

## *Make America Good Again!*

By Lisa Van Houten



# Only Righteousness Can Make a Nation Great

Last month the Republican Party hosted a powerhouse convention, laying out President Trump's goals for our nation. Each night revealed a specific theme and compelling speakers making the case for "making America wealthy, safe, strong, and great again." While each is needed for a secure and thriving nation, our nation's most important need is not greatness, but goodness. We ultimately can't have greatness without goodness, and we can't have goodness without godliness. John Adam's oft-quoted warning says it well: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." That has proven to be true. As we've seen the decline of Christianity in the U.S., we've seen the simultaneous decline of America.

Since 2010, the steady decrease in weekly church attendance has plummeted to a mere 30% of the American population, the number of those not affiliated with any religion has doubled, and, according to Pew Research, 80% of Americans believe religious influence on public life is declining. Concurrently, there's been an explosion of sexual perversion, animosity, crassness, incivility, and violence.

Interestingly, Pew Research found that 57% of Americans have a positive view of religion and 49% think the decline of religious influence in public life is a bad thing, yet only 30% go to church regularly. They

want the goodness that Christianity brings, but they don't want God.

Billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk, who recently endorsed President Trump and is increasingly using his influence to champion foundational principles such as free speech and religious liberty, recently discussed his views of Christianity in an interview with Jordan Peterson. Musk stated: "While I'm not a particularly religious person, I do believe that the teachings of Jesus are good and wise. ... So, I'm a big believer in the principles of Christianity." Musk went on to add that he would probably describe himself as a "cultural Christian."

This echoes famed British atheist Richard Dawkins, author of The God Delusion, who has made it his life's work to ridicule and undermine belief in Christ. After seeing the flood of Islamic immigration in Great Britain and the negative impact it's having on British culture, Dawkins recently shocked the world by declaring himself to be a "cultural Christian," stating: "I call myself a cultural Christian. I'm not a believer. But there is a distinction between being a believing Christian and being a cultural Christian. And so, you know, I love hymns and Christmas carols, and I sort of feel at home in the Christian ethos. ... It's true that statistically, the number of people who actually believe in Christianity is going down and I'm happy with that, but I would not be happy if, for example, we lost all our cathe-

*drals and our beautiful parish churches. So, I count myself a cultural Christian."*

However, there can be no Christian influence when those cathedrals and churches are empty. **People want Christianity without Christ; they want the fruit, but not the Root.** Yet when the branch is cut off from the Vine, the branch will wither and die. The root of our nation is Christianity and the good fruit that has grown as a result will eventually spoil without her people being rooted in Christ. **We're a nation sitting on the branch we've been sawing through; how long before we fall?**

As John Daniel Davidson writes at the Federalist: "America was founded not just on certain ideals but with a certain kind of people in mind, a predominantly Christian people, and it depends for its survival on their moral virtue and piety, without which the entire experiment will collapse. Without a national civic culture shaped by the Christian faith, and without a majority consensus in favor of Christian morality, America as we know it will come to an end."

No candidate, no political party can change that course without a change in the hearts of the people. And, as we've sadly seen, the Republican Party is also cutting itself off from its Christian moorings. While the

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## Personal Note from the President



Make America good again! Most all of you reading this have heard or read the time-honored quote from Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859) who stated the following: *“Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.”*

Alexis de Tocqueville was a *“French aristocrat, diplomat, sociologist, political scientist, political philosopher, and historian. ... he analyzed the living standards and social conditions of individuals as well as their relationship to the market and state in Western societies. Democracy in America was published after Tocqueville's travels in the United States and is today considered an early work of sociology and political science.”* [Wikipedia]

### Five points:

**1. America: a good and great country!** I was born in 1946; my generation, the baby boomers, were raised by what has been called the Greatest Generation. They defeated the Nazis. They knew how to live with little, having survived the Depression. There was a strong remnant of thankful, respectful, hardworking people. Many were God-fearing. Being a child of that era, our generation has lived under the best of times: freedom-loving, patriotic, secure, law abiding, amazing unity under God with liberty and justice for all, peace-loving, abundance, inexpensive college education, job opportunities, affordable housing. God's blessings were taken for granted.

**2. America in decline.** (1965- present with some years of what appeared to be renewal.) Those years from 1965 and going forward have been fraught with massive

change in regard to television and movie productions with messaging, themes and images that were in stark contrast to the mid-sixties and late '50s. The advent of the Vietnam War began exposing not so much America's military might, but rather America's great governmental and military weakness in the degraded quality of its leadership: a lack in intelligence, maturity, leadership savvy, training and Christian underpinnings as it relates to character in the field. It also exposed America's journalism via newspaper, magazine and television as being anything but fair and balanced. Our educational institutions, also, were now marked by leftist thinking as they “disciplined” America's youth with a far-left agenda. Spiritually, American churches by the droves had left their fundamental roots, abandoning adherence to Biblical authority and inerrancy, beginning in the 1920s. President Jimmy Carter's weak and leftist leadership led to a soft-peddling military which emboldened enemies abroad leading to the capture of fifty-three American citizens (Iran hostage crisis). Hostages were held for 444 days (November 4, 1979 – January 20, 1981). The hostages were formally released into United States custody the day after the signing of the Algiers Accords, just minutes after American President Ronald Reagan was sworn into office. Under the leadership of President Reagan (1981-1989) there was a resurgence of America both home and abroad; militarily, economically, a renewal of the American spirit.

However, despite small periods of encouraging times, America has been in decline - evidenced and hastened downward with the inclusion of the cell phone and social media that compete with our devotional life and time with our children and family. Also lost, in many cases, is Christian training of children for their edification, which has become a lost art. It has taken a toll on our families and resulted in a weakening of our roots, thereby our production of good leaders at home and in the workplace has been diminished.

**3. Yet, there are still signs that America still has a remnant of goodness.** There are yet many godly people in our midst! There are major pockets of leftist concerns in some of the highly populated areas of our

state, as there are in many other states. Yet, people still care, share, love, give, cooperate, pray together and want the best for their family, neighbors and friends.

**4. However, as we've seen the decline in our culture, we've seen the normalization of profanity and obscenities.** For example, there is one stark, dirty word that should never be tolerated, yet it has become increasingly embraced by far too many. Many of you know what I am talking about. Likely, you have heard it as never before: in the street, on the air, in mixed companies, by men and, yes, by women and increasingly by our youth: teenagers. The acceleration in the use of this word should be anathema to us and should not be tolerated. It is a blight upon our land. And, because so many “like sheep have gone astray,” the stupefied followers follow and America slides downward. I am referencing the F-bomb!

**5. Hear something. Do Something.** If you hear someone uttering the F-word, take a moment to pray for God's wisdom in how you speak to that person, but speak kindly and caringly. If you get a sense that God would have you speak your concern, **then do it!**

The F-word, of course, is an abbreviated term for sexual intercourse. Marriage, whether between believers or non-believers, is a sacred and legal bond honoring the relationship, including physical intimacy. This intimacy is personal and private and should not be used as a “curse.”

**Prayer:** *Father God: Help us to hate what you hate; to love what you love! Make us more like you. Let us pursue holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14) In Jesus Name, Amen.*

**“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”** (Philippians 4:8)

# The CCP Isn't Playing Games

By Steve Huston



**Through the use of Chinese-influenced films, social media brands, and video games, consumers open themselves up to Chinese psychological manipulation.**

*“...the work that angels might love to do is entrusted to men. It is at our peril that we neglect our opportunities in this direction. If the signalman is placed at a point where many lines of rail cross or diverge, and he sleeps at his post or neglects his duty, he may be tried for manslaughter; and if we know of people in the immediate circle of our influence who are in danger of ruining their physical, moral, and spiritual well-being, we are bound to raise a warning voice. If we saw; upon the upper reaches of a river, a boat full of people hastening towards the rapids unheeding the danger, surely we might be guilty of being an accessory in their destruction, if failed to do something to warn them of their peril.”*

I start with F.B. Meyer’s ever-timely words of warning not only to explain my passion and compassion in relaying the following dangers to our readers, but also that you might see the necessity of passing on these warnings to those who are *“in the immediate circle of (your) influence who are in danger of ruining their physical, moral, and spiritual well-being.”* It’s bad enough that such warnings are individual in nature; they’re greatly compounded when taking into consideration their national and global impact as well.

Many of our readers know the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has infiltrated our educational system, the film industry, e-commerce apps (Temu and Shein), and other American institutions as a means of “unrestricted warfare.” They use them as “soft power tools” to take aim at the West, promoting Chinese culture and their particular brand of communism – “core social-

ist values” - as good and acceptable. Recently, the CCP has taken notice that Chinese companies own a large share of the video game market. Video games are, now, also being used as “soft power tools,” profits from them are currently funding technologies with deep CCP interests, and there are enormous amounts of data being collected from them.

Here is a very small sample of China’s massive video game market share: **Tencent:** fully own Riot games (League of Legends – 150 million players), majority holder (40%) Epic games (FORTNITE – 500 million registered users), and many others – putting them in control of many of the biggest games in existence today. It’s not even the tip of the iceberg; for an extensive view watch Epoch Times’ Crossroads’ *How the Chinese Communist Party Infiltrated Video Games.*

In a bid to not only acquire but produce video games, *Black Myth: Wukong* is supposed to be available soon. If you thought “Chinese psychological manipulation” might be overly dramatic, read what *NEW LINES MAGAZINE* had to say: *“A highly anticipated release based on ‘Journey to the West’ shows the evolution of both an artform and a conduit of Communist Party influence...Politically, Chinese premium games like Black Myth also promise to elevate the international standing of China’s gaming industry and – by extension – its society as a whole.”* They continue, *“If a central effort in achieving Xi Jinping’s ‘Chinese dream’ of national rejuvenation and international status is, as the chairman once put it, ‘telling Chinese stories well,’ then the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) could not have hoped for a better ambassador than Black Myth, whose imminent release is awaited by millions across the globe.”*

Genshin Impact, one of the most popular games in the world and controlled by Chinese companies, generates billions of dollars each year and is now using some of its profits to finance one of the CCP’s main pushes: **to develop nuclear fusion energy.** China now has two of these tokamak nuclear fusion reactors which are “widely regarded as the ‘holy grail’ of energy

*generation” and “it’s believed that whoever succeeds in this is going to dominate the future energy market globally.”*

**A reminder that video games are no longer apolitical:** The South China Morning Post wrote: *“The memo reminds China’s gaming studios that video games are no longer apolitical ‘pure entertainment’ but a new form of art that must highlight ‘a correct set of values’ and accurate understanding of China’s history and culture.”* (Note: this refers to the CCP’s revisionist history and culture.)

**Video games are being used to gather extremely large amounts of data on users,** including but not limited to: facial recognition technology, personal, biometric, access to browser and phone, psychological, behavioral, and the list goes on.

**Perhaps the greatest danger aimed at consumers is the attempted takeover of the mind.** Connie Elliott, during a Frank Gaffney interview regarding TikTok, shared the following views that are just as applicable to video games as well: *“these systems optimize on the very basic parts of our neurotransmitter psychology, like they understand our dopamine psychology for addiction, they understand our oxytocin psychology for attachment, and they understand our adrenaline psychology for our understanding of threat arousal, how we determine what frightens us and what makes us angry...”*

Later, she continues, *“So, we’re in a Brave New World. We’re in a world where the terrain being fought for is not physical. We’re not fighting for stuff. Governments and corporations, large entities are fighting for control of the terrain behind our eyeballs. In between our ears. **They’re fighting for our cognition.** They’re fighting for our attention. **They’re fighting to make us perform actions which are favorable to them.**”*

The list of dangers goes on. Let’s protect the mind and the time that the Lord has given us. Let’s use them to share the gospel of Jesus with others and the warnings listed above.



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GOP convention featured Christian prayers, such as from Franklin Graham, it also featured Harmeet Dhillon praying to a false Hindu god, which she blasphemously referred to as “our one true god.”

In addition, the GOP 2024 platform drastically weakens the pro-life language and principles on which the GOP has stood for decades. In 2016 and in 2020, the platform stated, in part: *“The Constitution’s guarantee that no one can ‘be deprived of life, liberty or property’ deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence’s proclamation that ‘all’ are ‘endowed by their Creator’ with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections apply to children before birth.”* **All of that has now been stripped from the Republican platform.**

The new 2024 platform just innocuously states: *Republicans Will Protect and Defend a Vote of the People, from within the States, on the Issue of Life: We proudly stand for families and Life. We believe that the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees that no person can be denied Life or Liberty without Due Process, and that the States are, therefore, free to pass Laws protecting those Rights. After 51 years, because of us, that power has been given to the States and to a vote of the People. We will oppose Late Term Abortion, while supporting mothers and policies that advance Prenatal Care, access to Birth Control, and IVF (fertility treatments).*

Gone is the language affirming the sanctity of life, the acknowledgment that the unalienable right to life comes from God, that the unborn have a fundamental right to life.

Also gutted from the platform is any commitment to passing federal pro-life legislation, including support for a human life amendment, which has been in the RNC platform for 40 years.

It’s widely known that the Trump campaign was the driving force behind the change in language, desiring the platform to reflect President Trump’s current stance that abortion should now be left to the states, with the overturning of Roe. However, as the Declaration of Independence and the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment make clear, the right to life is a fundamental right. States (and voters) are not free to determine the legality of murder; the same should be true for the murder of the unborn – **and that is what pro-life voters and pro-life politicians must continue to fight for. Millions of pro-life Americans tirelessly fought for the overturning of Roe not merely because the ruling was unconstitutional, but because it was morally wrong, based on the Biblical principles upon which our nation was founded.**

In addition to gutting the pro-life plank, the Republican platform also strips opposition to homosexual “marriage” and removes support for the traditional family rooted in God’s created order. The previous platform stated: *“Traditional marriage and family, based on marriage between one man and one woman, is the foundation for a free society and has for millennia been entrusted with rearing children and instilling cultural values. .... We also condemn the Supreme Court’s lawless ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges [which allowed] five unelected lawyers [to rob] 320 million Americans of their legitimate constitutional authority to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.”*

The 2024 platform now just simply states: ***“Republicans will promote a Culture that values the Sanctity of Marriage.”*** Yet by rejecting the Biblical definition of marriage, it is also rejecting the Author of marriage.

As Davidson again cautions, ***“If we reject Christianity, the future of America will not be a secular liberal utopia, where we go on living off the capital of our Christian inheritance without replenishing it. It’s going to be a new version of paganism,***

***and you’re not going to like it.”*** And that’s exactly what we’re seeing as our culture deteriorates - a new version of paganism in post-Christian America.

On page 2, Bill Johnson points us to the famous quote attributed to Alexis de Tocqueville: *“America is great because America is good. If America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great.”* In de Tocqueville’s search for the source of America’s greatness, he said: *“not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power.”*

Do America’s pulpits flame with righteousness today? Are American churches filled with people seeking Christ – not just the cultural benefits of a Christianity? Pray that our nation, including President Trump and the Republican Party, will recognize that there can’t be greatness without goodness and there can’t be goodness without God. May God make us good by making us godly.

## **Holiness: A Recommended Resource**

By Bill Johnson

Over 50 years ago, God wooed me out of pornography and into a personal relationship with Him! I experienced the working power of His Word and the Holy Spirit. In 2013, I read the book **Holiness** by J.C. Ryle. It had a tremendous impact on my life; it touches the heart, mind and soul. **Holiness** helps the reader understand the spiritual path to a closer personal walk with God and a growing desire to *“pursue holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.”* (Heb. 12:14) **We offer this timeless book on our enclosed response card; I encourage you to order your copy today!**

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# Incompetence or Complicity?

By Chris Johnson



“Never attribute to malice that which is adequately explained by stupidity” - an adage known as “Hanlon’s Law” - is generally good advice. But when the leadership of the most powerful nation in the world is at stake, stupidity can provide convincing camouflage for malicious intent.

Incidents requiring American voters to distinguish between malice and stupidity just keep popping up as we approach the November elections.

Claims of ignorance from the media and his closest advisers are meant to convince the American people that, somehow, no one with the responsibility to inform us about it knew that President Biden’s mental state had declined to the level we were finally given access to in the presidential debate earlier this summer. On the contrary, in the weeks leading up to it, the White House and its media derided claims – and video evidence - of his decline as “cheap fakes.”

A Washington Post headline illustrates, from just over one month ago: “*Cheapfake Biden videos enrapture right-wing media, but deeply mislead.*” Within a month, WaPo would be reporting on a Parkinsons specialist’s visits to the White House and noticing “*a push to understand how significant any age-related deterioration might be and to explore how the White House attempted to manage the situation...*”

Of course, even as mainstream media figures unleashed their “shocked” impressions to the world, and joined the chorus of conservatives who have been asking for years, “who’s actually running the country?” another institution failed catastrophically: the Secret Service.

In the days following the assassination attempt on Donald Trump, the more information that came out to the public, the more questions were raised. Why weren’t Secret

Service agents on the roof the sniper fired from? Why did they allow President Trump to take the stage when they were aware of a threat? Why was the Secret Service so unprepared and spread so thin? Were requests for additional resources denied to the former president’s detail? Where did the shooter learn to cover his tracks? As of this writing, these questions have no satisfying answers, even after being asked to the Director of the Secret Service in a congressional hearing. Director Cheatle obfuscated throughout the hearing, endured the bipartisan dressing down of the subcommittee, and resigned the next day. The agency’s lack of willingness to answer basic questions about the events of July 13 demand an answer to the question, “which are they covering up, incompetence or complicity?”

As if finding out the president’s administration has been covering up his senility for years, a spurious assassination attempt on his opponent, and a refusal to be forthcoming with answers to basic questions about the failed security plans aren’t enough drama for one month of an election cycle, the chaos came to a crescendo in the recent announcement that Joe Biden would pull out of the presidential race.

He’d insisted in the weeks following his historically catastrophic debate that he was here to stay, in spite of pressure from Democrats as influential as Barack Obama, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, and other Democrat senators up for reelection who were concerned he’d weaken Democrat voter turnout. In the days before the announcement, there were what were presumed to be strategic “leaks” of his plans to step down that weekend. He and his staff vehemently denied all of them. Then, suddenly, on Sunday, July 21, a document was posted to his X account announcing that he would no longer seek reelection. It was not written on Presidential letterhead. The signature had characteristics not seen on other documents he’d signed, and – as his X account kept on posting throughout his debate with Donald Trump – it is known that he doesn’t manage his own social media page. His campaign staff was not notified in advance; the Joint Chiefs were informed, not by the president himself, but by his staffers; and neither he, nor the First Lady, who was

known to be a driving factor in his formerly adamant choice to stay in the race, was seen in the days following. A separate post emerged on his X account endorsing Kamala Harris in his name, and, at her first campaign event the following evening, she appears to have a public phone conversation with Joe Biden. At one point in the conversation, however, she appears to slip up, “*It is so good to hear our President’s voice. Joe, I know you’re still on the rec... on the call...*” leaving listeners wondering, “was she saying ‘recording’ before she caught herself?”

All in all, the announcement was made in such a way that Americans have been left wondering for days, “did we just witness a coup? Was it actually Biden’s choice to drop out of the race?”

Who pushed Biden into the debate with Trump that resulted in exactly what anyone aware of his mental state would have predicted? Who made the decisions that left Trump’s security detail so unprepared? Who either convinced Biden to end his candidacy or orchestrated that illusion?

Americans deserve answers to these questions, because we deserve the right to know who it is that has more influence on our elected leaders than we do ourselves, no matter what we call our system of government.

Think of it. Democrat voters have no say in who their candidate is this election, instead the candidate they wanted has been coerced into stepping down and some unknown player has chosen their candidate for them. Is that because they believe that candidate would be the best for the American people or because that candidate would be the best for these behind-the-scenes influencers? If the Democrat candidate wins, he or she will be the first American president not to have been actually selected by the American people. Yet, we will be told to vote for them to save “Democracy.”

If the result of all this chaos is that the next president is selected *for* the American people, rather than elected *by* the American people, perhaps the chaos is not due to “stupidity,” but to malice.

# Providence in Pennsylvania

By Lisa Van Houten



Last month we experienced a monumental national event with the attempted assassination of President Trump. There's no doubt it was Divine intervention which spared Donald Trump's life. A slight turn of the head was the difference between a minor injury and what would have been a catastrophic bullet to the brain. Proverbs 21:1 tells us that God turns the heart of a king wherever He will. The Lord is also sovereign over the turning of a former president's head. President Trump recognized this as well, stating it was **"God alone who prevented the unthinkable from happening."**

Truly, God is sovereign over the affairs of man and nothing happens outside of His will. Yet, we often can't see what that purpose is. Many are claiming that God's sparing of Donald Trump's life is a sign of His anointing upon the former and possibly future president. However, it's not our place to make assumptions about God's will. As Deuteronomy 29:29 tells us: **"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law."** God's revealed will is for us to know and obey His Word, not try to interpret His purpose through "signs." It's very evident that God's gracious hand of protection was upon President Trump, but for what reason?

Was it to do a work in Donald Trump's heart, leading him to repentance and a saving relationship with Christ? While Trump has claimed to be a Christian, and no one can truly know the heart of another, the fruit of his life doesn't indicate that he is truly redeemed. God's Word says in Romans 2:4: **"Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?"**

Did God deflect the bullet to spare America from the national turmoil that would have ensued if the shooter had been successful? *"We were not only inches away from Trump dying, we were also inches away from a bloody civil war,"* writes Doug Wilson. *"God was very kind to us."*

Was President Trump's life spared to use him again as president to unfold God's will for our nation? And what is that will – is God preparing the way to once again grant America unmerited mercy or will He continue to bring about the consequences of judgment which we so rightly deserve? It is God who sets up kings, or in our case, presidents. (Daniel 2:21). Throughout history God has used even pagan rulers to do His will. At times, He's used those rulers to bring judgment and at other times He's used them, despite their hardened hearts, to protect and uphold His people.

And why was Donald Trump's life spared, but not Cory Comperatore's – the Christian husband and father "who loved Jesus fiercely," killed while shielding his family? Yet neither the sparing nor the taking of a life is random; God determines the number of our days. (Job 14:5; Ps. 139:16)

When Abraham Lincoln was assassinated at the end of the Civil War, renowned theologian Charles Hodge examined the issue of God's providence in response to Lincoln's assassination. In this essay, Hodge wrote that God *"is everywhere present, upholding all things by the word of his power, and controlling, guiding, and directing the action of second causes, so that all events occur according to the counsel of his will."*

As Hodge looked back on the four years of civil war, he wrote: **"No Christian can look upon the events of the last four years without being deeply impressed with the conviction that they have been ordered by God to produce great and lasting changes in the state of the country, and probably of the world."** I believe we will say the same in four years; however, we have no way of knowing what those "great and lasting changes" will be. One thing we do know, ultimately, they will not be orchestrated by whoever sits in the Oval Office, but by the King of kings who sits on the Throne.

Yet, there are stark and sobering differences between the period of American history in which Charles Hodge was commenting upon and America today. Hodge noted: *"More prayer has probably been offered to God during the past years, from sincere hearts, than in any ten years of the previous history of our country. Never before have there been such frequent, open, and devout recognitions of the authority of God as the Ruler of nations, and of Jesus Christ, his Son, as the Saviour of the world, by our public men, as during the progress of this terrible war."* **Tragically, we cannot say the same.** Our nation doesn't honor God; most churches no longer even hold prayer meetings, let alone make prayer an emphasis; and there is very little recognition "of the authority of God as the Ruler of nations, and of Jesus Christ, his Son, as the Saviour of the world" by both public officials and private individuals in America today.

The Republican Party was formed in 1854 with the purpose of combatting the evil of slavery. Today, the Republican Party just compromised on the evil of abortion. Lincoln's powerful second inaugural address stated in part: *"...fervently do we pray, that this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away. Yet, if God wills that it continue ... until every drop of blood drawn with the lash, shall be paid by another drawn with the sword, as was said three thousand years ago, so still it must be said 'the judgments of the Lord, are true and righteous altogether.'"* What will our nation's judgment be for every drop of blood shed from the murder of millions of unborn babies? Charles Hodge gave this important warning that applies to both individuals and nations: **"If we harden our hearts under his chastising hand; if we refuse to mourn and to humble ourselves in his sight, our afflictions become punishments, and work out for us only evil, however they may minister to the good of others."**

**Christ is King, no matter who is president.** As we thank God for sparing Donald Trump's life and pray for his continued protection, let us also pray, that as God turned Donald Trump's head, He will turn his heart to the Lord and His righteousness. (Enclosed is a postcard to mail to President Trump.)



# Legendary American Companies Are Betraying Their Customer Base

By Chris Johnson



Days after the Republican National Convention was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where Donald Trump officially accepted the party's nomination, the freshly minted Democrat presidential candidate Kamala Harris rolled into the city for her first rally.

Wisconsin has been a vital swing state in every recent presidential election, but the use of Milwaukee by both campaigns as a launchpad signals that the city symbolizes a segment of the population both candidates see as up for grabs.

The RNC was not particularly subtle about it. Beginning with announcing J.D. Vance as vice presidential candidate and continuing through a list of speakers including former WWE CEO Linda McMahon, former professional wrestler Hulk Hogan, construction company bosses who had worked with Trump, the President of the UFC, the Teamsters Union boss, and Kid Rock, the convention was crafted to appeal to the hard-working, middle-class, and rural voters which Milwaukee represents.

These were once the Democrat voting base, yet Harris' appeal required more subtlety. Why? Because many of those voters are white, and Harris' dedication to the principles of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion preclude her attributing value to them. Yet, she admitted in Milwaukee, "the path to the White House runs through Wisconsin."

As the home of brands beloved by America's labor force like Milwaukee Tool, Miller Beer, and Harley Davidson, the city represents the prize in a contest of visions for America.

Take Harley Davidson. For 121 years, the legendary motorcycle company has been producing machines and selling them with buzzwords like "Freedom." Whether that's the freedom of the open road, or the freedom they celebrate as an American company may be left up to the buyer, but there's

a reason that eagles have been featured so prominently in the history of Harley's branding. Harley Davidson has sold, not just motorcycles, but the ideal of the tough, independent, "bad-to-the-bone," biker who makes up their customer base.

But that customer base might be surprised to find out that Freedom is not actually the priority at the company. As Robby Starbuck "exposed" on X, HD – in their own words – is "all in" on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. They are a founding member of the Wisconsin LGBT Chamber of Commerce, and as such opposed efforts to ban "sex change" operations for children. They've sponsored Pride Events. They've made LGBTQIA+ Ally training available, if not mandatory. They've announced intentions to "diversify" their staff and franchise owners, meaning, as Starbuck explains, less white people.

Sadly, the subversion of this iconic American brand is not an isolated incident.

Only those who have lived in a farming community might be aware of one of the most passionate rivalries in the country: John Deere vs International tractors. As the father of an outspoken, 9-year-old International fan, it brings me very little pleasure to report on John Deere. Turning again to independent journalist, Robby Starbuck, as cited in the Daily Mail: *"Starbuck says the company, which is known for its leaping deer logo, has embraced diversity, equity, and inclusion policies root and branch, urging employees to tackle 'white privilege' among a series of controversial policies."*

*He noted that Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, a left-leaning philanthropist, is one of John Deere's top investors...."*

The company has since announced changes that would make their support for DEI less visible, but as yet shows no sign of removing the cancerous ideology.

As with Harley Davidson, John Deere's product hasn't just been machinery, but the ideal of hardworking American farmers, and it hasn't just been marketed to farmers in the market for a new combine, but to infants and children with baby toys, clothing, books, movies, and miniatures. Now John

Deere fans must come to the realization that the image of wholesome childhood and hardworking Americans was simply a façade.

Tragically, it doesn't stop with these classic American companies supporting sexual perversion; Harley Davidson's CEO also supports the WEF's goals of transitioning to what it calls "clean energy." He plans to transition the company, whose product owners pride themselves in their thunderous exhaust, to being completely electric. And, in yet *another* betrayal of the American spirit, NASCAR recently revealed a prototype of an electric vehicle which it claims is the future of racing.

The irony is that even as these conservative-coded companies are being discovered with their knives in their customers' backs, D.E.I. is losing popularity. At the beginning of this year, the New York Times reported, *"The economy and political landscape have changed since 2020, when companies hired D.E.I. officers in droves amid a racial reckoning after the murder of George Floyd. Recently, D.E.I. programs have become less visible. Over the past two years, hiring for D.E.I. roles has plunged and the number of investor calls mentioning D.E.I. has dropped..."* And in March, CNBC ran this headline: *"EV euphoria is dead. Automakers are scaling back or delaying their electric vehicle plans."*

American corporations are beginning to realize the impossibility of the success of these globalist schemes. Tractor Supply Company, a rural agricultural supply chain, also was "all in" on D.E.I. policies, up until last month. When their customer base confronted them, TSC dropped all support for LGBTQIA activism and apologized for misrepresenting their customers' values. As more awareness is raised with their customers, we can only hope Harley Davidson, John Deere, and NASCAR will reverse their support for this ridiculousness and perversion as well. **You can call John Deere to express your concern at 1-800-537-8233.**

As for the rest of the country, we'll see which vision wins in November.

## Election Forum Recap and DVD Available

By Steve Huston



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**Patrick Colbeck** has worn many “important” hats, but he remains a humble man. Each hat he dons is for the pursuit and presentation of truth, for the glory of God, for the magnifying of Christ, and, that means ultimately, for the good of America. He recently posted the following – showing the great abilities America has had and pointing to the hope that she will once more experience such greatness:

*“55 years ago, the United States of America planted the first of six flags on the moon. I was blessed to have been instructed at the International Space University by one of the men who planted the first flag on the moon, Buzz Aldrin. I went on to help design elements of the life support system for the International Space Station and had the honor of teaching students at Space Camp in Huntsville, AL where I served as the ‘warm up act’ for one of Werner Von Braun’s true ‘rocket scientists.’ I often refer to this period as the ‘fun part’ of my career. Since then, my focus has been upon ensuring that our next generation of dreamers have that same opportunity to expand the frontiers of our human experience. That is among the many reasons that I am 100% behind the pursuit of Making America Great Again!”*

**Our hope is in God** (“Except the LORD keep the city...”), **but man has a responsibility as well** (“...the watchman waketh”). Without God moving our country to repentance and without fair and free elections such greatness will NOT return. When Patrick refers to “ensuring that our next generation of dreamers have the same opportunity...,” he’s talking about the great work he has been doing on exposing election fraud and promoting election integrity. To this end he’s: created the website

www.letsfixstuff.org, joined Mike Lindell’s efforts (www.frankspeech.com), and speaks at events and interviews. He’s a busy man and we should thank God for the work he does.

**Rep. Joseph Fox** – also an important Christian warrior for truth and justice – joined us for this event as well. He spoke into several issues (some specific to Michigan, but even those issues likely press themselves forward in other states as well.)

What are some of the issues covered on this Election Forum DVD? Here are a few of the many:

- \* How the GOP platform was so drastically changed, gutting their historical pro-life and traditional marriage stances
- \* How Pat got into election integrity. (Including his role in the 2020 election)
- \* Election fraud
- \* Transparency and legislation which inhibits this much needed transparency
- \* Dominion machines
- \* Voter identity theft
- \* Where we need to go in this upcoming election
- \* Patrick’s recent work with Mike Lindell

**One thing both our truth-tellers had to say regarding the upcoming election was: MAKE IT TOO BIG TO RIG!** They encourage us to get out and vote and we need to encourage others to register and then vote. The larger numbers of voters, the harder it will be for the Left to successfully rig the election. If they do, the easier it will be to prove their nefarious doings.

There **IS** a Q&A (audio only) included on this DVD; you do **NOT** want to miss out on that! We had a large crowd and there were many very good questions. As one might expect, the answers were just as good as the questions. Be sure to get your DVD of this event to become well-informed, stirred to action, and better able to disseminate the information here to others.

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Thank you for your support!

By Bill Johnson



Your support in July was a great encouragement! I want you to know that day after day we received gifts and notes that both cheered us on and sometimes gave updates to us as well.

We can't go back in time, but one of the things that we miss from earlier decades is the personal notes and letters - even handwritten letters. That seems to be a lost art, but even a little note sent on the response card means a lot. I have files of letters from the late '80s going forward. God is faithful and so are many of you. Thanks for your prayers as well!

### A few updates

- \* Some of you have asked about Lisa. Lisa is doing great and our last news from our friend who donated a kidney, is that he is doing well too!
- \* The Colbeck and Rep. Fox event was superb and worthy of your attention, as you read in the previous column.
- \* Two of us are running for precinct delegate and I am making phone calls addressing low propensity voters - trying to get out the vote!
- \* I am making plans to do an interview with a young husband and father, who happens to be very technological, and who grieves over the state of our society, particularly as he knows of the subtle but significant negative impact that cell phones are having upon our culture, especially the young and vulnerable as they are tuned into so much that tears down.

**In closing, please know that the steady giving keeps us from losing financial ground during the summer months. The solid July giving was a strong reminder that you read our newsletters and want us to know that you are with us and behind us in what we do! Thank you for ensuring that our ministry team is able to be engaged!**