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Trump/McConnell continue to move forward

A Trump campaign promise. A McConnell bold agenda.

With the assistance of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, President Trump has kept his promise to appoint conservative judges to America's court system.

The scope of what has been accomplished through that campaign promise is historic. Trump's picks make up nearly a quarter of all federal judges. Trump's picks even account for 30 percent of all Court of Appeals judges, the level that has the final say on virtually all cases in the nation, and two of the nine U.S. Supreme Court justices.

This is more influence than the previous five presidents had at this point in their presidencies, and it has even made an impact in Kentucky. Justin R. Walker, a former professor at the Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville (2015-2019), was confirmed as a federal District Judge in Louisville on Oct. 24, 2019.

The U.S. Senate then promoted him to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, considered a steppingstone to becoming a U.S. Supreme Court justice, on June 18, 2020.

On Aug. 14, before taking his new seat, Walker issued an important decision upholding the free speech and religious liberty of a Louisville photographer. (*See story below*)

Combined with Walker's April 2020 decision against the Louisville Mayor's order preventing drive-in church services on Easter, it seems clear that a supporter of the First Amendment now sits on the second most powerful court in the nation.

Trump's judicial confirmations

President Trump and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell have made history with their steady nomination/confirmation process that has transformed the federal judiciary.

Confirmations to Date

Trump	209
Obama	149
Bush 41	199
Clinton	203
Bush 43	161
Reagan	145



The meaning of Judge Walker's "Nelson decision":

"When we filed our amicus brief in this case, we knew it could be BIG. IT IS!" – Martin Cothran, senior policy analyst for TFF.

[T]his case requires us to confront a larger question at the heart of our nation's promise: Is America wide enough both for you and 'a man whose words make your blood boil, who's standing center stage and advocating at the top of his lungs that which you would spend a lifetime opposing at the top of yours'?"

That was the observation of U.S. District Judge Justin Walker, when he released his decision upholding the free speech and religious liberty of a Louisville wedding photographer on Aug. 14.

Chelsey Nelson believes that God gave her a passion for photography and storytelling so she could present marriage between one man and one woman as something created by God, worthy of celebration and honor.

She challenged Louisville's so-called "Fairness Ordinance," which elevates sexual orientation and gender identity to a higher level of protection. Similar ordinances and laws have been used in Lexington and throughout the nation to punish Christian business owners.

Walker's resulting legal opinion is a significant victory that will likely be cited throughout the nation, as courts weigh how to proceed when our nation's most sacred First Amendment rights and the new-found rights of the LGBT community clash.

Here are key takeaways from Walker's opinion:

Photography is Speech:

Pointing to the U.S. Supreme Court's holding that photography is speech and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals' finding that it is art, Walker emphasized that words are not necessary for speech.

People of Faith Are Not Outcasts or Inferior:

Walker wrote that "Americans 'with a deep faith that requires them to do things passing legislative majorities might find unseemly or uncouth'" does not mean they can "be treated as social outcasts or as inferior in dignity and worth"; "They are members of the community too."

Government Cannot Compel Speech or Violate Conscience:

Walker was clear on the legal principle: "government can't compel speech when it violates the speaker's religious or political principles." He went on to emphasize that "the government can't force [people of faith] to march for, or salute in favor of, or create an artistic expression that celebrates, a marriage that their conscience doesn't condone."

This is consistent with the U.S. Supreme Court's trend of

"Constitution does not require a choice between gay rights and freedom of speech. It demands both."

– Federal Judge Justin Walker



protecting religious liberty to the ^{nth} degree, even when LGBT rights are involved.

Walker's opinion adds the U.S. District Court Western District of Kentucky to a growing list of courts that have recently protected people of faith in the public sphere.

The Eighth Circuit did so in a case about wedding videography, declaring that the government cannot compel anyone "to talk about...

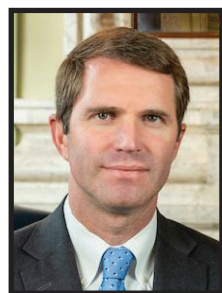
same-sex marriages" simply because they choose "to talk about... opposite-sex marriages."

The Arizona Supreme Court protected the creation of custom wedding invitations, concluding that applying the so-called "Fairness" law "coerces" individuals into "abandoning their convictions, and compels them to [communicate] celebratory messages" they disagree with.

Walker clearly answered the larger question at the heart of our nation's promise: "America is wide enough for those who applaud same-sex marriage and those who refuse to. The Constitution does not require a choice between gay rights and freedom of speech. It demands both."

Gov. Beshear's "Covid-19 / abortion" problem

He may genuinely care for the health of many, but like most "pro-choicers," he's blind to the abortion carnage. Sadly, numbers don't lie.



There is only so long that you can continue to lament the loss of some life while ignoring the loss of other life on a much greater scale. That is what Gov. Beshear has been trying to do for over six months during the "Covid crisis."

Here is his problem: The abortion crisis has many more than twice the deaths and more than seven times the number of "Years of Life" lost: Covid deaths - 1,108 Abortion - 2,373 (See right)

That is particularly problematic when everyone is aware that the Covid crisis will at some point go away and, of course, there is no real end in sight to abortion. (See below)

Worse, Gov. Beshear has also lamented the racial "inequalities" regarding Covid, but statistics are far more slanted when it comes to abortion: State statistics show 13 percent of Covid deaths are Black, but so are 30 percent of the abortions.

Sen. McConnell plans to move forward

Ruth Bader Ginsburg's death leaves an vacancy on the Court.

Within an hour after the news of Justice Ginsburg's death, Sen. Mitch McConnell said that he was prepared to move forward on President Trump's next nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"This is like an 'October Surprise' in an election year that was not initiated by either Party, but by God Himself," said Kent Ostrander, executive director of The Family Foundation. "This will change all election battles in races across the nation because it will change the turnout."

Ginsburg had served on the Supreme Court since 1993 and is well-known for championing women's rights, LGBTQ rights, and unfortunately, abortion rights as well.

"Kentuckians should take heart," said Ostrander. "Because the only way a politician can take such a bold stand six weeks before a hotly-contested election is if he knows the citizenry 'has his back.' So even now, Kentucky is playing a key role in the unraveling of the wrongful *Roe v Wade* decision."



Sen. McConnell

"Years of Life" Lost

March 1 thru Sept. 19

(assume a 90-year life span - *overstated for Covid)

COVID-19 Deaths:

Age of Death	COVID Deaths	Years Lost per Death*	Total Years Lost
0-30	1	85	85
30-39	6	55	330
40-49	24	45	1080
50-59	71	35	2485
60-69	172	25	4300
70-79	294	15	4410
80+	540	5	2700

Total: 1,108 15,390

Abortion (deaths):

Total: 2,373 90 113,570

15,390 years vs 113,570 years

So-called "Conversion Ban" bill likely in 2021

It really is not surprising that left-wing advocates would want to stop free speech and freedom of religion with a law.

On Aug. 25, the Interim Joint Committee on Licensing and Occupations heard for "discussion only" a bill that would ban licensed counselors, social workers, pastoral counselors and many others from assisting youth with unwanted same-sex attractions or gender dysphoria, but would still allow youth to receive counseling if they seek to become homosexual or transgender.

Proponents of the bill are against what they call "conversion therapy" and claim that it is "torture" if licensed counselors share Biblical teachings on marriage, sexuality and gender with minors. More than 20 states have outlawed any type of "conversion therapy" due to such misinformed and misleading arguments.

Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr (R-Lexington) introduced a ban on conversion therapy last year, but it did not receive a hearing. At the committee hearing on Aug. 25, she stated that one's sexual orientation is determined at conception, similar to other unchangeable genetic traits such as one's skin or eye color. Sen. Kerr also stated, "Youth subjected to this torture are seven times more likely to commit suicide." Sen. Kerr did not cite any scientific studies or findings to uphold these two significant statements.

Daniel Mingo, who walked away from a homosexual lifestyle nearly 30 years ago, testified in committee that he counsels individuals using Biblical discipleship, which the LGBT community has called "conversion therapy," to help them turn from their homosexual attractions and gender dysphoria. Mingo stated there are thousands of individuals who have successfully embraced a Biblical lifestyle with respect to their sexual relationships.

Alongside Mingo was Joseph Backholm, Senior Fellow for Biblical Worldview and Strategic Engagement for the Family Research Council, and Cole Cuzick, policy analyst for The Family Foundation. After outlining a variety of Constitutional concerns for the First Amendment rights to speech and religion, Cuzick asked, "Is this General Assembly pursuing a ban on

conversations of faith in the state of Kentucky?"

If the General Assembly were to pass the bill, Kentucky would become the first southern state with a

Republican-controlled legislature to ban such therapy. National news sources including the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *ABC News*, and countless other media from around the United States covered the testimonies from the committee hearing.

Over the past few years, Kentucky has made national news for its bold pro-life bills. However, the Kentucky General Assembly has also made the national spotlight for its openness to this blatant anti-religious liberty

measure that is heralded by the LGBTQ lobby. With the bill now having received a hearing in the Interim Session, it could receive a full Chamber vote during the 2021 legislative session.

"Is this General Assembly pursuing a ban on conversations of faith in the state of Kentucky?"

– Cole Cuzick, policy analyst for The Family Foundation



The “Gambling Machine” case has gone on for 10 years. It’s time for genuine justice.

There was a manipulation of the judicial system by Gov. Steve Beshear’s Administration. There was manipulation by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. And, there was manipulation by the gambling expansion attorneys in court. But justice has a way . . .

“What has happened here is just plain wrong on every level.” – Stan Cave, attorney for TFF

Stan Cave, attorney for The Family Foundation, addressed the Kentucky Supreme Court in the Aug. 14 oral arguments. In part, he was referencing some of the “irregularities” that emerged during the case. Listed below are just a few of those “irregularities,” but almost none were ever reported by Kentucky’s media. Notice that they **ALL HAD ONE THING IN COMMON** – they **ALL** had a special way of promoting the expansion of the gambling machines.

Irregularity # 1 In 2010, at the very onset of this court case fiasco, the members of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission filed 10 affidavits regarding their plans to go to court. Unfortunately, *four of those ten were dated and witnessed on the day before the events they were attesting to actually happened.* The other six, rightly, were the same day of the events they attested to. How do you testify to something *the day before* it happens??? Was there an unofficial “pre-meeting” the night before the official meeting took place??? If so, that made it a blatant violation of Kentucky law.

Irregularity # 2 The “Instant Racing” case that the KY Horse Racing Commission brought to court in 2010 was an “agreed case” – it was one-sided. There was no opponent; it was only one group asking a court, “Is this machine legal?” The Family Foundation (TFF) petitioned the court and was granted entrance. *BUT* immediately our attorney, Stan Cave, was told he could not do “discovery.” *THAT* violates the Constitution! The right to ask questions to unlock the truth is clear (even Perry Mason knows that. 😊) That Fall, the court ruled against TFF, stating that the gambling machines were legal, but the Kentucky Supreme Court threw out the decision – “discovery” is a right!

Irregularity # 3 *This one is stunning!!!* In 2010, after denying The Family Foundation’s attorney, Stan Cave, the right to do “discovery,” the judge had his clerk write his opinion for the case for him. Later it was found out that the clerk was associated with the Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP), *which is the group that boasted how it brought the machines into Kentucky in the first place!!! This is CRAZY!!!* Fortunately, when that decision was appealed, the Kentucky Supreme Court justices vacated the decision and ordered a retrial WITH DISCOVERY. (But likely, even then they had not learned about the clerk and her KEEP connections.)

Irregularity # 4 Lawyers for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission argued for 5 years that Historical Horse Racing machines DO NOT use random number generators. (Random number generators are the hallmark of slot machines. They are used *in place* of authentic “pari-mutual wagering,” which is, of course, required under KY Law.) BUT . . . after the Nebraska Attorney General opined in his state that the devices use random number generators and ARE NOT pari-mutual, the Racing Commission filed papers with the court essentially admitting that it had misled the court – random number generators were, in fact, a part of this slot-type gaming! The tracks soon dropped that particular gaming system . . . and the case moved on.

Irregularity # 5 In 2011, the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission began issuing licenses for these gambling devices even though the court case *THEY BEGAN* was not nearly over. More importantly, it hadn’t been decided that the machines were, in fact, legal. *THAT* is critical! The Racing Commission is under the Public Protection Cabinet, which, clearly, is focused on *PROTECTING* the public. But the Commission was *NOT* working to protect the people, rather it was in a quiet collusion working to expand the revenue of the horse racing industry – now, the “gambling industry.”

Irregularity # 6 Back to the beginning – Let us illustrate the amount of influence the gambling proponents were using to get their way: In 2010, Kentucky’s horse racing tracks WITH two public agencies – the KY Horse Racing Commission and the KY Revenue Cabinet – filed suit without naming defendants/respondents. The public agencies claimed a “common interest” with the tracks to say

ALL their documents and communications were not “discoverable.” *Should such agencies be able to collude this way with those they regulate?* Then they moved forward in their case without alleging a single fact upon which the legal question they asked depended. That’s when TFF entered the case.

Irregularity # 7 This one is unbelievable . . . One of the law firms advocating FOR the gambling machines actually offered the judge’s son a job with their firm. (He was hired.) Think about it: If we objected to this “gift,” would we possibly bias the judge against us? Worse . . . Did the judge ever think, *even for moment*, “If I rule against these devices, will they fire my son?”

Irregularity # 8 They were all interconnected . . . During the 10-year court case, Attorney General Jack Conway would not enforce The Family Foundation’s open records requests because he said he had a conflict of “interest.” What was that conflict? His father was sitting on the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission. In other words, those who cared about horses were running the show AND they were the ones going to benefit.

Here is just “a little” evidence of the gambling industry’s corruptive ways

The incontrovertible fact is this: “You cannot do vice virtuously.”

The Four Policy Reasons that expanded gambling is a bad decision for Frankfort to implement are:

#1 The Family Is Targeted - *ALL* the money raised comes from one place and one place only – Kentucky families.

#2 Businesses Will Lose - As families lose their disposable income” there is less to spend on “every-day” items at local stores.

#3 Government Is Corrupted - The Gambling industry always gets its way and ends up perverting the function of government . . . the Las Vegas phone book is just an example.

#4 The Vulnerable Will Be Destroyed - Not all are vulnerable, but those that are have their marriages, their families, their lives, and their businesses ruined.

The phone book used for this research is the 2009 Las Vegas phone book. (Las Vegas may not even print one today with the shift to online information.)

The largest number of pages in the Yellow Pages advertises and promotes one thing . . . no, it’s not gambling. It’s 67 pages of “escort services.” Full page ads promise “Full Service,” “Wild Teen Cheerleaders,” “Barely legal,” “Asian Centerfolds,” etc.

Yes, the Nevada legislature – part-time and made up of Moms, Dads, Grandmothers and Grandfathers just like Kentucky’s – voted to legalize prostitution in the state of Nevada.

Why?

Because the gambling industry always gets what it wants and every legislator knew they would have an opponent in the next election *funded by the gambling industry* if they didn’t vote, “Yes.”

In the Yellow Pages there are an additional 31 pages of “Massage parlors” advertised. Yes, it’s the same thing. Ads say, “Body to Body Pressure Massage,” “Shower Massage,” “All Body Full Service,” etc.

And, there are 13 abortion clinics advertised in Las Vegas, which has about 10,000 more people than Louisville. Kentucky had one abortion clinic – now a second authorized by Gov. Beshear – for the entire state. Las Vegas itself has 13.

The bottom line?

You cannot do vice virtuously. (The gambling industry *always* brings other garbage with it.)

Irregularity # 9 The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission withheld material documents for nearly two years and then did a “document dump” of over 65,000 pages on the last day of “discovery,” a mere 2 ° months before the trial.

Irregularity # 10 Gaming Laboratories International (GLI) was the consultant for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (and tracks) and it reported in the court case that these horse racing devices WERE pari-mutual wagering on horse races. *BUT*, GLI was also the consultant of the Wyoming Attorney General who opined that these devices WERE NOT pari-mutual wagering on horse races. As we all know, the gambling industry will say whatever it takes to get what it wants.

Irregularity # 11 The Gaming Laboratories International (GLI) consultant for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission gave legal opinions in the court case claiming that these horse racing devices WERE, in fact, pari-mutual wagering on horse races. That is a legal opinion in a court of law! Here is the problem . . . The consultant had a two-year degree from DeVry Institute that had nothing to do with law.

Irregularity # 12 During the case, the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, the Public Protection Cabinet, the Finance Cabinet, the Department of Revenue and the Governor’s Office ALL claimed an attorney-client relationship based on their “common interest” of expanding gambling in Kentucky via the “Historical Horse Racing” devices. Since the attorney-client relationship is impervious to questioning, a great deal of information was *NOT* available to the court.

Irregularity # 13 During the case, even though Gaming Laboratories International (GLI) was the gambling consultant for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, GLI was paid by the race tracks and vendors FOR their testimony that the “Historical Horse Racing” machines were “pari-mutuel.” To be clear — Those paying were those who would profit. This “strains” the bribery statute in Kentucky Law!

Irregularity # 14 To illustrate how interconnected the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and race tracks were . . . At one point in the case, *THE LAWYER* for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission actually left the Commission and went to work for one of the law firms representing the tracks arguing FOR the Historical Horse Racing machines.

Irregularity # 15 To illustrate *further* how interconnected the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and race tracks were in the case: Several years into the case, *THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR* of the Commission left and began working with a law firm representing a track applying for a Historical Horse Racing license WITH THE COMMISSION. It’s as though the state agency personnel and those of the tracks were interchangeable.

Irregularity # 16 The Kentucky Equine Education Project (KEEP) is the organization which boasted that it was responsible for bringing Historical Horse Racing into Kentucky, yet early in the case the Circuit Court Judge barred The Family Foundation from doing any discovery into KEEP and its communications. (We were not allowed to ask KEEP’s staff or members any questions about the machines, their involvement or their concerns.)

Irregularity # 17 The Kentucky Horse Racing Commission was so focused on moving forward with these gambling devices that it *TWICE* held special meetings on holiday weekends to approve new Historical Horse Racing gaming themes.

Irregularity # 18 During the case, the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission went ahead and approved gambling games even though the court hadn’t ruled. Here is the “kicker”: One of the games they approved played only a 3-SECOND CARTOON of a horse race . . . and they maintained that *THAT* was a horse race.

Greg and Ami Williams author book to strengthen marriages with Biblical wisdom

The **AUTHORITY** of LOVE *will challenge and encourage you in your walk with The Lord, your marriage, family and in His Church.*

The **CITIZEN** recently caught up with husband and wife team, Greg and Ami Williams, authors of the soon to be released *The AUTHORITY of LOVE*. The **CITIZEN** sat down with them to find out more about them and their intriguingly titled book.

CITIZEN: *First of all, tell us about you two.*

Ami and Greg: “Thanks for the opportunity to share and introduce folks to our first book and help them get to know a little about us. We met in church just over 32 years ago, dated for nearly two years, were engaged for one year, and married on June 1, 1991.”

CITIZEN: *Neither of you look old enough to be married for nearly 30 years. What’s your secret?*

Ami: “Thanks! Every woman loves to hear that! The simple answer is a marriage and family blessed by the presence and peace of God. We made a point from the first date that Christ would be foremost in our lives and relationship.”

Greg: “Yes, thanks! Some days I feel I could still dunk a basketball. Some days not so much! I called Ami two days after meeting her and asked her to help me chaperone middle schoolers from church to a water park. We had a great time so I asked her out. Our first official date was August 14, 1988. In her driveway that night I said to her, ‘We’re going to do this God’s way, and one of three things will happen: You will either think . . .’

- 1) ‘Yeah, right, another so-called Christian guy claiming moral purity.’ Or
- 2) ‘We’ll make it a few months and you’ll wonder if I’m really attracted to you if we’re not having sex; then you’ll either commit to the relationship or not.’ Or
- 3) ‘We do this God’s way, get married, and enjoy His blessings!’



Greg and Ami Williams – author, editor

We chose #3, and honored The Lord and each other. That laid the foundation for God to bless our marriage, family, walk, and ministry, as you’ll see in this book.”

CITIZEN: *Great story and perfect segue, “What is the book about and why write it?”*

Greg: “I’m the author and Ami is the editor so it was another work of The Lord to bring it together. The book itself is a result of our walk in Christ and 25+ years of ministry and discipleship. As I taught, The Lord began to open doors for events, mentoring, and discipleship. I’ve been asked many times, ‘Do you have books and videos?’ My answer was always, ‘The Lord has not yet allowed me to create those resources.’ Now He has.”

Ami: “Greg has taught, counseled, mentored, and discipled hundreds of men, couples and families since we’ve been married. The responses and outcomes have been favorable as he always points people to God’s truths. The results are only what The Lord could bring about.”

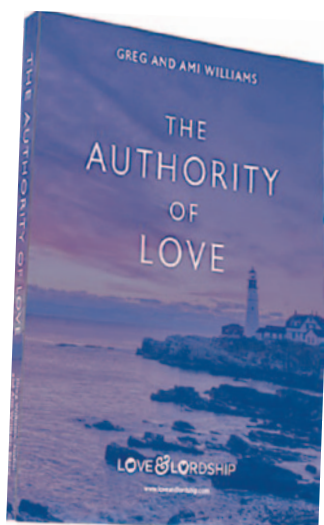
CITIZEN: *Tell our readers about the core message of*

The AUTHORITY of LOVE.

Ami: “On our first date, Greg made it clear that Christ had his whole being—heart, soul, and body. I’ve experienced that in our marriage and family. You’ll find it on every page of this book to help you, your marriage, family, and church.”

Greg: “In John 13 we see Jesus modeling and sharing love and authority as essentially inseparable in His Kingdom. Unfortunately, that’s not the case in our culture or many churches. The title gives insight into a message that we pray makes this a reality in lives, families, and churches. I’ll let the book speak for itself.”

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“Like a vitamin supplement, ‘The Authority of Love’ is packed with Biblical truth and wisdom that every family should have at its disposal.” – Kent Ostrander, The Family Foundation

“Greg’s book is indeed, a ‘wake up call for the modern-day American church’ . . . “
– Bob Russell, Senior Minister (Retired), Southeast Christian Church (Louisville)

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Opinion: The agenda is what is being pushed, not logic or genuine care for patient health.

So-called “Conversion Ban” pushed

On Aug. 25, a legislative committee heard testimony on a proposed bill for 2021, to ban “gay conversion therapy.” Opponents of the bill refer to it as the “counseling censorship ban.” Two such bills were introduced in the 2020 session, but neither moved — HB 199 by Rep. Lisa Willner (D-Louisville) and SB 85 by Sen. Alice Forgy Kerr (R-Lexington).

Willner is the head of the Kentucky Psychological Association, one of many professional psychological associations who have taken activist liberal political positions on a number of issues and who have actively opposed any efforts by individual psychologists to help gays who want to go straight.

Last year’s two bills and the proposed bill for 2021 would ban conversion therapy for anyone under the age of 18.

Daniel Mingo, of *Abba’s Delight*

(a ministry to those who have unwanted same-sex attractions) told Licensing and Occupations Commit-

tee members, “These same individuals can receive help if they want to be gay. But if they want to live a heterosexual life, following their religious convictions, they’re out of luck.”

This is not the only strange inconsistency in the arguments for counseling censorship bans. In fact, many of the same people who oppose conversion therapy for minors are advocates of gender reassignment surgery for the same minors. So, it’s not as if they are terribly concerned about the actual health of the minors they pretend to be protecting.

Very little of the opposition to conversion therapy is motivated by health concerns, and the professional associations, who now oppose the practice, did not come to their positions through any scientific process.

Organizations like the American Psychological Association once categorized homosexuality as a mental disorder, and their change in position on the issue was not the result of any scientific evidence that contradicted their earlier opinions. Their opinion changed because of political pressure from gay organizations. And so far as anyone knows, political pressure is not a scientific process.

When a bill was introduced in the 2020 legislative session earlier this year, The Family Foundation announced its opposition to it and my comments were carried in several media outlets. I received an email from one of the promoters of the counseling censorship bill offering to discuss the issue with me. I said I would be happy to and



suggested that she send me an email with her arguments, which she kindly sent.

What I received, however, was not primarily scientific arguments, but arguments showing what polls had found about conversion therapy, and a list of the professional associations that publicly opposed it.

I responded to this nice lady asking what other medical procedures were regulated on the basis of public opinion polls and why, in a scientific world in which research is supposed to be valued, appeals to authority would be employed in support of a position.

Wasn’t science invented partly to take the place of appeals to authority? Would the people who now condemn the practice of conversion therapy have been in favor of it when these same groups were in favor of it? Would they change their minds if these groups changed their positions tomorrow?

Of course not.

Of the arguments that had to do with science at all, one cited several specific practices that are part of some kinds of “conversion therapy” that they consider to be harmful (“a variety of shaming, emotionally traumatic or physically painful stimuli,” etc.). Why not ban these particular practices, regardless of what they are used to do? Why say it bans conversion therapies as a category, when actually it bans merely talking with an individual?

And if conversion therapy is to be banned because of “health risks for LGBTQ young people such as depression, decreased self-esteem, substance abuse, homelessness, and even suicidal behavior,” wouldn’t that call non-traditional sexual orientations themselves into question? These very pathologies seem to be over-represented in at least some LGBTQ populations, which supporters of this bill pretend to protect – apart from any conversion therapy. One report, for example, asserts that as many as 40 percent of transgender adults report having attempted suicide.

Finally, even if we assume that harm to some individuals has in fact occurred, is that sufficient reason for banning an entire practice? There are many medical procedures that are considered risky because of high rates of harm to the patient.

And what exactly is the supposed danger of these procedures? How many cases are there of harm to the patient? Where are the numbers?

Where is the research? Of course, there isn’t any.

Politicized science doesn’t have any need for research.



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Anyone can sign up for an official Kentucky CHOOSE LIFE license plate and give a \$10 donation (the maximum gift allowed) when they renew their plate. Since its inception, over \$440,000.00 has been contributed.

“We can ALL give a little”

Go ahead, get one for your car and drive with this CHOOSE LIFE encouragement all over town.



You’ll be making a stand for life and for compassionate, life-saving intervention because Pregnancy Help Centers will receive 100% of the money that you donate above the actual cost of your license plate.

THIS is Unbridled SPIRIT in Kentucky!

“ALL hands on deck”

Please allow me to be very straight forward . . .

We have just opened our Fall 2020 fundraising efforts. Please help us if you can. This is what I am confident of: ***“If we all give something, the Lord will multiply it and we will have enough”*** – just like the fishes and loaves.

Some people give because we offer them information that *they* can use to make an impact. Others don’t want to get involved, but they like what we do *for* them and *for* all Kentucky families, so they give. Either way – or both ways – we need your help.

If you’ve never given to The Family Foundation, let me encourage you to do so. It costs us about \$10 per year to send the *CITIZEN* to you. If you can, give \$10. But we do so much more than that . . . Consider our lobbying in Frankfort, the 10-year court case on gambling that is now in the hands of the Kentucky Supreme Court, the *Kentucky Candidate Information Survey* (see page 1), the legislator conferences that help them connect as believers and work together, the witnesses that we finance to make their way to the Assembly’s committee meetings, etc.

And now we have another demands: The lost of my wife, Joyce, from our staff is huge. (She volunteered.) Now we’ll have to expand the staff to maintain our presence.

If you can give, please do. \$10 or \$25 or \$50 or \$100. Anything & everything helps.

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“If we all give something, the Lord will multiply it and we will have enough”

Thank you!

Why can’t it be Kentucky?

It’s time to “Rise up and build” – not structures, not roadways – but godly culture – “ways of life.”

I risk being redundant, but I *MUST* get this point across because it’s just within our grasp . . . because God will help us!

Let me ask you this question again: If I asked you to tell me where I could go to see a full-blown, mature expression of Mormonism, where would you tell me to go? I’m talking about where the community would, generally, live by Mormon uprightness . . . the schools would have a Mormon “flavor” . . . business would be conducted with Mormon

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integrity . . . government would make decisions with Mormon values.

Where would you tell me to go to find such?

I have no doubt

that you are already saying to yourself, “Kent, everyone knows this! Just go to Utah.”

But I must ask you the same question with just one twist: Where could I go to see a full-blown, mature expression of Christianity?

Don’t tell me your church. I’m looking for community. I’m looking for schools. For businesses and for government. Where would you tell me to go?

If you are like the vast majority of those whom I have already asked *this* question, you are probably pondering – and no answer quickly comes to mind. There may not be such a place.

So, let me ask you my final question to get to my point: Why couldn’t that place of mature Christianity – community, schools, businesses and government . . .

Why couldn’t it be KENTUCKY?

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Think about it . . .

I’m not talking “politics” – I’m talking “Public policy” – the *DECISIONS* that *elected politicians make* regarding you, your family and your employment. Public policy is nothing more than a manifestation of the will of the people in a democracy (or, more accurately, a republic form of democracy).

Consider: There are 6,000 Bible-oriented, evangelical churches in Kentucky! That doesn’t even count the four Dioceses of Kentucky’s large Catholic Church. And the world’s largest seminary is in Kentucky – Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

I can give you many reasons as to why we have failed to attain the vision which I described above, but rather than get depressed with a list of all our problems and failures and apathies and ignorances, I’d rather simply ask you to dream . . .

Then let us rise up and build—we’re on the cusp of success!

Why **CAN’T** it be **KENTUCKY**??

P.S. Take heart! It’s the **KENTUCKY** Senator pushing hard! (See page 2)

But let me ask you the same question with just one twist: Where could I go to see a full-blown, mature expression of Christianity?

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