

Stop Sharia Now!

By Steve Huston



Important Note: In order to help prevent misunderstandings, we want to be very clear that **there is a difference between banning Sharia and banning Muslims.** We all must recognize that there is a difference between a Muslim person who wishes to assimilate to America and its laws, desiring to enjoy our freedoms and add to America's strength, and the Islamist who wishes to commit jihad (holy war) against America and overtake her by Islamic Sharia law (the political arm of Islam), foisting it upon American courts, our American government, and American citizens. To the first, in true American spirit, we welcome with open arms. It is of the latter – for they are invaders and wish destruction to our nation and its people – that we warn against and urge them to return from whence they came.

The above picture shows several of our **bansharia.com** buttons. (Look at the back of the response card to see how you can get yours!) This article is meant to introduce our readers to our button campaign, inform them as to what Sharia is, and to explain why it is incompatible with America and the freedoms we enjoy. **It's vital that the American people wake up to the danger that has already infiltrated our nation and to become fervently concerned about what is taking place before our very eyes.**

We have only to look at Europe to see how Sharia and its ardent Islamist followers have affected nations, their culture, and the lives of their citizens – particularly surrounding Christian/Jewish holidays, culture, and liv-

ing – the same can be said for those in the LGBTQ+ community. If you're reading this and thinking, "I'm neither Christian nor Jewish. Actually, I have no belief whatsoever; why should I care?" The first thing one needs to understand about Sharia and its Islamic followers is this: **If you are NOT a faithful adherent of Islam, you are an infidel and considered an enemy; they feel justified in violently mistreating you and making you a second-class citizen.** As their numbers increase, these things will become more and more apparent as they have ability to act.

Islam has not come to America to coexist. Indeed, it cannot; Sharia demands that all other laws – including America's Constitution – and **all people** submit to it. There's no freedom; Sharia is an Islamic, brutally repressive totalitarian code rooted in the Qur'an. It governs every area of one's life and society as a whole. Islamic Sharia law and America's constitutional form of government are complete opposites one to the other. We cannot have two diametrically opposed laws or systems of government acting at the same time. **That's one reason these buttons are so important;** it's an easy way to raise awareness, inform others, and to start conversations about this very important topic.

Under Sharia:

- * There's no free speech.
- * Women are considered second-class cit-

izens, mandating certain clothing and forcing barbaric female genital mutilation upon young girls.

- * It promotes cruelty to animals. It also raises health concerns as people can slaughter animals in the street.

- * It promotes lying (taqiya) for the sake of advancing the Islamic agenda.

- * It demands jihad (holy war) as a means of advancing their "religion" and expanding their rule (caliphate).

Even with minimal population numbers, Sharia has already crept into our society and schools. With an increasing populace – particularly as Islamists gain a foothold politically in local, state, and federal governments – what does this portend for us, our children, and our nation?

Why do we cringe at being called Islamophobes while they could care less IF we were to call them "Christophobes"? **Will America join Europe and much of the rest of the world in submitting to Sharia? God forbid! Do your part in helping to wake up, educate, and stir the minds of fellow Americans to this threat – order and wear bansharia.com buttons.** Use the enclosed response card.

The above barely scratches the surface of Sharia's dangers. Learn more; go to <https://www.bansharia.com/webinar-sharia-vs-the-constitution/>.

Personal Note



We have initially purchased 500 buttons with the message BanSharia.com. Why? What for? To warn. To help wake up Americans to the growing foothold of Sharia Law in the United States. To encourage you to get some for yourself – and to tell others.

Most people have no idea what Sharia is or how it is a threat to our nation and the rule of law. As page one of this newsletter explains, Sharia law is a brutally totalitarian code implementing Mohammed's dictates of how society should be ordered – both for Islamic adherents and ultimately for non-Muslims, whom they consider infidels. Sharia law is a legal system that followers see as superior to all other forms of government – including our Constitution.

The late Philip Haney (2021), who many believe was murdered, very much knew what Sharia was. Some of you are aware of the violence and oppression stemming from Sharia Law in Muslim countries in the Middle East and Africa. And we've watched with grave concern as Sharia has been allowed to expand its influence in countries such as France, Germany, and the UK – which has allowed the establishment of 85 Sharia courts, usurping British law.

Sharia is also becoming established in parts of the United States and spreading rapidly as their proponents intended. Think Dearborn and Hamtramck – where backyard animal sacrifice was legalized by the all-Muslim city council and Christianity is treated with hostility. As The Detroit News recently reported: *A federal civil rights lawsuit filed by a lawyer who lives in the city said Mayor Abdullah Hammoud and other city officials have helped make Dearborn "a hostile place for Christians and Jews" by allocating taxpayer funds to celebrate Muslim holidays with banners and other displays, while refusing repeated requests*

to give equal treatment to other faiths. The lawsuit ... further alleged the mayor and other city officials retaliated against the plaintiff after she criticized them for "conveying the message that Christians and Jews are not welcome in the city and are, indeed, second-class citizens." Dearborn is also the city where the Muslim mayor verbally attacked a Christian pastor attending a city council meeting, stating: *"Although you live here, I want you to know as mayor, you are not welcome here. And the day you move out of the city will be the day that I launch a parade celebrating the fact that you moved out of the city."*

Even in Texas, the Islamic Tribunal, a Sharia court in Dallas, applies Sharia law to 21st-century women and children as all-male panels quietly handle hundreds of family law cases each year – often pressuring women to return to abusive husbands or accept divorces, leaving them financially devastated. This is done here in the United States with no application of U.S. law!

As churches in America decline, mosques are surging, bringing Sharia law into unsuspecting communities. America has nearly 4,000 mosques and Islamic centers. In the 25 years since 9/11, that number has increase by 230 percent. There are now more mosques per capita (per million people) than many Muslim countries such as Bahrain, Qatar, and Kuwait.

Phil Haney lived and worked for years in the Middle East prior to 9/11 and upon his return to his beloved USA was overwhelmed by the aggressive advance of Islam. He became a mighty truth-teller advancing rapidly up the ranks of the Customs and Border Patrol, identifying potential terrorists. His widely read book **See Something, Say Nothing: A Homeland Security Officer Exposes the Government's Sub-mission to Jihad** chronicles the imparting of his findings and his fears that if America did not wake up and wake up soon that we would see our nation surreptitiously invaded and occupied, as strategized by Islamic forces who are playing the long game to conquer western civilization. Meanwhile, for the most part, government officials and citizens are either unaware, complacent, or willfully blind.

Phil tirelessly traveled our nation speaking, doing interviews: warning, educating, encouraging! Yet despite his efforts, he was concerned that people were not grasping the significance of the battle that we are in against Sharia and Islam! **His fears from five years ago are increasingly being realized.**

Muslim Senate candidate Abdul El-Sayed has said he has an obligation to follow Sharia law. What would that mean for our nation to have a U.S. senator committed to Sharia law?

Abdul El-Sayed recently spoke at the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) conference alongside Muslim speakers who have called for an Islamic takeover of America. Panelists at the ISNA event celebrated America's decline and one man called for a fatwa against lawmakers who voted to block federal aid to colleges boycotting Israel. Imam Siraj Wahhaj, a former vice president of ISNA, has stated to Muslims: *"Wherever you came from, you came to America. And you came for one reason—for one reason only—to establish Allah's deen. Democracy will crumble, and there will be nothing, and the only thing that will remain will be Islam."*

Islamic Sharia law cannot coexist with America's Constitution - which is why the message of these buttons is so important. **Sharia cannot be allowed to gain power within the United States.** Phil Haney is gone, but his warnings are still alive and repeated over and over again by people like Frank Gaffney, myself, and others. And hopefully by you, too! **I urge you to order our BanSharia.com buttons to wear and circulate to others.** Direct people to the website on the button – BanSharia.com – for a wealth of information on why Sharia Law is a threat, seeking to undermine our nation and its Christian foundation.

We are in a battle of worldviews and only one can prevail. Use these buttons not only to point out the oppression of Islamism, but also to point to the salvation and freedom found only in Christ. ***"That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the Lord, and there is none else."*** Isaiah 45:6

A Culture of Death

By Chris Johnson



Pope John Paul II called ours a “culture of death.” He famously warned the world about these emerging social patterns all the way back in 1995.

Here is how he described it: *“...a life which would require greater acceptance, love and care is considered useless, or held to be an intolerable burden, and is therefore rejected in one way or another. A person who, because of illness, handicap or, more simply, just by existing, compromises the well-being or life-style of those who are more favoured tends to be looked upon as an enemy to be resisted or eliminated. In this way a kind of ‘conspiracy against life’ is unleashed.”*

In 2026, there’s no denying the prescience of Pope John Paul II’s prediction, no matter how far-fetched it seemed three decades ago.

While the still-developing feminism of 1995 might have looked like pursuing a job requiring a pants suit with big shoulder pads and demanding equal pay, today’s late-stage feminism looks like cheering for Lindsey Clansey. No one could have predicted that methodically strangling your three children with an exercise band could turn someone into a feminist icon, but here we are.

Feminism has always spurned motherhood and supported the rights of mothers to end their child’s life. While we’ve known this was the feminist propensity, seeing it done without the cold, clinical language like “abortion,” “fetus,” “product of conception,” is clarifying, if all too familiar. Clancy’s children didn’t suffer any more than the millions of victims of the forceps and poison administered by abortion “doctors” every year, but this time their killer looked them in the face.

Yet, tens of thousands of women have

expressed solidarity with the woman who apparently just did what many modern mothers have now admitted they are tempted to do. Doubtless, many maintain her innocence because deep down they know they’ve already done the same themselves, before their children were born. To condemn her would be to condemn themselves. In spite of the ideology’s horrific new mascot, woe to anyone in polite society who would dare to proclaim themselves anti-feminist.

Liberals mocked the pope’s warning, but yet they support Canada’s Medical Assistance in Dying program (MAID), which “treats” patients by providing suicide as a means of supposed comfort. The program is now a leading cause of death in Canada. In fact, even as liberals in the United States and Canada condemn American gun rights and praise Canada’s socialized medicine, the Canadian government has murdered more people with MAID than American criminals have killed with guns in the United States - and that’s without adjusting for the United States’ far greater population.

At least one Canadian woman says her grandma was coerced into accepting the so-called service and didn’t understand what she was agreeing to when the program was recommended to her by the caretakers at her nursing home. That’s murder by any definition.

Brigette Stegemann was an 83-year-old Ontario woman who was diagnosed with stomach cancer in early 2026. In early discussions, the great-grandmother said she did *not* want to commit suicide, citing her Christian faith.

But, within a few months, while her granddaughter who was her power of attorney was on vacation, her long-term care facility apparently raised the issue with Stegemann again, procuring a signature which signified her intent to go through with it. To make this decision on her own, Stegemann had to prove that she was of sound mind with a cognitive assessment test. She got multiple questions wrong, including how many living siblings she had. Yet, she was ruled competent to make the

decision.

The granddaughter says words like “death,” and “dying” were not used with her grandmother by medical staff and when she asked her grandma herself if she knew that she was going to die in two days, Stegemann became distraught, cried for 45 minutes, and said, “I’ve made a mistake.” Even when the doctor came to administer the drug that would kill her, he referred to it as “medicine.” That case is being investigated by Ontario police.

How many elderly with less devoted grandchildren or fewer connections have been talked into this procedure by a government whose duty it is to protect them?

Caring for the vulnerable in our society is now an inconvenience that is too often mitigated by a fatal dose of drugs. But life-ending drugs aren’t usually even administered by a medical professional; many other “inconvenient” members of society handle it on their own on the streets of American cities and with the assistance of federal, state, and local government programs. With the aid of government grants, laughably named “harm reduction programs” provide clean crack pipes and needles to drug addicts in spite of the fact that drug abuse is a leading cause of death here in the United States.

Nearly 70,000 Americans died of a drug overdose in 2025, which is *down* from just a few years earlier. In 2023, it was over 100,000. Yet our tax dollars go to provide drug paraphernalia to addicts who will use it to extend their misery and often end their own life.

We did not become a Culture of Death in a day. Cultures are made up of their tiny little independent parts and their propensities. It’s up to us and those whom we influence to affirm the choices that push back on the Culture of Death. *“Therefore choose life,”* Moses told the Israelites as they entered the promised land, *“that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days...”*

When the Wicked Rule

By Lisa Van Houten



Michigan's senate race has rightfully garnered all kinds of attention, but another race is equally concerning – the election of Michigan's next governor. Current secretary of state, Democrat Jocelyn Benson, is running to fill that seat. Benson has notoriously fought tooth and nail against every single election integrity measure in Michigan - and as the state's chief election official, she will oversee her own election results in November.

As Secretary of State, Benson has presided over some of the dirtiest voter rolls in the nation and has come under fire for numerous election law offenses. According to Benson's own Secretary of State website, there are 8.44 million registered voters in Michigan, but recent census data shows that there are only 7.63 million citizens of voting age. Even making the extraordinary assumption that every single adult citizen in Michigan is registered to vote, there are over 800,000 more registered voters than there are adult citizens in Michigan. As the Federalist reports, *Benson has faced repeated election integrity lawsuits over issues that include the state's severely bloated voter rolls, last-minute poll worker restrictions, guidance causing "thousands" of improperly processed ballots, and a lack of signature verification. In September of last year, she refused to tell Congress if dead registrants were still on Michigan's voter rolls.* (Public Interest Legal Foundation found over 25,000 dead voters on the rolls.)

She has been sued roughly 70 times, more than the combined total of Michigan's previous four secretaries of state. In one case, Benson directed local clerks to presume the validity of absentee ballot signatures, even if it didn't match the signature on file, which a judge ruled violated Michigan law. Another lawsuit regarding unlawful restrictions of poll challengers went to the Michigan Supreme Court. With the case pending before the court, Benson's political

action committee, Michigan Legacy PAC, donated \$82,500 in April 2024 to the re-election campaign of Michigan Supreme Court Justice Kyra Harris Bolden. In August 2024 the Michigan Supreme Court ruled 4-3 in Benson's favor, with Justice Bolden casting the deciding vote.

Jocelyn Benson also used the power of her office to intimidate those with dissenting political views. In 2024, she urged people to report to the government those sharing supposed election "misinformation." That's no surprise since Benson cut her teeth working for the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) first as an operative and later on the Board of Directors. The SPLC, which was just indicted by the Department of Justice, has a long history of targeting Christian conservative groups - such as American Family Association, Focus on the Family, etc. – labeling them as so-called "hate groups" for espousing biblical values.

The latest lawsuit against Benson charges her with ignoring the Michigan Constitution and illegally waiving Michigan residency requirements to allow individuals who have never lived in Michigan, or even the United States, to vote in Michigan's elections. Benson's overseas guidance states: **"A United States citizen who has never resided in the United States but who has a parent, legal guardian, or spouse who was last domiciled in Michigan is eligible to vote in Michigan ..."** Benson's audacity is beyond belief – allowing persons who never lived in Michigan to have a voice in deciding who represents Michigan citizens. The reason behind this scheme? Analysis shows that roughly 80% of Americans who live abroad vote Democrat.

Jocelyn Benson and her righthand man, Bureau of Elections Director Jonathan Brater, have also done everything they can to stop safeguards that would keep non-citizens from voting, which has already occurred under her watch. Polling shows that 87% of voters, both Republicans and Democrats, do not want non-citizens voting in Michigan elections - which seemingly would have made the Americans for Citizens Only Voting ballot proposal a slam dunk on this November's Michigan ballot. However, thanks to Benson and Brater, Michigan

voters won't get a chance to vote on this proposal, which would have enshrined a proof of citizenship voting requirement into state law. Having such a popular proposal on the ballot would also have driven many conservative voters to the polls, which Benson certainly does not want.

The group behind the ballot proposal petition drive gathered an astounding 709,841 signatures - far exceeding the required 446,198. The petitions were turned in on March 4, 2026, yet Benson's Bureau of Elections sat on those signatures for over five months! Not until August 17 did the Bureau release a report claiming that, based on their "random" sampling of just 1,000 of the signatures, the petition was 17 signatures short due to supposed invalid signatures. This left the Americans for Citizens Only Voting group just days to launch a court challenge and seek signature affidavits in time for a hearing before the Board of State Canvassers on August 24, with the ballot proposal approval deadline of September 4. Yet the petition group was able to obtain 23 notarized affidavits from individuals whose signatures had been rejected, affirming that their petition signatures were valid. Yet the Board of Canvassers, made up of two Democrats and two Republicans, still did not approve the ballot proposal and a last-minute appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court ultimately failed as well.

These are the machinations Secretary of State Benson has used to stifle election integrity efforts in Michigan. And now she has her eye on the office of governor. In a campaign video, Benson states: *"We need leaders who are transparent and accountable."* Jocelyn Benson has proven that she is neither. Proverbs 29:2 tells us: **"when the wicked rule the people groan."** Pray that the Lord would spare us from that fate.

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The Transformation We Need!

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America began with a transformational political experiment based upon Biblical truths which provided wisdom and strength for a Judeo-Christian cultural foundation and an outlined governmental structure, giving freedom to its citizens through self-governance, with a limited federal government designed to be of the people, by the people, and for the people. These were not only the basis of freedom, but of inventive and economic growth as well, which led to America's exceptionalism. Of course, our founders recognized that such a constitutional republic could only be maintained by a people who are moral and religious. This country was birthed by prayer, courage, and working toward a united purpose. At times, distractions would nearly destroy what they had fought so hard for, but by God's grace, by looking beyond those distractions to the God who unites and who had purposed for this nation to be a light upon a hill, we became the United States of America.

French historian, Alexis de Tocqueville, recognized America's godly moorings and the important role that the Christian church played in the stability of this nation: *"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."*

Over the last 250 years, America and many of her churches have largely loosed their moorings from Biblical "goodness," fervent righteousness, holiness, and the Bible. One need only look at the mountains of research detailing our lack of Bible reading, belief, knowledge, and even church attendance to understand that we are a long way from "home."

As the foundation of morality, virtue, and religion has eroded, it has also rotted out the core of liberty's tree, thereby creating both a vacuum and robbing us of the strength necessary to stand firm on Biblical principle. This has put us in a very precarious position politically, economically, culturally, and ecclesiastically – each being as a strand of a spider's web, touch or pluck one and they are all affected. Our focus here will be on the church, seeing that it is representative of God's relationship to a people and the strength of a nation.

Years ago, I was tasked with the opportunity to create a Power Point presentation warning churches and people of Islam's interfaith dialogue. Though it was presented as a means of coexistence with those of the Islamic faith, it was truly a jihad against the church; by their own words it was a one-way bridge, where only the Christian could cross over. It was considered a conquest when an imam would pray in the Christian church.

Despite the declarations of goodwill presented from both sides of the interfaith dialogue crowd, the truth is "In 1998 Omar Ahmad, CAIR's co-founder... said: *"Islam isn't in America to be equal to any other faith, but to become dominant. The Koran should be the highest authority in America, and Islam the only accepted religion on Earth."* (CNBC) And things haven't changed. Recently, Hamas commander Mahmoud al-Zahar openly declared: *"The entire planet will be under our law; there will be no more Jews or Christian traitors."*

Today, we see massive numbers of American churches being bought and turned into Islamic mosques – the cross comes down and is replaced by a crescent moon. Former vice-president of the Islamic Society of North America, Imam Siraj Wahhaj, told the following to his congregation: *"In 2014, 3,700 churches closed in the United States. 2019, 4,500 churches closed in the United States. It is estimated that 100,000 churches in the United States will close in the coming decade. And the last one, approximately 40 million Americans have stopped attending church in the last 25 years."*

The RAIR foundation warns of "what they're saying in their new mosques. They're calling us idolaters, enemies, calling for our annihilation, and denying the sanctity of Christ." One imam states, *"The very first problem I see in America is Christianity. Seriously."* Live footage of these things can be seen in "Islam takes the cross down, then calls for our annihilation." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dhJktt0RC0>

Founder Samuel Adams once declared: *"The liberties of our country, the freedom of our civil constitution, are worth defending against all hazards: And it is our duty to defend them against all attacks."*

There is no question that a war is at hand; the enemy is inside the gates, but the church is largely unaware of her role. It is not a military operation we need; it's the offense, defense, and conquest of spiritual warfare that is required – both in our own hearts and in the communities which make up this nation. We must recognize that even "though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." (2 Cor. 10:3-5) **Christians have a duty to defend and promote the true Gospel (Jude 3) and in doing so, we will also be defending the nation where God has providentially placed us, for such a time as this.** Might we become transformed into Christian soldiers, boldly holding high the banner of Christ in humble gratitude for all He has done.

Recently, governor of Tennessee, Bill Lee, declared a day of prayer, humility, and fasting for the people of his state. Might all Christians throughout this great land humble themselves before the Lord with prayer and fasting, finding God's help in time of need (Heb. 4:16) and finding boldness (Acts 4:29) to fulfill our purpose, sharing the Gospel with others in holiness to the glory of God. **This is the transformation the church needs!**

Will the Real Abdul Please Stand Up

By Lisa Van Houten



“Not someone who can be trusted.” That was the warning the Detroit News gave regarding Abdul El-Sayed. In recent years, the Detroit News’ animus toward President Trump and the MAGA movement has been blatantly obvious. So, it was quite shocking to see the paper not only endorse Republican Mike Rogers, but also give a scathing critique of El-Sayed.

The News did not hold back, slamming El-Sayed’s ties to the radical left and his lack of qualifications: [El-Sayed] **“has a thin career background that contains little to recommend him for one of the nation’s most powerful leadership jobs.”** The paper also pointed out his deceitfulness: **“While El-Sayed holds a medical degree and has described himself as a physician, he does not have a license to practice medicine.”** (El-Sayed often portrays himself as a doctor, but he has never treated patients.) **“He has deleted social media posts that reportedly called into question his attitude about America in the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. He’s taken down roughly 100 YouTube videos that paint an unflattering picture of him and his cultural views. A candidate who feels the need to hide his past from voters is not someone who can be trusted to be the same person after Election Day as he was on the campaign trail. It’s impossible to know who he really is or where he would stand in the Senate,”** the News asserted.

However, I would disagree with that last statement. I think it’s obvious who Abdul El-Sayed really is and where he stands. He’s revealed it in all of those deleted posts and past statements. We’ve shared some of them in our previous newsletters. Since then even more have come to light, such as an essay he authored in 2012 in which he claimed that the amount of funding to combat breast cancer was “disturbing,” because the disease mainly affects people with “social power and privilege.” As if only rich,

white women get breast cancer. This year alone, roughly 10,000 women in Michigan, whom he hopes to represent, will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

El-Sayed has also shown where he stands with his defense of terrorists and terrorist organizations. For example, last March when a Hezbollah-supporting terrorist attacked a Jewish preschool in West Bloomfield, MI, El-Sayed justified the actions of the terrorist. He’s also shown his alignment with radical Islamic groups, such as CAIR and the Muslim Brotherhood. El-Sayed wants to ban donations to candidates from the advocacy group AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee), but his campaign is receiving massive donations from CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations), which some states have designated a terrorist organization and whose leader said he was “happy” about the October 7 attack on Israel.

While El-Sayed claims that Republicans are a “threat to democracy,” in 2012 El-Sayed urged the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt to “purge the media and the police” of opposition to the extremist group. Islamist Mohamed Morsi, who led the Muslim Brotherhood and was Egypt’s president at the time, sought to quell opposition to his presidency through tyrannical means, including a brutal crackdown on journalists. A statement signed by 46 self-described “leaders of the Egyptian community” living in the U.S. supported Morsi’s crackdown and his ruthless regime. Abdul El-Sayed was one of those signatories. The letter stated in part: **“We, leaders of the Egyptian community, support the revolutionary decisions taken by the president, and we call on him to purge the media and the police as quickly as possible.”** Numerous reporters were hauled into court on charges of “insulting Islam,” others were attacked in the street. Morsi’s totalitarian power grab ultimately failed, and in 2013 he was ousted. After he was deposed, Egypt banned the Muslim Brotherhood, calling it a terrorist organization. The Trump administration has also designated it a terrorist organization. **Yet the man who could be Michigan’s next senator supported and encouraged the Muslim Brotherhood’s repressive crackdown on freedom.**

This is who Abdul El-Sayed is and where his allegiance lies. If elected, he would potentially have access to classified material. As Fox News reported: *... senators are not required to obtain a formal executive-branch security clearance to be eligible for classified information related to their official duties. ... Those issues have raised concerns among some national security and policy experts. ...*

“El-Sayed will use his perch in the Senate to undermine America and empower its enemies,” Daniel Samet, a research fellow specializing in Middle East policy at the American Enterprise Institute, told Fox News Digital. Samet argued that El-Sayed has associated with people who support the intifada and terrorist causes and that he has shown sympathy for radical Islamist ideology.

Recently, a CNN host was aghast that a recent poll showed that 45% of Michigan voters stated they would not vote for a Muslim presidential candidate. The poll also showed 46% would not vote for an atheist, while just 7% said they would not vote for a Christian candidate. CNN tried to paint this as Islamophobic. Yet it’s not a matter of bigotry, as the even higher number who wouldn’t vote for an atheist reveals. It’s a matter of worldview. With all of the negative coverage Christianity gets in media and entertainment, there is still a vast number of people who on some level recognize the good that comes from Christianity. Our foundational culture and laws were founded upon the Christian faith. It’s not “Islamophobic” to question the implications if our nation were led by leaders with allegiance to Islamic ideology. Sana Ledene, an Iranian refugee who left Islam and escaped to the U.S., warns: **“Islam is not a private faith that can be separated from power. ... The same poison that destroyed Iran is being injected into the West. I feel a duty to tell the truth.”**

As Christians, we’re called to love Muslims, but to oppose Islam – as we are to do with every false religion and ideology that goes against the One True God. For as long as Muslims are caught in its snare, they cannot know the peace and salvation that comes only through Jesus.

The Need for BIBLICAL Manhood

By Steve Huston



Granted, America has many troubles afflicting her, some easily recognizable while others, both their causes and deeper effects, are more hidden by either misdirection or an apathetic acceptance of how things are. The result is little to no exploration of where these dangerous roads lead. Today, there are too few “prophets” who shout a warning as watchmen on the wall and too many antagonists who decry them as “Chicken Littles.” These truth-tellers are called crazy doomsayers who yell, “The sky is falling!” and any who are tempted to heed their warning have derogatory names hurled at them.

With many well seen dangers surrounding our nation, perhaps few will see the following as an affliction and fewer yet will see it for the plague it truly is. Writing for the Washington Stand, Dan Hunt summarizes some very concerning data compiled by the Institute for Family Studies (IFS): “[T]here were 30.4 million single men aged 18 to 39 in 2025 in the U.S., amounting to almost 10 million more bachelors than there were in 2000 (20.7 million). IFS further estimated that there were 15 million more single men than husbands in this age group in 2025. In 2000, there was only a 2.6 million difference. This rise in male singleness has translated to fewer married men. Over the last 25 years, the number of wedded men has plunged from 18.1 million to 15.4 million, a 15% drop.”

In a different IFS article (Is High Speed Internet the Reason You’re Not Married?), it’s been observed that “there’s an increasingly strong link between how quickly an area adopted 4G and lower marriage rates for the non-college-educated men (but not college grads) who live there.” Also, “Recent survey work here at IFS revealed that nearly a quarter of young men are now gambling daily, more than two in five watch porn every day, and about the same

share play video games daily.”

And in yet another IFS article (From Coping to Compulsion: How Screens Shape Young Men’s Lives), we are warned: “The constant use of media is, in part, a coping mechanism against demoralization, but one that also contributes to it.” This would be akin to the person who turns to alcohol to deal with their depression, yet their escape into the bottle only exacerbates their extreme emotional distress.

There have been many who attribute the lower numbers of men marrying, stepping into family and church leadership roles, and burying themselves into online activities to the rise of feminism and the cultural “putting men in their place”: accusations of toxic masculinity, rejection of chivalry, social engineering through entertainment and education, and the list goes on.

God has created men with an innate need to rescue, protect, fix, etc. When these God-designed needs and purposes find no outlet in the real world; when they see no more damsels to rescue or kingdoms to conquer; they find ways to fulfill their God-given needs in online challenges and entertainment. They end up looking for love, fulfillment, and acceptance in all the wrong places. They may get a sense of fulfillment in their digital conquests, but deep down they know it’s not real. The emptiness fills them up, leaving them lonely, dispirited, and unhappy.

As such, perhaps the problem isn’t so much that large numbers of men are single; maybe the real issue is that they’re lacking a biblical singleness of mind. In other words, the church needs to rise up, ask questions, search the Bible for our God-given purposes and the answers to questions that a broken society and rogue government brings; then stand firmly, unwaveringly on God’s Word. Men must grasp BIBLICAL manhood and unapologetically become the men that God has designed for them to be.

It’s not cookie-cutter; there’s a demand for individuality and the Bible is full of examples of godly, manly men that are very different from one another. The God who

created you wants to use you in all your uniqueness, fulfilling you as you fulfill your purpose in Him. Famous missionary Hudson Taylor said it best: “God is not looking for men of great faith, He is looking for common men to trust His great faithfulness.”

David Closson, who serves as director of the Center for Biblical Worldview at Family Research Council, told the Washington Stand that a turnaround in the prospects for men will depend on deep cultural renewal centered on biblical principles.

“At the deepest level, the rise in single men reflects a culture that has rejected God’s design for marriage, sex, and family. Scripture presents marriage as a good gift from God and calls men to mature into sacrificial responsibility, becoming the kind of husbands who love, provide for, and lead their families faithfully. Our culture has increasingly detached sex from covenant, delayed adulthood, and taught men to prioritize autonomy over obligation, all of which work against marriage.”

“The most important thing churches can do is recover a robust biblical vision of manhood and marriage and intentionally disciple young men toward holiness, courage, work, self-denial, and readiness for family life. Churches should not idolize marriage, but they should once again speak clearly about it as a normative and deeply good calling for most Christians.”

Titus 2 charges us to know and to live out sound doctrine and to be about the business of training younger men and women in the faith. It would appear that Americans have not done well in passing the torch of living faith to succeeding generations. I urge every Christian man reading this to prayerfully seek out and disciple a young man (from the church or the world), show him God’s plan for men, the battles he’s called to fight, and the expectation to conquer the world for Christ. Help him to understand the blessing, training, and protection of Psalm 127, which includes his reliance upon the Lord. Remind him, too, that “Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.” (Proverbs 18:22)

Events Coming Up in October and November

ADA is pleased to announce two upcoming events featuring powerful speakers and important perspectives.



Ralph Rebandt is a former pastor; but lately, he's more often recognized for his campaign for the Republican gubernatorial candidacy in Michigan.

Rebandt has spent the last two Michigan governor campaign seasons touring the state, knocking on doors, speaking in churches, and shining in candidate debates at every opportunity. His platform has been one of commonsense conservatism and a return to the Biblical values that made America the great country it has been.

While a pastor running for governor may not be the most common path to the governor's mansion, Rebandt ran a strong campaign - right up until his name was blocked from the ballot.

In spite of collecting more signatures than the law required to appear on the ballot, and having an army of volunteers pour over them for inconsistencies or anything that might disqualify them, the Michigan Board of Canvassers selected a sample which they claimed had too many invalid signatures - and then refused to look at the rest.

The Rebandt campaign fought to the end, but they could not overcome Michigan's corrupt election infrastructure.

Ralph will be with us to share his story and his vision for the future at a luncheon hosted by ADA on **Monday, October 26**. Lunch will be served at 12:30, with Ralph presenting at 1:00 PM at American Decency at 203 E Main St, Fremont, MI. **This event is free, but please RSVP for the luncheon by calling us at 231-924-4050 or emailing us at kimberly@americandecency.org.**



Our second upcoming event will be an opportunity to learn how we can best support and pray for the persecuted church, particularly in Nigeria.

On **Thursday, November 5** at 6:30 PM, we will be hearing from the director of the organization Save the Persecuted Christians in our auditorium in Fremont: 203 E Main St. **Dede Laugesen** came on our radar through her working for years with our friend and a prior event speaker, Frank Gaffney. After working for Frank at the Center for Security Policy, Dede took her experience in international affairs to Save the Persecuted Christians.

After we hear from Dede in Fremont on Thursday, we'll have another opportunity to hear from her on **Friday, November 6** along with some more friends of ours, Phil and Sherry Baynes, in Grand Rapids at the GR Church: 4525 Stauffer Ave SE, Grand Rapids.

Sherry was raised in Nigeria to missionary parents and she and her husband Phil still return to Nigeria on occasion and maintain relationships there with Christians who keep them updated on the slaughter of Nigerian Christians by their Muslim fellow countrymen.

If you want to know more about the thousands of churches burned to the ground and the tens of thousands of Christian brothers and sisters hacked and shot to death for their faith in the middle belt of Nigeria, there's no better opportunity than these November events.

We hope you will add these events to your calendar: Ralph Rebandt in Fremont on October 26, Dede Laugesen in Fremont on November 5, and Dede with the Baynes on November 6.

The Baynes event will not be recorded as their public speaking can affect their ability to travel to and from Nigeria safely, so if you want to hear their moving presentation from their own experiences and those of their friends in Nigeria, you'll have to attend the GR Church event on November 6!

We hope we'll see you there!



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Luncheon: 12:30 PM

Presentation: 1:00 PM

Speaker: Ralph Rebandt

Location: American Decency Assoc.

203 E Main Street

Fremont, MI 49412

(Please RSVP for the luncheon by

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or call 231-924-4050)

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