts claiming that a distorted and scary face was appearing in the kids' section of YouTube, telling them to harm and even kill themselves.

Local and national news did reports, videos and social media posts were shared, and parents suddenly grew concerned about what their children might see on the internet.

In spite of the disagreement between some about whether or not the Momo phenomenon really existed, one thing is certain: kids are seeing scary things and being dangerously influenced by the internet every day, albeit often in much more subtle ways.

One example is shared by parents of "transgender" teenagers, as related at The Public Discourse. Here's one such account, "*She tried to convince us with a very scripted explanation that she had always 'felt' like a boy. But we had never once seen or heard from her any evidence of this 'feeling'. We listened to her, gave her the space to talk about her feelings, and tried hard not to convey to her that we were utterly horrified by this revelation.*

"As we began to try to find information to make sense of this, we found evidence of a social contagion all over the internet, YouTube, Instagram, Twitter, and Reddit supplied a how-to guide and handbook on

transitioning, complete with trans stars like Jazz Jennings and Riley J. Dennis, many with thousands of followers."

Here's another parent's account, "*She parroted online advice: 'I always knew something was wrong but didn't have words for it until I started watching videos on Tumblr and YouTube. When I was little, I was afraid to tell you that I didn't feel right.'*

"This narrative matched nothing about her past..."

One more: "*At the age of seventeen, after immersion on Tumblr and after two of her oldest and closest friends in high school declared themselves transgender, our daughter told us that she is 'really a guy.'*"

Tumblr is another social site, by the way, and has a reputation for being rife with social and sexual deviants.

Of course, that's an extreme example of kids being influenced by the internet; another related example, which my colleague Steve Huston has written about recently, is known as "suicide porn."

As Steve explains it, "**Suicide Porn is content (pictures and/or words) that glamorizes self-harm and encourages its viewers to act on their sense of self-hatred or self-hurt. In social media platforms (like Instagram) viewers are often drawn in and encouraged to self-mutilate, are instructed by others as to how they can mutilate more effectively—more blood, better scars, etc. - and be assured, it can also lead to intentional or accidental suicide.**"

I'll let you follow this link to read more about that there, if you so desire. [http://americandecency.org/full_article.php?article_no=4176]

However, I'll give you one more troubling, but less gut-wrenching, example.

From the "Scientific American" comes an article entitled, "The Internet Knows You Better Than Your Spouse Does," which comes from a study which employed a program to analyze the posts, pictures,

videos, etc. that users had "liked" on Facebook.

"If the software had as few as 10 for analysis, it was able to evaluate that person about as well as a co-worker did. Given 70 likes, the algorithm was about as accurate as a friend. With 300, it was more successful than the person's spouse. Even more astonishing to the researchers, feeding likes into their program enabled them to predict whether someone suffered from depression or took drugs and even to infer what the individual studied in school."

Of course, that data is then sold to advertisers who will target Facebook users with the most effective advertisement to buy their product, or donate to their campaign, or vote for their officials.

Whether Momo was a hoax or not, it was the least of parents' concerns about the internet. But if a creepy video clip on Youtube Kids made parents start paying attention to their child's online activities, it's a small price to pay, if you ask me.

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... children shall rule over them

by Chris Johnson



It has often been said that, *“If a man is not a socialist by the time he is 20, he has no heart. If he is not a conservative by the time he is 30, he has no brain.”*

Maybe that’s why we’re seeing youthful movements being pushed to the forefront by the left. From David Hogg and his gun control advocacy group Never Again, to the largely youthful Antifa, to the Swedish 16-year-old Greta Thurnburg who presented on climate change to the World Economic Forum and was actually nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize by Swedish lawmakers.

Variations of that quote have been sourced to John Adams, Winston Churchill, and Otto von Bismarck, but somewhere along the way it must have gotten around to the 124 Democrats who voted for Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley’s amendment **seeking to lower the voting age in Federal elections to sixteen.**

Arguing for her amendment, Pressley said this, *“Some have questioned the maturity of our youth. I don’t.*

“A sixteen-year-old in 2019 possesses a wisdom and a maturity that comes from 2019 challenges, hardships, and threats. A sixteen-year-old will bring with them the 2019 fears that their father’s insulin will run out before the next paycheck. A seventeen-year-old will bring with them the 2019 hopes to be the first in their family to earn a college degree. A sixteen-year-old will bring with them the 2019 lessons they learned picking up shifts waiting tables to support their family while their mother was deployed. A seventeen-year-old will bring with them a 2019 solemn vow to honor the lives of their classmates stolen by a gunman. And now is the time for us to demonstrate 2019 courage that matches the challenges of the modern-day sixteen and

seventeen year old.”

Pressley gives some pretty convincing examples that truly would bring maturity and a recent survey suggests that young adults today do consider themselves to be under more stress than previous generations. Admittedly, this is a survey of young people a few years older than 16 and 17, but there’s no reason to assume that many of the stress points wouldn’t have been there during their high school years.

Here’s a few of the top twenty things that millennials think make life more stressful for them than for previous generations:

2. Arguing with partner, 4. Losing phone, 6. Slow WiFi, 7. Phone battery dying, 8. Forgetting passwords, 10. Forgetting phone charger, 14. Phone screen breaking, 19. Choosing what to wear, 20. Washing dishes.

Surprisingly absent from the biggest causes of stress among the majority of young people are their father’s insulin, their mother’s deployment, and their loss of a friend to a mass shooting, as Pressley suggested.

Of course, those are the stories of real kids’ lives, but to extrapolate them to being the norm among high school students is as silly as suggesting that the majority of parents are paying off college officials to get their kids admitted to universities, an accusation with which the Justice Department recently charged fifty people.

Less scandalous than the college admission scheme, but still relevant to our discussion, is a New York Times article entitled, “How Parents Are Robbing Their Children of Adulthood.”

This article portrays the opposite end of the spectrum from Pressley’s hypothetical *“challenges of the modern-day sixteen and seventeen year old[s], explaining how, “Today’s ‘snowplow parents’ keep their children’s futures obstacle-free — even when it means crossing ethical and legal boundaries.”*

It quotes psychologist and author Dr. Madeline Levine who “regularly sees college

freshmen who ‘have had to come home from Emory or Brown because they don’t have the minimal kinds of adult skills that one needs to be in college.’

“One came home because there was a rat in the dorm room. Some didn’t like their roommates. Others said it was too much work, and they had never learned independent study skills. One didn’t like to eat food with sauce. Her whole life, her parents had helped her avoid sauce, calling friends before going to their houses for dinner. At college, she didn’t know how to cope with the cafeteria options — covered in sauce.”

These are examples of college students who arguably aren’t mature enough to vote. Of course, the kids who are working to support their families and the kids whose parents cradle them through college are at opposite ends of the spectrum. The majority are those whose biggest concerns in life are slow WiFi and what they will wear.

Pressley and a large number of other Democrats, including Speaker Pelosi, think those 16-year-olds should be helping determine our future, and it’s not hard to figure out why.

The Democrat platform is designed to pull at the heart strings, even if it makes you scratch your head. Free healthcare, free college, high pay for low-skill jobs – these are issues designed to appeal to those on the cusp of adulthood, even though they’re financially unfeasible.

The quote we opened with – *“If a man is not a socialist by the time he is 20, he has no heart. If he is not a conservative by the time he is 30, he has no brain”* – is the essence of liberal strategy. It’s designed to appeal to the young who don’t know any better and, when you control education, you can delay the time when they do know better. When you control the entertainment and culture, you can ensure that if they ever do know better, they also know they’d better keep it to themselves or be ostracized and labled a bigot.

Friends, we must not keep the truth to ourselves. It is the only thing that sets us – and keeps us – free.

Imago Dei

by Steve Huston



Every human from conception to death is **created** in the image of God; **we are His image bearers**. This is a statement of fact. So how did we get to the horrifying fact that New York and other states are now calling for the murder of those babies who have already been born, surviving a botched abortion? Some call this infanticide; but in reality, the murder of our young from conception through birth is all infanticide. As for how have we come so far, Dr. Albert Mohler, at a recent Ligonier conference, gives a somber answer to that question. Upon hearing his response, if we could realize the apathetic role we've played by either our silence or allowance, we might well cry out like Isaiah, "Woe is me! I am undone; because I am a man with bloody hands, and I dwell in the midst of a people with bloody hands."

Dr. Mohler pointed out that *"one of the sad things is to recognize that the pro-abortion movement was aided and abetted by liberal Protestantism; who were so committed to feminism and to personal autonomy that they supported and support abortion."*

He went on to warn that *"secular humanism always turns anti-human. It always turns into a deadly anti-humanism in the name of humanism with deadly consequences because ideas always have consequences; and the deadliest ideas have the deadliest consequences."* He continued, *"Look at the fragile status of human dignity. Europe's trying to have human dignity without knowing what a human being is. And separated from creation and separated from the Imago Dei and separated from a Christian worldview, there's no way to support a regime of human rights and thus we see it collapsing. All that remains is personal autonomy and the regime of rights. It won't last; it can't last. It's a catastrophic cascade of death, abortion, infanticide, em-*

bryo research, euthanasia, assisted suicide. The logic is just from the right to die to the duty to die."

Dr. Mohler moved through Psalm 139 extolling the greatness of God, God's awesome Hand in the role of each created human being, and the fact that we are image bearers of God—created Imago Dei.

This led him to proclaim, *"We come to understand in a Biblical worldview, human life is sacred not because it's an achievement of which we are capable; but because it is a status which is defined by our Creator."* - A Creator who has made each one of us in His image.

"Human life is not sacred because we're human; human life is sacred because God made humanity in His image." *"One of the consequences is the fact that we will never look at any human being as anything other than an image bearer of God. And thus defining human dignity entirely by the Creator, the thrice holy God who made human beings - human beings, every single one of them as image bearers, bearing His glory."*

With solemnity he warned that we are surrounded by a death culture of blood, pointing to the only solution.

"Know this; there will be no recovery of the sanctity of human life without a prior recovery of the knowledge of the holiness of God." *"So what's at stake here - in the holiness of God? We know that the main issue at stake is the glory and honor of God. And I'm going to leave you with these words. It turns out that without the holiness of God, the human race turns deadly on itself. So when we talk about the holiness of God, yes we are talking about the honor and glory of God at stake; but make no mistake in this, the very survival of the human race is at stake."*

With so much at stake, we mustn't limit our scope of view. Being created in the image of God isn't just a one-issue problem like abortion, although it is that. It deals with all of human life, recognizing its sacredness,

from pre-born to elderly, healthy to sick, what most would call "normal" to those with genetic differences; but it doesn't stop there. Our understanding of all human beings created in the image of God must extend to saint AND sinner, friend AND enemy; the sacredness of life demands dignity and compassion for all.

God has created each and every one of us in His image; sin may have disfigured that image until it's unrecognizable, but that should bring us to compassion not disgust. Time and again we see that Jesus looked upon people with compassion, seeing them as sheep without a shepherd; should we do less?

If any of you are like me, this must become a vital matter of prayer. What I know in my head and what flows from my heart are sometimes two very different things. When it hits us and we get it, we won't be able to keep from speaking out for life, real rights, and dignity. It's so important that we get this because our children need to know that they are image bearers of God and they need to recognize that every person they meet, young and old alike, are also created Imago Dei. They will learn that from us in how we look at, speak of/to, and treat others. We stand at a crossroads in their lives pointing them to life or to death. I pray that I will always point them to life because of His Life.

*For thou hast possessed my reins:
thou hast covered me in my mother's
womb. I will praise thee; for I am
fearfully and wonderfully made:
marvellous are thy works; and that
my soul knoweth right well. My
substance was not hid from thee,
when I was made in secret, and
curiously wrought in the lowest parts
of the earth. Thine eyes did see my
substance, yet being imperfect; and in
thy book all my members were written,
which in continuance were fashioned,
when as yet there was none of them.
How precious also are thy thoughts
unto me, O God! how great is the sum
of them!*

Psalm 139:13-17

A Nation Ruled by Law or Lawless Rulers?

By Lisa Van Houten

In 1787 Americans gathered outside Independence Hall in Philadelphia awaiting news of the Constitutional Convention. As the proceedings ended, a Mrs. Powel of Philadelphia called out to Benjamin Franklin as he was leaving: “Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?” Franklin famously responded, **“A republic, if you can keep it.”**

Now 232 years later there are concerted efforts to undermine every Constitutional check and balance that keeps our Republic intact. There’s a monumental tug of war between those striving to preserve the Constitution and those seeking to undermine it. The rope is wrapped around the fists of the Left, their heels are dug in, and they are pulling with all their might to **wrench away the rule of law.**

For those seeking to subvert the Constitution, abiding by it is of no concern. Therefore they will use any means necessary to achieve their end goal – the fundamental transformation of America into a socialist state where the government controls the people, rather than the other way around.

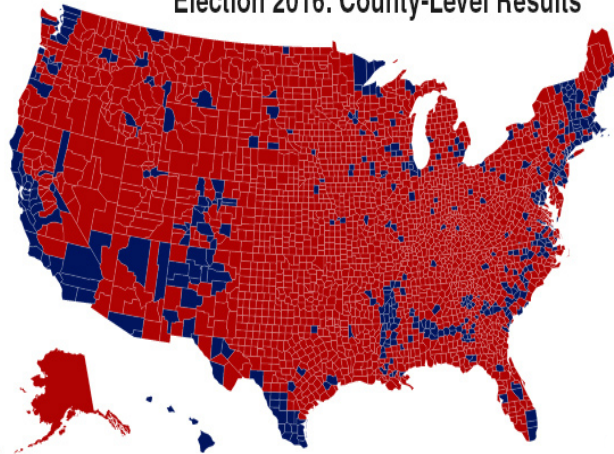
In order to do so, the left needs to be in power and maintain that power. So we see Democrat presidential candidates pledging to pack the Supreme Court – increasing the number of Supreme Court justices from 9 to 15, thus insuring an overwhelming liberal majority.

The left is also seeking to flood the voter rolls with likely Democratic voters, such as their recent proposal to lower the voting age to 16 – adding impressionable young people who will be easily swayed by charismatic personalities and socialistic promises of free stuff. Add to that their efforts to allow illegal immigrants the full rights and privileges of citizens – including voting. House Democrats recently voted in support of localities that allow illegal immigrants to vote in local elections. Representative John Lewis [Georgia – D] stated: *“We are prepared to open up the political process and let all of the people*

come in.” This is what’s behind the left’s push for open borders – a huge influx of reliably Democratic voters.

Voter fraud is already rampant across the nation. Judicial Watch’s Election Integrity Project reported that there are 3.5 million more people on the voter rolls than there are adult U.S. citizens. That’s a staggering number, especially considering that many citizens aren’t even registered to vote. There are 462 counties where the voter registration exceeds the adult population of that county. California alone has 1,736,556 more voters than adult citizens. In my home state of Michigan - where Trump

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won the state in 2016 by a mere 10,704 votes - the voter rolls include 225,235 more voter registrations than there are adult Michiganders. Texas Secretary of State David Whitley recently announced that a year-long evaluation found 95,000 non-U.S. citizens are registered to vote in Texas and about 58,000 of them did so in elections between 1996 and 2018.

Considering this, it’s no wonder that Democrats are now seeking to eliminate the Constitutional provision our Founding Fathers established to protect our Republic from mob rule - the Electoral College.

The left claims that our president should be elected by a national popular vote. Whoever gets the most votes nationwide, wins. That’s the “democratic” way, they claim. However, thankfully, the U.S. is not a democracy; as Ben Franklin stated – **we are a Republic.**

The Constitution establishes a system where there is a popular vote in each state, but the actual decision in presidential elections is made by 538 members of the Electoral College. This insures that every state has a voice. Without this system, the largest states would have all the power. This was foreseen by Gunning Bedford, the delegate from the tiny colony of Delaware, during the Constitutional Convention in 1787. As the Founders were debating what type of governmental and electoral system our fledging nation would establish, Bedford emphatically stated to the large-state delegates: **“If you possess the power, the abuse of it could not be checked; and what then would prevent you from exercising it to our destruction?”**

In a democracy, 51% controls the 49%. A simple majority would dictate to the rest of the country. So if we elected our president by a national popular vote, the high population states, such as California and New York, would essentially elect our president, disenfranchising vast regions of the nation. As President Trump tweeted: *“Campaigning for the Popular Vote is much easier & different than campaigning for the Electoral College.... **The brilliance of the Electoral College is that you must go to many States to win. With the Popular Vote, you go to just the large States — the Cities would end up running the Country. Smaller States & the entire Midwest would end up losing all power — & we can’t let that happen.**”*

Ever since President Trump won the electoral vote, but *supposedly* lost the popular vote (remember the examples of voter fraud listed above), the left has been beating the drum to abolish the Electoral College. If only that pesky Constitution wasn’t in their way. In order to legally change our electoral system, the Constitution would have to be amended. Knowing the unlikelihood of that, Democrats are now trying to subvert the Constitution. Their new ploy is The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact in which state legislatures would require

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that their state's electoral votes be granted to the winner of the national popular vote – regardless of which candidate won within the state. As Doug Wilson explains: *“A compact between high-population blue states to have all their electoral votes go to the winner of the national popular vote is nothing less than a conspiracy to overthrow the constitutional order of the United States. ... What they are proposing in this interstate compact is a way to circumvent the Constitution, and to do so by means of an open conspiracy. It is an awful idea that would completely alter and ruin our political process.”* Eleven states and the District of Columbia have already signed on to this compact – for a total of 172 electoral votes; 270 electoral votes are needed to elect the president of the United States.

While all of these efforts listed above may not come to fruition, the evidence is clear that the left is relentlessly attempting to undermine the Constitution and the spiritual foundation upon which our nation was built.

I began with a quote from Benjamin Franklin and I'll end with another. *“We have been assured, sir, in the sacred writings, that ‘except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it.’ I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel; we shall be divided by our little partial, local interests, our projects will be confounded and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a byword down to future ages.”*

Truly the United States has become a nation divided. Our Founding Fathers sought God's leading in establishing this nation, now **we need to seek His mercy in order to keep it.**

See “The Pilgrim’s Progress” BEFORE It Hits Theaters! Plus Abby Johnson’s “Unplanned”

by Chris Johnson



Our organization is always excited to share and promote good, Christian movies. The art of movie making is too rarely used to glorify God, but it is our pleasure to make others aware of those which are!

One such movie is the animated *“The Pilgrim’s Progress,”* which is being released as a limited showing theater event on April 18 and 20 in theaters around the country. You can find one hosting this event at fathomevents.com/events/the-pilgrims-progress, or if you're in the West Michigan area you can be a part of a free special showing on **Friday, April 5 at 1:00 PM or 7:00 PM** at our headquarters, 203 E Main Street, in Fremont!

After its release, *“The Pilgrim’s Progress”* was made to be an evangelistic tool shown by missionaries all around the world, it's translation into 20 different languages is already underway.

“The Pilgrim’s Progress” is an animation of the well known book of the same name, written by John Bunyan in 1678 while he was imprisoned for sharing the Gospel. It follows the main character, Christian, as he travels towards the Celestial City, seeking to be rid of his burden which he cannot put down. Along the way, he faces many temptations, attacks, and confusion as he struggles towards his goal. Of course, it is an allegory of the Christian faith. It has served as such an encouragement to God's people that it is has never been out of print in the 240 years since it was first written!

We're excited to be a part of bringing the latest iteration to you with the help of Faith Baptist Church, here in Fremont.

We're also excited about another movie playing in theaters now, which we also hope to show when a public license comes available: *“Unplanned,”* the story of former

Planned Parenthood facility director Abby Johnson who became a passionate pro-life advocate when she witnessed an abortion first hand.

“Unplanned” comes from the creators of *“God’s Not Dead”* and *“I Can Only Imagine,”* so we know that this powerful story will be told very well by folks who are very passionate about their subject.

One thing you'll notice if you look up the movie *“Unplanned:”* it received an “R” rating from the MPAA. Here's what Abby Johnson has to say about that: *“The movie does not have profanity. The Lord’s Name is not taken in vain or disrespected. There is no nudity, no immodesty, and certainly no sex or “suggestive” moments. None.*



“So why the R rating? For two scenes... that the movie team was determined to re-create accurately, at my insistence, because they are important for people to see. The first is a (Computer-Generated Imagery) recreation of what I saw on the ultrasound screen when I assisted in the abortion procedure that convinced me of the humanity of the unborn. You will see what I saw: a baby on an ultrasound screen in black and white 2D.... The second scene that was cited as a reason for the R rating is a scene that re-creates my awful experience with the abortion pill... The movie captures that without being gratuitous or gory.”

Indeed Tony Perkins, President of the Family Research Council, has publicly suggested that *“Unplanned”* received it's “R” rating to keep young people from seeing it and being convinced of the evil of abortion, *“Anything to keep more people from knowing the truth about a procedure taking millions of lives a year.”*

May God use *“Unplanned”* to stem the tide of unborn blood! Make sure everyone you know knows about this movie!