

El-Sayed: Harbinger of Perilous Times

By Lisa Van Houten



Abdul El-Sayed is the most radical Senate candidate in America and voters in Michigan need to know exactly who he is before heading to the polls in November.

Behind his hipster vibe is a trail of deleted social media posts and YouTube podcasts which reveal what El-Sayed actually believes. Before launching his campaign, El-Sayed removed over 100 of his videos from 2022-2024. These weren't from decades ago, but just a few years ago. As he seeks to win Democrat voters who found him too radical in the primary, he now claims the extreme positions he espoused just months before deciding to run for the U.S. Senate "don't reflect his beliefs today." Yet one's core beliefs don't dramatically change in such a short span of time, so how can voters trust what he says now? If elected, we can expect to see his true colors to be revealed once again.

His deleted posts, as well as the radical ideology El-Sayed continues to proudly embrace, show how far removed he is from mainstream Americans. He conveniently claims that he's not a member of the Democrat Socialists of America (DSA), but his policy positions are virtually in lockstep with the DSA. He has advocated for defunding the police, claiming that police funding "is influenced by systematic racism," and stated in one of his deleted posts: "The police have become standing armies we deploy against our own people." Similar to other socialist candidates who want to abolish prisons, El-Sayed has supported dis-

investing from incarceration and ending cash bail. He advocated for open borders, wants to abolish ICE and immigration enforcement, while he backs granting citizenship to illegal aliens.

In another of his deleted podcasts, El-Sayed suggested abolishing the Second Amendment which protects the right to bear arms and replacing it with a constitutional right to healthcare. This goes along with his push for government-run, socialized medicine – which he admitted would require everyone's taxes to go up in order to pay for it. His Medicare for All plan would require a 32% payroll tax and a doubling of the federal income tax. We've seen the horrors in Canada and the UK when government controls healthcare.

In a recent interview, Abdul El-Sayed's Marxist bona fides were on full display as he advocated for communist-style government seizure of privately-owned companies. When asked by the interviewer: "Are you in favor of public ownership models?" El-Sayed replied: *"I want to actually take it a step further. I agree that we need public ownership, but I also agree that we need some system of public control."* ("Public ownership" is code for the Marxist goal of governmental control of the means of production.)

While El-Sayed seeks to be the next senator from Michigan, the home of the "Motor City" and whose economy was built upon the auto industry, El-Sayed served on the

board of the Sunrise Movement from 2019-2021, whose goal is to ban all gas-powered cars by 2040. Considering that there are no cars allowed on Michigan's idyllic Mackinac Island, you'd think El-Sayed would appreciate this beloved Great Lakes treasure, but he was caught on video stating: "I hate Mackinac so much." That's not the only slice of Americana he despises. He also has opined on his hatred of 4th of July fireworks. And El-Sayed's anti-American ideology was again evident in his post from November 2019 regarding Thanksgiving: *"Just a reminder this Thanksgiving: America was built upon the systematic annihilation of Indigenous Peoples."*

El-Sayed also devoted a podcast to the evils of bacon, that mouthwatering slice of deliciousness that 80% of Americans "love or like," according to Meat+Poultry magazine. El-Sayed claimed it's a carcinogen and compared it to "plutonium." Yet his focus on getting Americans to stop eating bacon, and not other unhealthy foods, couldn't be because bacon is prohibited by Sharia law, which he has said he follows – could it?

Then in a state where both sides of the political aisle are obsessed with football, where game days between the rival Spartans and Wolverines are practically state holidays, where diehard Lions fans begin every season fervently hoping that this will be the year, only to have their dreams dashed once again – it was this, the most popular American sport, that Abdul El-Sayed chose to condemn, claiming that football is an

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Personal Note



The year was 1987. Dr. James Dobson, founder and host of the very popular Focus on the Family daily radio broadcast which reached the homes of millions of American households, had just come off from serving 14 months on the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography (1985-1986): A high powered 12 member group representing a cross section of the American public. It was significantly impactful, despite the occasional controversy, as coverage increasingly reached news followers shedding light on the deleterious impact of pornography. Dobson and many others - including Alan Sears who served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief of the Criminal Section for the Western District of Kentucky and served as the Executive Director of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography - steadfastly helped to oversee the success of this impactful commission. Special note: Sears later served as CEO and President of the regarded Alliance Defending Freedom based in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Dr. Dobson, along with Dr. Jerry Kirk, who had founded and led the National Coalition Against Pornography, produced a widely circulated 60 minute video entitled, "*The Winnable War*." It was meant to rally the American people to help concerned citizens recognize the importance of keeping themselves free from pornography and brought awareness to the fact that pornography was destructive to individuals, marriages, children, and family life. It was a timely endeavor on the heels of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, but more than that, it called Christians to understand the personal, familial, and societal plague of pornography that was exploding across America via increasing numbers of hardcore and softcore pornographic magazines and the new expansion of X-rated videos available at video stores across the

country.

President Ronald Reagan named obscenity (hardcore, illegal pornography) as one of the five top law enforcement priorities for the U.S. Department of Justice. The DOJ assigned two federal prosecutors to each state who were trained, equipped, and encouraged to investigate, indict, and prosecute purveyors of obscenity and/or pornography - "kingpins" of the porn industry.

In my leadership role, at that time as head of the American Family Association of Michigan, I was burdened to educate, inform, and drive out distributors of pornography and indecency. It was a time in our culture where pornography was very much yet a societal taboo. Grocery stores, even large box stores, would place covers over indecent magazines such as Cosmopolitan and Glamour as we engaged in a public awareness campaign and concern was elevated throughout the country. I was in communications with a person in leadership at Walmart headquarters in Arkansas and urged our supporters to contact this corporate representative to urge Walmart to stop placing the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issue at the entrance of their stores. The calls came in and Walmart responded accordingly. This is just one example of the insensitivity to indecency, but yet the responsiveness of a large corporate entity to public outcry. Our ministry under AFA of Michigan and then under American Decency Association was able to drive Howard Stern off from 23 different radio stations as we were monitoring many stations and sending upwards of 1,000 letters a month to advertisers. We were receiving hate mail and emails and had many national radio, television, and newspaper interviews. This was in a day when there weren't the innumerable points of societal unrest when a concern could be raised and faithfully addressed and kept before the Christian public.

In that season between 1987 through the mid-1990s, I spoke in churches of many denominations throughout the state of Michigan, on the topic: "*Holiness: God's Desire for His People*" - be holy for I am holy. (I Peter 1:15-16). My calling was to warn

congregations that what you place before your eyes DOES impact. I sought to give a God-honoring, passionate message of the damage that pornography satanically does to the heart, mind, and soul, and contrast that with what God does within those who, desiring to honor Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, make choices for holiness.

In those days, I would hear the heart cry from those whose marriages had been destroyed by pornography; the heartbreak from those who had discovered their mate's secret pornography usage; and the betrayal when their mate lied about their pornography usage, pledged to stop, only to be caught again using pornography. And that was in the days before the explosion of pornography on the internet. I heard then and still hear today of the high percentage of Christian men that acknowledge looking at pornography on a daily basis. As I write in the here and now, we live in an Internet world bombarded by images, videos, reels, and advertisements galore showing images of women tailored to appeal to the fleshly appetites of vulnerable men and women of a wide variety of ages.

Decades have passed since I was in my years at Michigan State University when I was caught up in pornography. But, for the grace of God who set me free. He has not changed! He is still setting captives free from the bondage of sin! Those who seek Him with their whole heart can find Him. God still hears the voice of those weak and needy! And that is key - hungering to overcome the pull of pornography and seeking the Lord's help. Victory IS available!

In closing, where are the voices against pornography from the pulpits of America and from our households? Have we as a culture lost our ability to self-monitor our own households?

Are we a culture that has lost old-fashioned wisdom to teach and mentor modesty, purity and subtle beauty into our own families? Has our culture lost its sense of guarding ourselves from the evil one? Does anyone share my burden? It would be meaningful to hear from you.

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example of “toxic masculinity.” He also compared football to slavery, stating: *“Folks who founded this country on the backs of native folks that they destroyed, then captured people, enslaved them and had them work their fields... you kind of see echoed in the ethos of football.”* That’s quite ironic considering that Islam still continues the practice of slavery. Today, hundreds of thousands of black men, women, and children are enslaved by Muslims in numerous African countries – bought and sold as chattel. Yet where is the outrage from leftists like El-Sayed? They, and he, are silent because it doesn’t fit their narrative that white men are the source of all evil in the world.

So, El-Sayed hates fireworks, football, and Thanksgiving. No word on his opinion of apple pie. Yet these seemingly trivial examples are actually indicative of a much more serious anti-American ideology and hatred for Western values pushed by leftists such as El-Sayed. For example, Abdul El-Sayed also claims, America was *“founded on the removal of a whole people. Founded on the idea that we could compromise on whether or not people could be enslaved.”*

The sin of slavery was a terrible stain in our nation’s history, but America was not founded upon slavery, but upon the truth “that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” Yet socialists and Islamists like El-Sayed are striving to undermine those principles and the only One True God who is the foundation for them. Their goal isn’t to protect freedom, but rather to establish another form of enslavement - to Marxist and Islamic ideology.

In the past, Abdul El-Sayed has proclaimed his “obligation” to follow Sharia law in every aspect of his life until he dies. Sharia

is antithetical to the U.S. Constitution, denies the freedom of speech, and subjugates women. Anyone who seeks to be “Sharia-compliant” should be disqualified from holding office in the United States.

How would someone who sees Sharia law as superior to the Constitution govern? We may have seen a glimpse of that when El-Sayed ran Detroit’s Animal Control (DACC) from 2015 -2017, as part of his role as executive director of the Detroit Health Department. Under his authority, the DACC slaughtered thousands of dogs and cats – mostly dogs. A whistleblower alleged that the DACC was a “dog slaughterhouse” where animals were deprived of medical care, kept in filthy cages, and euthanized without checking for microchips that could reunite them with owners. Over 4,600 animals were killed during his short time as director. According to the animal rescue Best Friends, the “save” rate in 2015 was only 20 percent, when 1,988 dogs were euthanized. In 2016, 1,056 dogs were killed, but only 29 cats.

What does killing thousands of dogs have to do with being Sharia-compliant? “Everything,” Robert Spencer explains, “because Islam hates dogs. Muhammad, according to Islamic tradition, ordered them killed.” If his adherence to Islamic ideology affected how El-Sayed ran a dog shelter, how would his commitment to Sharia law impact his decisions in the Senate?

Sharia law is not simply a religious text, but is primarily a legal system that followers see as superior to all other forms of government. It’s a legal implementation of Muhammad’s dictates of how society should be ordered – both for Islamic adherents and the subjugation of “infidels.” *“There can be nothing voluntary about certain aspects of adherence to sharia,”* writes Daniel Brubaker at the Federalist. Which explains why El-Sayed says he has an “obligation” to follow Sharia law. *“Can a legal system that claims final authority over conscience, speech, and the courtroom be welcomed into a constitutional republic and trusted to remain in submission to the laws of the land?”* Brubaker asks.

There are already Sharia Courts operating

in the U.S., such as the Islamic Tribunal in Dallas. As the Washington Times reports: *“Across the United States, Islamic arbitration bodies quietly handle hundreds of family law cases each year — marriage, divorce, custody, inheritance — behind closed doors, with no transcripts, no appeals and no public oversight. All-male panels apply traditional Shariah rules to 21st-century American women and children.”* A woman’s testimony is worth half a man’s, women are pressured to return to abusive husbands, and also report being pressured to accept a religious divorce which leaves them financially devastated. And then there is Hamtramck, Michigan, the first Muslim-majority city in America, where the all-Muslim city council voted to legalize backyard animal sacrifice, over the objections of the non-Muslim minority.

If a politician such as Abdul El-Sayed swears allegiance to a system of government that is diametrically opposed to our Constitution and western civilization, it is not “Islamophobic” to question the troubling implications for our nation. Rather, as voters, it’s our obligation to determine if a candidate’s worldview is compatible with American values and law. Criticizing an ideology and how a Muslim politician would implement it is not bigotry. Yet, Americans are too often bullied into silence with accusations of “Islamophobia.”

We are known by the company we keep. El-Sayed continues to campaign with terrorist sympathizer Hasan Piker, who has stated: *“We want more immigrants to come into your countries and then they’re gonna [rape] your sisters and then your daughters.”* (Piker used a far more obscene word.) And said, *“We’re here to destroy the White race.”* Piker also stated that America deserved 9/11 – a sentiment El-Sayed refused to condemn, until recently, when he called Piker’s comment “dumb.”

We used to say “never forget” regarding the 9/11 attacks. As we approach the 25th anniversary of that heinous day, it seems as if we no longer remember the radical ideology that led to the murder of thousands of Americans. Today there is a more insidious form of that same ideology seeking to tear down the pillars of our nation from within.

Flock is Building a Surveillance State

By Chris Johnson



Just a few years ago, when discussing the origins of Covid or questioning election integrity could get you deplatformed, one of the main concerns for conservatives was digital censorship. Expressing doubt about the verifiability of mass mail-in ballots, sharing true news stories that cast the Biden family in a bad light, or mentioning how patently ridiculous *social distancing* was could get you locked out of Facebook or YouTube. Protesting vaccine mandates got people locked out of their bank accounts in Canada.

While that concern has certainly not been alleviated, today an even bigger area of concern is digital *sensorship* as our habits and patterns are tracked and monetized or, worse yet, used against us in court, by the sensors in the digital devices our society is built around.

These methods led to arrests of January 6 protestors when the FBI used a method called Geo-fencing to identify individuals who traveled to the Capitol for that event.

The latest form of sensorship comes in the form of Flock cameras, otherwise known as Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs). In spite of the different focuses of these technologies, they offer similar concerns to what we saw with the censorship of the Covid area.

Over 106,000 of these ALPRs - essentially privately-owned high-tech security cameras - are posted on highways and in cities around the country, capturing not just license plate numbers, but also vehicle make and model, speed, and the date and time the data was captured, for the purpose of populating a searchable database for the use of local and federal law enforcement.

This is obviously incredibly helpful for stopping and solving crimes. Flock cameras have been used to quickly solve kidnappings, car thefts, and even murders, as po-

lice can quickly identify who's been in the area of a crime, track their suspects' movements before and after the crime was committed, and sometimes find the location of the suspect in near-real time.

Yet, ALPRs have sparked massive controversy, and not down partisan lines. The technology has its proponents and opponents on both sides of the aisle. It's easy to understand how the right's pro-law-enforcement instincts make it easy to support the use of these tools. Who wouldn't support solving crimes more quickly? Yet, always-on, government accessible cameras capturing innocent and unsuspecting citizens on video is the basis for many a dystopian parable.

But we don't have to turn to fiction to find examples of how these crime-fighting tools could be used against the innocent.

In April of 2020 - Easter weekend, in fact - as Covid panic was just ramping up, Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear announced plans to, *"record license plates of those who show up to any mass gatherings, such as church services, and... provide that info to local health departments, who will in turn order those individuals to be quarantined for 14 days..."*

In this instance, the video was recorded manually by Kentucky State Troopers and the practice was quickly discontinued after public backlash, but imagine if Flock cameras had been as widespread then as now. Would departments have been able to resist the temptation to utilize this powerful tool to "flatten the curve" even in a panic which was indisputably overblown?

Temptation to use the system for personal reasons is difficult enough for police to resist. Cases of officers and sheriffs stalking their exes or romantic interests using the Flock database is the most common form of abuse of the technology, according to Flock itself.

As of now, the Flock system allows law enforcement to obtain personalized location data on citizens without a warrant, limited only by how long the system stores the data (commonly between 7 and 30 days) and an internal system which is intended to flag un-

usual searches.

At the Flock network's current size, courts have determined that the coverage is not widespread enough to require a warrant, in contrast with cell phone location data, for example, but, as the network grows, a new ruling may make a different determination.

In the meantime, state legislatures are considering bills which would limit the accessibility, use, retention, and sharing of data collected by these devices, including Michigan. Michigan's House Bills 5492 and 5493 would limit departments to a period of 14 days in which they could query the Flock database and would limit the use of the technology to enforcing parking rules, identifying uninsured and stolen vehicles, and for ongoing criminal investigations. At the Federal level, similar bills have been introduced.

Yet, the most frightening aspects of the ALPR technology isn't so much how it's being used now, but how the technology will continue to develop, as technology always does. While the system doesn't currently utilize facial recognition software, and Flock has committed not to add it, the technological capability is certainly there. A company's pinky promise is a pretty thin defense against a surveillance state when the cameras are already posted on every street corner.

In 2020, tech companies were monitoring and manipulating internet traffic to enforce the narrative. Given an excuse, how can we doubt that they would do the same with the traffic on our roads?

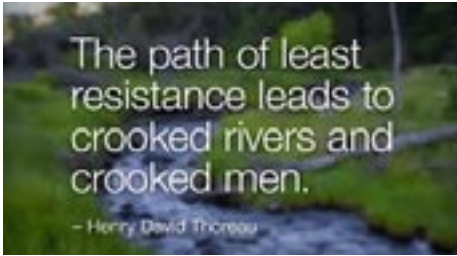
US Rep. Keith Self (R-TX) said it well, "We have a surveillance state happening. This is not a left issue, not a right issue. It is a personal issue."

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The Path of Least Resistance

By Steve Huston



In 2011, noted historian William Federer warned: *"Europe has gone from Judeo-Christian to the secular... Once you get rid of religion, nobody's going to kill and die to defend Europe... And so, into Europe comes Sharia Law Islam, and it's taking over entire cities and communities... You go from drive into neutral before you go into reverse. You had to go from Judeo-Christian to secular before you became Islamic."*

Last December, President Trump listed a great number of internal troubles that Europe is facing in his U.S. National Security Strategy document. Even so, he warned that all these troubles are *"eclipsed by the real and more stark prospect of civilizational erasure."* President Trump is correct, but what about the "civilizational erasure" that is taking place here, in our own beloved USA! Federer's above observation should have sounded a stark warning for America; we've witnessed the left's push for a dissolution of our culture and an increased rejection of our Judeo-Christian founding.

In part one of Grégoire Canlorbe's interview with Alexandre del Valle for Gatestone Institute, del Valle describes Europe's break down: *"The West, having stopped seeing itself as a civilization, allowed Islamist powers to finance mosques, associations, and networks of influence on its own soil. If you refuse to defend your civilization, you are disarming your nation. The West is a civilization shared by a number of ethnic groups, which is mainly the product of Judeo-Christian values. If a nation does not know its identity, how can it defend itself? If a nation renounces its value systems, its traditions, its historical religion, and its heritage, it implicitly accepts changing its population, identity and religion."*

"National interests cannot be defended

without being aware of who we are and what we stand for. Without knowing that, there can be no defense."

Some say, "We're not in the same boat as Europe; we haven't gone that far." Beware, even if we're in the back of a very large boat which is headed for a waterfall, it should offer us no comfort that we are not in the "front of the boat" where Europe sits.

Mr. del Valle warns: *"Many Islamists tell Muslims in Europe that their presence in a non-Muslim country can be justified only on two conditions. First, they must re-Islamize in order to protect themselves from the supposedly harmful influence of the unbelieving societies. Second, they must contribute to expanding the Muslim community until it one day becomes dominant. In this mindset, living in Europe becomes acceptable only if one works to transform it gradually into an Islamized space."*

The same thing is happening to America; we are watching it take place in various cities and communities around us. "Civilizational erasure" will become our lot if we do not resist it as a nation. Do you doubt their goal of Islamization of America instead of assimilation? Here are just a few of the recent happenings across our nation.

Massachusetts: SB S.2134 "would create a permanent, taxpayer-supported commission exclusively for 'people who practice Islam,'...recommend American Muslims for appointive government positions at every level, and charge it with studying and combating 'Islamophobia'—a term that functions as a shield against legitimate criticism of Islamic doctrine and practice." — giving Muslims privileged status.

Texas: The Muslim Brotherhood is expanding its infrastructure with a \$16.5 million dollar Sharia property operated by the Islamic Center of Irving and funded in part by Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Qatar.

Michigan: A prominent Shi'ite cleric celebrated the death of Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, asked worshippers to pray for Donald Trump's death, and urged Muslims to elect Abdul El-Sayed.

Alabama: An imam in Huntsville urged his followers to prepare to sacrifice their lives through jihad in order to establish "the religion of Allah" in the United States.

New York: A Large Muslim crowd in Times Square cheers on a preacher: "We'll take New York, then the rest of America."

Robert Spencer shares: "CAIR Officials At Michigan Mosque Ahead Of Abdul El-Sayed Senate Primary: Our Religion Is A Gift That Needs To Be Shared; We Love This Country, But Need To Correct It; Michigan Muslims Continue To Make History; We Expect You To Vote; If You Use Your Power And Money, Candidates Will Change Their Positions."

These are only the tip of the iceberg that "Titanic America" is sailing into. America is far-along this slippery slope to secularism and Islamism. In 2015, I wrote an article asking: *"There IS a vacuum; will it be filled by the aggressive theology of violent Islam or with the love of Christ?"*

We see the answer forming around us, but with God nothing is impossible. That's the thing though — **WITH GOD!** Will we defend our civilization and return to the Judeo-Christian truth that it was built upon? Will we return to God in humble repentance, looking at our feet and HIS path, and like David quickly turning them back to His ways? (Ps. 119:50-60)

Rod Dreher warns: ***"If we don't recover Christianity in the West — in some meaningful way, not just a nominal way — then Islam will be the heir, because you can't fight something with nothing."***

America! Repent or Perish... European style. Wake up and stand up; get off the path of least resistance.

I urge you to watch this message (<https://rumble.com/v7b7aqo-an-unholy-alliance-gods-judgement-is-islam.html>) by Dr. Michael Youssef. He warns about what is happening to America with the Islamic invasion and offers the only solution to stop these invaders from taking over our country. **May God help us!**

May What They Celebrated Drive Us to Our Knees

By Lisa Van Houten



The optics from the picture above are disturbing. What they are celebrating is demonic. On August 10, Massachusetts Governor Maura Healey signed legislation that removes any restrictions on abortion, allowing for the killing of babies right up to the moment of birth - for any reason, or no reason at all. The bill was overwhelmingly passed by the state legislature, 119-33, making Massachusetts the 11th state in the nation to legalize unlimited abortion. As you can see, surrounding her were women applauding; celebrating; ghoulishly grinning as any constraints on the satanic rite of abortion were stripped away.

A year ago, Healey signed other bills that protected life - animal life. One bill prohibited removing a puppy or kitten from its mother before eight weeks of age. Another made it illegal to declaw cats, describing it as "inhumane" and causing "serious pain." Yet unborn babies are ripped from their mothers' wombs and suffer excruciating pain as they are literally torn limb from limb through abortion. As G.K. Chesterton said, *"Wherever there is animal worship there is human sacrifice."*

The previous Massachusetts law was terrible enough, which not only legalized abortion up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, but also allowed for late-term abortion for reasons of fetal abnormalities or if the mother's life or health (including the vague category of mental health) was at risk. Yet, such late-term abortions are never necessary to save the life of the mother - if her life is at risk, doctors simply deliver the baby prematurely. Killing the baby before delivering it does not help save the mother's life. And with advancement in medical technology, it is increasingly common for babies born at 24 weeks, or even earlier, to live and thrive. So, what "problem" was this new law trying to solve? The problem was the baby. The pro-abortion cult wants the freedom to kill a healthy, viable baby simply because they

feel like it. That's not "healthcare;" it's infanticide. (And, obviously, viability should never be a consideration in abortion; life is created by God and begins at conception.)

As Governor Healey signed the law, she vowed: "As long as I'm governor, abortion will remain safe. It will remain legal." Safe for whom? Certainly not the baby. She said this as if she was defending liberty, not signing the death sentence for a baby to be legally executed up to the moment of birth. Babies will now be killed on what could have been their birthdays. Killing a newborn is murder, doing it five minutes earlier inside the womb only changes the scene of the crime.

Old Testament law makes a moral distinction between murder and causing accidental death. They are not punished the same, with one exception. That exception is found in Exodus 21:22-25. *"When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him ... But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, eye for eye ..."* So, if two men while fighting accidentally hit a pregnant mother causing the death of her unborn baby, they are to lose their lives, just as if they had murdered someone. We see elsewhere in the Bible that accidentally killing a man or a woman is not punishable by death; it is the death of an unborn child that changes the punishment. Many people know that verse, "a life for a life, an eye for an eye," but they don't know the original context. It demonstrates the worth God places on the unborn. God expects not just the parents, but even strangers (including governors) to protect babies in the womb.

As I look at the picture above, I presume that at least a few of those women are mothers who once felt their own child kick in their womb, who rejoiced when they saw the heartbeat on an ultrasound, who held their newborn moments after birth. I cannot comprehend how a woman who experienced that can now celebrate the barbaric killing of a baby moments before birth. They rejoice not at the honor of carrying a child, but at what they perceive as their "right" to eliminate one.

Women have God-given instincts to nurture and protect - whether or not they are a mother. I can't imagine there is a woman alive who as a little girl did not cradle and mother a doll. It's instinctive. That's what makes pictures of women celebrating abortion so jarring. It's contrary to our nature. It should drive us to our knees in grief.

Another story in the news gives a different picture - a young woman willing to do anything to protect the unborn life she was carrying. However, the baby in her womb was not her biological child; McKenna West was a surrogate hired to carry the baby boy of a couple from California. When it was discovered that the baby had a serious, but treatable, heart defect that would require surgery after his birth, the biological "parents" demanded McKenna abort him. She refused and fled to the pro-life state of Texas for protection for the baby. McKenna, a single mom with two children of her own, offered to adopt the baby, but the California couple refused - they'd rather have their child killed. McKenna has since given birth to the boy she called Gabriel and the state of Texas intervened to ensure he received life-saving treatment.

However, the biological parents who wanted him killed have been given legal custody and McKenna was not allowed to see or hold the baby she carried and fought to protect. She is also being sued by the biological parents for at least \$100,000 for not aborting him. Yet McKenna said: *"His life doesn't have a price tag on it. There's nothing that they could try to come after me for that would be worth his life."* It's reminiscent of Solomon's decision: who is the real mother - the one who saw her son as a "defective product" to be discarded or the one who did everything she could to save him? Please pray for this precious baby and for McKenna.

However, not only does this case shine a light on the evil of abortion, but also on the immorality of surrogacy which commodifies babies to be bought and sold like property.

Heavenly Father, have mercy on this nation. Protect the unborn, open blinded eyes, and bring us to repentance.

Putting the W in the WNBA

By Chris Johnson



Not long ago, the WNBA was largely a niche interest. The viewership was nearly 60% women, with the median viewer age being 54-years-old. A 2012 study revealed that 29% of season-ticket holders identified as lesbians. Estimates are that up to 35% of the players themselves are openly gay. At the same time, athletes were also overwhelmingly black, as were the fans. Yet, in spite of the intense support of this demographic, viewership stayed around three or four hundred thousand, peaking at an average of 505,000 in 2023, lower ratings than the Little League World Series.

All of that changed in 2024 when women's college basketball phenom Caitlin Clark came on the scene. Nearly 2.5 million viewers tuned in just to watch her get drafted. WNBA viewership suddenly went up to over 650,000 on average, with Clark's games sometimes drawing over 2 million.

But, there was a problem for this largely black league with a significant lesbian player and fan base. Caitlin Clark is a straight, white girl from the conservative state of Iowa, and she had just brought the league everything they wanted. More attention, more viewers, and consequently, higher pay. However, the new audience she brought to the league were largely straight, white, and male.

The players immediately made their feelings about the Clark Effect known, with thrown elbows and hip checks, intentional fouls sometimes when Clark didn't even have the ball. And referees continuously, somehow, missed the aggressive contact when it happened. Even so, Clark was assessed twice as many fouls against her as any other player in her rookie year.

The ironic thing is, Caitlin Clark has not stepped into the role that much of the WNBA and many of their core fans cast for

her. In the 2024 election, she seemed to support Kamala Harris, she's accepted the liberal narrative of her own "White Privilege," and has expressed support for LGBTQ issues.

But, with more eyes on the WNBA since Clark joined the league, another player has stepped into the role of conservative heroine in the League: Clark's teammate Sophie Cunningham. Cunningham may not be the superstar that Clark is, but she's had plenty of clips go viral too, if for different reasons.

What has dragged Cunningham into the spotlight and the league into the political and social conversation more recently has been her statements that transgenders do not belong in women's sports: "...I want to protect young girls in a locker room, or young girls in sports who shouldn't have to go against biological men..." – a bold stand in a league so enmeshed in DEI ideology.

One side of the WNBA fanbase wants the league to condemn Cunningham's statements, while the other side wants it to stand up for female athletes and make a statement against allowing trans players to compete against the women. Several coaches and players have said they *would* support trans players joining the league and the WNBA commissioner has refused to take a side, likely hoping the issue just goes away.

That's not going to happen.

In August, two former *NBA* players, Enes Kanter Freedom and Royce White, declared their intentions to attempt to switch leagues. In White's case, he's actually submitted a declaration to the WNBA identifying himself as a transgender woman and requesting an official determination of his eligibility for the 2027 draft. His lawyer is former congressman, Matt Gaetz. White's intention is to force a ruling by the league on what the term "woman" actually means in their Collective Bargaining Agreement, as it states only "women" are eligible for the draft. White's threat is that unless the league tells him why he's ineligible to play in the WNBA as a self-identified "trans woman," he will pursue legal action. Meaning, the league will have to decide what they really mean when they say only *women* are eligible.

Young female fans have been caught in the crossfire. On several occasions, young fans have attended Cunningham's games to support her and express gratitude for her standing up for them. They've worn t-shirts made by the athletic clothing brand XX-XY, which was founded to support women athletes against having to compete with transgenders.

On one occasion when the Indiana Fever – Clark and Cunningham's team – played the Seattle Storm, one of the team's co-owners confronted the girls, reportedly swearing at them and making one of them cry. Meanwhile, one of the Seattle Storm players was wearing a t-shirt which read, "Trans rights are human rights." To the league's credit, the Storm co-owner was suspended for five games in reaction to the incident.

On another occasion, a mother and daughter wearing XX-XY gear were told by security that they needed to cover their shirts if they wanted to stay at the event. Again, the WNBA distanced itself from the security guards' actions.

After the incidents with the girls wearing XX-XY clothing occurred, TX Attorney General Ken Paxton decided to push the boundaries as well, appearing at a Fever game in his state while wearing the apparel alongside a large group of Cunningham supporters with signs saying, "Thank you, Sophie" and "Save Women's Sports."

This issue isn't going away. As long as biological men are trying to compete in women's sports, women will be vulnerable to both exploitation and injury. In March of this year, the Olympics changed their policy to limit access to women's competition to biological females. As the highest-profile women's sports league in the US, the WNBA can't ride the fence forever. This is a critical battleground in the fight to protect women's sports. It's time for the WNBA to take a stand to protect women in sports.

Back to School

By Steve Huston



By the time this issue of Frontline is in your hands, most schools will have started; students are being reminded of the basics that they've learned in previous years. Why the need for review? Because the precepts they will learn this year will be built upon the foundational principles which were laid in preceding years. The wise and effective teacher will teach these precepts combined with application; the wise student will weigh what is being taught while showing reverence and deference to His Creator God in all his learning.

For many of us, those school years are long past in our rearview mirror of life. Yet we continue to learn and build on the foundations that we have laid down by our choices. We weigh our options and build "precept upon precept; line upon line...here a little and there a little." The wise will do so in obedience to the Word of God, finding rest and refreshing; the foolish will not walk in Truth and "fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken." (Isa. 28:10-13)

The vibrant, growing Christian nourishes himself by daily gathering manna through the reading of the Bible and trusted devotional materials; drinks at the fountain of living water as the Spirit lives within and guides us; breathes as he speaks with our Lord "without ceasing;" and plants the seed of reproduction by witnessing to others of the grace, mercy, and love of God given to him through the atoning work of Christ—all these things with praise and thanksgiving.

A devotional life based upon the reading of God's Word is vital; it teaches the prayerful reader about the importance of the Word, the need and ways of prayer, genuine discernment regarding self and the world, and principles of carrying out the Great Commission given to us by our Lord. In short, **a devotional life should lead to a life of devotion.**

In this quote from John Wesley, we find four useful steps in getting the most from our time with the Lord: "*O give me that book! At any price give me the Book of God! I have it. Here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be homo unius libri (a man of one book). Here then I am, far from the busy ways of men. I sit down alone: only God is here. In his presence I open, I read his Book; for this end, to find the way to heaven. Is there a doubt concerning the meaning of what I read? Does anything appear dark or intricate? I lift up my heart to the Father of lights: 'Lord, is it not thy Word, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God"? Thou "givest liberally and upbraidest not". Thou hast said, "If any be willing to do thy will, he shall know." I am willing to do, let me know, thy will.' I then search after and consider parallel passages of Scripture, 'comparing spiritual things with spiritual'. I meditate (reflect) thereon, with all the attention and earnestness of which my mind is capable. If any doubt still remains, I consult those who are experienced in the things of God, and then the writings whereby being dead, they yet speak. And what I thus learn, that I teach (relate)."*

Reading: Wesley himself was a voracious reader—first and foremost of the Bible, but also of devotional readings. A few that Wesley was particularly moved by were The Christian's Pattern (Thomas a' Kempis), The Rule and Exercises of Holy Living and Dying (Jeremy Taylor), and two others, A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life and Christian Perfection (William Law). The Bible was his constant companion and counsellor, for all tradition, reason, experience, and our reading must be checked by the Scriptures.

Reflection: The Scriptures urge us to meditate on God's law and on His great works, and David particularly so. Some have likened it to a cow chewing its cud, receiving nourishment and filling. If reading is getting into the Word of God, meditating or reflection on what we've read is getting the Word of God into us. Spurgeon wrote: "*There are times when solitude is better than society, and silence is wiser than speech. We should be better Christians if we were more alone,*

waiting upon God, and gathering through meditation on his Word spiritual strength for labour in his service. We ought to muse upon the things of God, because we thus get the real nutriment out of them." Meditating is a part of learning application; we might ask questions like these: Is there a command for me to keep? A promise to claim? An opportunity for me to more deeply think on Christ?

Relating: Here we build "line upon line," adding to previous Scripture knowledge and gaining knowledge of putting into practice that which I have learned. We also share with others that which we are learning, even as the Apostle Paul commends in Colossians 3:16. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Recording: Though not found directly in this quote, we know that Wesley **recorded** his thoughts in many ways: journals, letters, commentaries, etc. If we would not lose the precious nuggets of gold that God has seen fit to bless us with, let us deposit and keep them safe in our "gold bag." Pull them out from time to time that we might be blessed again or share these "golden" truths with others.

If you don't have a devotional life, take heart to Wesley's admonition: "*O begin! Fix some part of every day for private exercises. You may acquire the taste which you have not: what is tedious at first, will afterwards be pleasant. Whether you like it or no, read and pray daily. It is for your life; there is no other way; else you will be a trifler all your days...Do justice to your own soul; give it time and means to grow. Do not starve yourself any longer. Take up your cross and be a Christian altogether.*"

**"Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine... Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all."
1 Timothy 4:13, 15**