Major changes could happen in both the nation and in Kentucky based on how Kentuckians cast their ballots. Your vote is important!

Key issues in the race include the future of “The Affordable Care Act” (Obamacare) and the future of coal mining in Kentucky, given the strong environmental commitment of the President.

A similar seismic shift is possible within the state when one of the two major political parties wins the election. Both Parties are optimistic about their chances — Democrats believe they can hold the House, and Republicans believe the day they have been waiting for is here. The last time Republicans controlled the State House was in 1921. They lost their 55 to 45 advantage in the next election cycle of 1922. Because Kentucky is quite efficient with its election reporting, said Jack Henshaw, The Family Foundation’s policy analyst for the western region of Kentucky. “Our nation is at a crossroads and we need all the wisdom that can be mustered to guide us through this period.”

It’s possible an election of one party or the other could set the tone for the next four years. The Sixth District Congressional seat is current Congressman Andy Barr, a Republican, is being challenged by the current Kentucky Secretary of State, Alison Lundergan Grimes, a Democrat. If she wins this seat, the U.S. Senate will likely remain under Democratic control and Sen. Harry Reid will continue to preside. . . . and support President Obama’s efforts.

The reason for the traditional marriage law in Kentucky is that marriage is the most natural and healthy institution in which a child can grow up. Love should promote what is good for society. It is good for society for children to grow up in a family with a father and a mother, which the evidence suggests is the most healthy environment in which a child can grow up.

In fact, why are judges second-guessing the reason voters and their elected representatives pass laws at all? Since when did we have to start approving or disapproving any other amendment placed on a Kentucky ballot. A similar logic applies to your heart’s content. But that doesn’t make it constitutional. But there is an interesting aspect to the reasoning judges like Heyburn are now using in these cases and it is this: All the reasons these judges consider irrational turnout to be the reasons considered rational.

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A federal judge recently declined the equivalent of nullifying law on marriage policy in Kentucky by striking down the “Affordable Care Act,” followed by a Kentucky Supreme Court decision. The Amendment to the Kentucky Constitution was passed by large margins in both the House and Senate in 2004 and approved by a significant majority in the electorate. Most votes were cast in favor of the amendment that year. By 2010, and against any other amendment placed on a Kentucky ballot.

Judge John G. Heyburn argued that there was no “rational basis” for Kentucky’s law defining marriage as a relationship between one man and one woman. He was wrong. The judge doesn’t have to agree with the reason for the law under the rational basis test. It must only be a reason that someone could conceive of as rational.

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The fact that 75 percent of Kentucky’s constitution was conceived of the law in 2004 was untested by the judge. And recent polls suggesting that the majority of Kentuckians still think it is rational was apparently considered beside the point. The judge doesn’t have to agree with the reason for the law under the rational basis test. It must only be a reason that someone could conceive of as rational.

The Sixth District Congressional seat — Current Congressman Andy Barr, a Republican, is being challenged by Elizabeth Jensen, a Democrat. Though the balance of power in the House of Representatives does not hinge on this race, it is the most hotly contested congressional race in Kentucky this election cycle.

Control of the State House of Representatives — Both Parties recognize that the control of the State House is “up for grabs” in 2014, and both Republicans and Democrats believe they can prevail. Both Parties have controlled the Kentucky House since 1922. The last time Republicans controlled the State House was in 1921. They lost their 55 to 45 advantage in the next election cycle of 1922.

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It’s important that everyone get out and vote their conscience, said Jack Henshaw, The Family Foundation’s policy analyst for the western region of Kentucky. “Our nation is at a crossroads and we need all the wisdom that can be mustered to guide us through this period.”

Because Kentucky is quite efficient with its election reporting, Americans will likely see an indication of where the nation is headed early on the evening of Nov. 4.
Here's how to vote ... (Don't we already know?)

Opinion: I'm not going to tell you “Who to vote for,” but I am going to encourage you “How to vote.”

Here are some political Party Platform generalities:

The Democrat Party is more ... [list of positions]

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Owensboro officials postpone gay rights effort

Though it is a victory for now, it may be a temporary one — many believe they are just dodging the election cycle by postponing.

A proposed “Fairness Ordinance” in Owensboro has raised concern among many in the city that their religious freedom would be undermined if the ordinance was adopted. This salience of their community as a place where faith and their sincerely held religious convictions are part of the daily fabric of their lives, and where the most vulnerable are cared for by faith-based organizations, such as Sunrise Children’s Services and Landmark Baptist Church.

So when word got out that the city was considering a gay rights ordinance focused on Lafayette Ave. Boro-Houchou and Transgender LGBT individuals as a protected class, Owensboro residents were quick to flood the phone lines and email address of the city council members with their views. The people there wanted to know why most of the Commission said things that made them think Owensboro is going to be a community with serious bigotry and financial problems.

In late February, Mayor Coleman, executive director of the Owensboro Human Relations Commission, proposed a gay rights ordinance for the commissioners to consider. The ordinance was described as an “anti-discrimination law” that would protect individuals in the LGBT community from being barred from employment or housing. She stated that the “anti-discrimination law is not an invasion of anyone’s religious freedoms.”

Coleman’s statement was telling, especially since a similar ordinance in Danville was specifically adjusted to exempt Sunrise Children’s Services on the grounds of religious freedom. At that point, the Danville proponents of the ordinance became critical of their own ordinance, Sunrise Children’s Services, a faith-based agency that cares for orphans and foster children, has a policy of its hiring openly homosexual individuals. The Owensboro office is Sunrise’s largest foster care center in western Kentucky.

The reason for the Owensboro ordinance was reportedly in response to an unexpected number of letters received by Commissioners opposing action. During the meeting on April 5, Mayor Ron Payne said the legal department had been looking into the matter and that handed it over to the Owensboro Human Relations Ordinance committee weeks before. It was then that Coleman made her recommendations for the ordinance. After the presentation, Mayor Pro Tem Debbie Eldridge moved to place it before the Commission. However, others were concerned that the ordinance was not in favor of this ordinance.

“Let’s go Krogering!” said one resident who expressed support for the ordinance. “We just want to be sure that those who are putting up the fight are doing that in a responsible way. This process has been well thought out and we support it.”

Berea also offers to delay gay rights ordinance

It appears that the same tactic of waiting is being used to protect city government incumbents who are for a new gay rights law.

Though the campaign in Owensboro was more subtle, it looks much the same effort banked in Berea. The better line in Berea is that the city was targeted by a nativistic organization, Kentucky Family Values, that runs fake news, as have many other organizations that attempt to suppress their activities. Their activistic form is very simple: 1) is there a local entity that is finitely on the side of the LGBT community; and 2) is there a nativistic group or organization that has been contacted by their activists.

Clearly, this was “Community Organizing 101.”

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Concerns are not limited to the similar names: Examine the logos of The Family Foundation and Kentucky Family Values. The antithesis question is: “Are they trying to fool voters?”

Lay the clear — anyone in America can read anything they desire. One can even take it one step further: what is against the law and by doing so, change the law. That being said, it is important to remember that it is always best to say what you mean...otherwise, you may be held responsible for the consequences of your words. The Family Foundation is known for its robust mission. They are completely dedicated to the fight for the protection of religious freedom. Will the Family Foundation help Kentucky Family Values win in the battle to pass a new gay rights law? Is this a political action group that works during election cycles exclusively on behalf of Democrat candidates?

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Each of those will have significant spiritual repercussions on America and all have arguments and advocates. But what do YOU believe? And even more important to the future of America, what does God believe?

Beyond these issues in the reality that a change in the U.S. Senate could change the balance of power on the U.S. Supreme Court over the next few years. Some suggest that as many as several justices will retire soon, but even simple math concludes that the next choice for the Supreme Court will change the balance that the Court currently mandates.

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“The Family Foundation enrolls in Kroger donor program

Kroger recently launched a program called Kroger Commu-
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The Family Foundation is proud to be a participant in this

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Opinion: I’m not going to tell you “Who to vote for,” but I am going to encourage you “How to vote.”

Here’s how to vote … (Don’t we already know?)

I am not going to tell you “Who to vote for” – that is your job-discreet and discreet. But I can give you some pointers that will help you make your vote truly count.

First, vote a God-choice; don’t vote your conscience. Clearly, everyone is not called to vote God’s way. But for God’s chosen you must vote the way you know He would. Vote for the one that best represents the Lord’s values and best articulates the Lord’s concepts for principled governing.

Here is the correct: DO NOT VOTE for your choice, for your pocketbook, for your convenience, or because he or she chooses you. This election is not about FIVE is about God’s work in the earth, in Kentucky and the United States.

We must believe this is when Samuel was commissioned to a new king for both Hosea’s family after his death. Samuel initially wanted to avert one of God’s sons after his death because he appeared to him “faulty.” But Samuel was truly spiritual and he continued to seek the Lord, ultimately recognizing God’s choice. He chose the truly one – David (the man who was not perfect, but who was after God’s heart).

Kentucky (and America) needs this kind of leader to lead back into the Messianic faith. So Kentucky (and America) needs this kind of leader – “God’s choice.”

Second, consider this “White Technique” when voting – use your candidate with his Party just like you line up the two iron sights – the front sight with the rear sight – on a rifle. Once the two line up, “pull the trigger” (pull the voting lever).”

Here is who this is important: If you choose a candidate that IS FOR Issue A and he or she wins, but his Party is AGAINST Issue A, you likely will never see Issue A moved forward. Why? Because Parties have a tendency to only push their Platform after the election is over, regardless of individual member’s perspective. Yes, there are exceptions – and sometimes those exceptions work beautifully. But make sure if you “violate” this rule of thumb that your choice truly is exceptional.

Last, cast your vote with faith. God has promised that you can change the world by yourself. But it is also true that you know the One Who can.

When you hear the phrase, “Let your voice be heard in Frankfort” (or Washington), understand that is not a political statement, it is a spiritual one. You are called to be one of God’s prophets who speaks to government by voting. It is this understanding held by our Founding Fathers that created the system of government that we cherish.

We should … cast your vote and prophesy to government knowing that as you line up your choices with His choices, He will move whether those candidates win or lose.

The fact of the matter is your ballot can never lose.

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The Democrat Party

The Republican Party

The Christian Coalition

The Constitution Party

For more on the candidates, go to the Kentucky Candidate Information Survey at: www.votekentucky.us

Boys in girls’ bathrooms: is this the new norm?

There must be a better way to help a struggling student than to discard ALL the rules for safety, modesty and common decency.

Remember, candidates may differ in their views, but the overall Party’s will is usually pushed in Frankfort or Washington.

The next option for Elliott and those opposed to the new policy is to appeal Kentucky Supreme Court’s decision to the Appeals Board, composed of two parents appointed by the 10th District Parent-Teachers’ Association, three teachers appointed by the president of the Jefferson County Teachers’ Association, and a school administrator appointed by the president of the Jefferson County Association of School Administrators.
The Atherton situation has raised the question of whether ADF should adopt a policy for helping transgender students. Some believe that is not about feelings or desires or expressions, nor is it about discrimination, but rather this is about biology and common sense and decency.

One objector, ADF attorney,\n
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“Fairness” is unfair by Martin Cothran is the senior policy analyst for The Family Foundation.

A federal judge recently declared the equivalent of martial law on marriage policy in Kentucky by striking down the state’s traditional definition of marriage. The Amendment to the Kentucky Constitution was passed by large majorities in both the House and State Senate in 2004 and approved by voters in 2004. This decision was motivated by both a moral and a rational basis. All of these follow exactly the same pattern: there is no good reason for laws defining marriage in a way that excludes same-sex couples.

The reason for the government promoting traditional marriage, of course, is that it benefits society by maximizing the chances that children will be raised in families with both a mother and a father, which the evidence suggests is the most healthy environment in which a child can grow up. Laws should promote what is good for society. It is good for society for children to grow up in families with a mother and a father. Therefore, laws should promote families with a mother and a father.

As someone who has attended these court proceedings live on radio, I can tell you that argument is perfectly valid. No one knows any basic logic would deny it. You can disagree with his fact or conclusion to your heart’s content, but that doesn’t make it invalid. But there is an interesting aspect to the reasoning judges like Heyburn are using in these cases and it is this: All the reasons these judges consider intended turn the reason conscience could not be rationalized by conservatives. Typical conservative reasons for a law might include religion, customs, and morality. These have always been considered legitimate reasons for laws. Only in recent years with the onset of a more personal and more liberal judiciary have they been ruled out of order. On what basis can these traditional reasons for laws be considered irrational? And on what basis are they distanced from the moral reasons liberal judges may have for having a law? Why are liberals allowed to pass laws for liberal reasons when conservatives are burned from passing them for conserva-

In fact, why do judges second-guess the reasons their and their elected representatives have passed laws? Since when did we have to start approving our reasons for voting any way we like with liberal judges? And if morality is not a legitimate reason for having a law, then pray tell what is? There are only two kinds of laws: those that are considered and those that do not. And pray tell what is for (in other words, what is moral) or those that prohibit someone from doing what might not be for more things, what is immoral. Search the entire body of state and federal laws and you will not find anything else.

We’re in a pretty bad state, when, in a debate over “fairness,” we unilaterally privilege one side over the other.

The Sixth District Congressional seat — Current Congressman Andy Barr, a Republican, is being challenged by Elizabeth Darnell, a Democrat. Though the balance of power in the House of Representatives does not hinge on this race, it is the most hotly contested congressional race in Kentucky this election cycle.

Control of the State House of Representatives — Both Parties recognize that the control of the State House is ‘up for grabs’ on Nov. 4, and BOTH Parties believe they can prevail. Democrats have controlled the Chamber since 1922. All together, there are 133 House seats, 6 State Senate seats, 53 State House of Representative seats and 65 Judgeships (nonpartisan) to be decided on Nov. 4.

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