## Why vote biblical values in 2020? The American culture is at risk!

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If you need further evidence of this threat, remember the June 15, 2020 headline – "Supreme Court rules federal civil rights law protects LGBTQ workers." The Supreme Court of the United States ruled it illegal for an employer to fire someone because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The court's 6-3 ruling extends the scope of the 1964 Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which bars discrimination based on sex, race, color, national origin, and religion, to include LGBTQ people.

How could this judicial activism continue? It is an unreasonable decision with far-reaching impact on free enterprise and possibly religious freedom if applied to churches, religious schools, and other faith-based organizations. It is a war on words and moral values in America. When Title VII was written, the focus was on preventing discrimination based on sex, race, color, national origin, and religion. It was not meant to cover things like sexual orientation and gender identity.

According to Dennis Prager, American radio talk-show host and writer, "From well before 1776 until the second half of the 20th century, the moral values of the United States were rooted in the Bible and its God. . . . . Americans, from the Founders on, understood that without God, there is no moral truth, only moral opinion — and assumed that those truths were to be gleaned from the Bible more than anywhere else."

Joe and I are concerned about the persistent and dangerous tactics to remove Judeo-Christian values from public life in America including scenarios in which a judge issues a ruling that overlooks legal precedents in favor of serving a broader social or political agenda. We are in a "cultural war" over whether America remains Judeo-Christian or becomes secular like Europe. We were reminded of this looming "cultural war" while listening to our favorite morning radio program, *Sandy Rios in the Morning*, when we heard a startling interview with Mallory Millett about her older sister, Kate Millett, a famous political activist, feminist, teacher, and human rights advocate who died on September 6, 2017 at the age of 82.

The interview inspired Cathie to learn more about Kate Millett. In 1966 Kate became the first chairwoman of education for the newly formed National Organization of Women (NOW). Kate Millett's book *Sexual Politics* was published in 1970. She appeared on the cover of *Time Magazine* and was hailed as the "the Karl Marx of the Women's Movement." Some of Kate Millett's friends were Angela Davis, Gloria Steinem, and Yoko and John Lennon. They called Kate Millett the "godmother of the Revolution."

In a September 2014 article titled *Marxist Feminism's Ruined Lives*, published in *FrontPage Magazine*, Mallory Millett shared a very disturbing time with her sister Kate and twelve other women who were graduates of very esteemed institutions and all with advanced degrees. "It was 1969. Kate invited me to join her for a gathering at the home of her friend, Lila Karp. They called the assemblage a 'consciousness-raising-group,' a typical communist exercise, something practiced in Maoist China. We gathered at a large table as the chairperson opened the meeting with a back-and-forth recitation, like a Litany, a type of prayer done in the Catholic Church. But now it was Marxism, the Church of the Left, mimicking religious practice:

'Why are we here today?' she asked.

'To make revolution,' they answered.

'What kind of revolution?' she replied.

'The Cultural Revolution,' they chanted.

'And how do we make Cultural Revolution?' she demanded.

'By destroying the American family!' they answered.

'How do we destroy the family?' she came back.

'By destroying the American Patriarch,' they cried exuberantly.

'And how do we destroy the American Patriarch?' she replied.

'By taking away his power!'

'How do we do that?'

'By destroying monogamy!' they shouted.

'How can we destroy monogamy?'

'By promoting promiscuity, eroticism, prostitution, and homosexuality!' they resounded."

Mallory went on to say, "Their answers left me dumbstruck, breathless, disbelieving my ears. Was I on planet earth? Who were these people? They proceeded with a long discussion on how to advance these goals by establishing The National Organization of Women. It was clear they desired nothing less than the utter deconstruction of Western society. The upshot was that the only way to do this was to invade every American institution. Everyone must be permeated with "The Revolution," including the media, the educational system, universities, high schools, K-12, school boards, etc.; then, the judiciary, the legislatures, the executive branches, and even the library system."

Let us fast forward to the present where we are living in a "Post-Christian" or pagan society that some refer to as "Babylon." The current state of our society is the product of many influences, including the agenda created during the meeting back in 1969 described by Mallory Millett. The 1960s in America was the start of a slippery slope of morality that has accelerated over the years to the present where: homosexuality is openly celebrated and same-sex marriage is the law of the land; movies and TV shows are used to glamorize and promote unbiblical lifestyles for the family; college students are being taught that socialism is better than the free market economy, the wealthy are vilified, and campus safe spaces are creating intolerant students; and kindergarten children are being taught they may choose their gender preference and become a gender other than the one of their birth.

Like Mallory Millett, Cathie and I are dumbstruck considering how successful the "cultural revolution" has been to invade every American institution, from the Supreme Court to the local library. In 1973 the Supreme Court legalized abortion in Roe v. Wade and legalized same-sex marriage in Obergefell v. Hodges in 2015. And most recently, the 2020 Supreme Court broadened the scope of the 1964 Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which bars discrimination based on sex, race, color, national origin, and religion, to include LGBTQ people. These laws are anti-Christian and go against biblical values. Some libraries are purging classic books such as *To* 

*Kill A Mockingbird* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* because they are not politically correct and instead have "Drag Queen story hours."

The Sandy Rios interview with Kate Millett's sister Mallory and subsequent research provided a striking explanation of what has been happening to our country for the past 50 years. "We the people" have been living through a "cultural revolution" and the deconstruction of Western society.

So, what do we do to stop the moral decay in our culture? In addition to prayer, we must take the time to understand the issues and the candidates, including their values and history, before we vote. We must elect officials who embrace biblical values, especially those who have the huge responsibility to appoint and approve Supreme Court Justices. Under Article II of the Constitution, the President of the United States alone is empowered to nominate Supreme Court Justices. As the Constitution states, "he [the president] shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint ... Judges of the Supreme Court..."

The requirement for the Senate Judiciary Committee to conduct hearings, background checks, and interviews of Supreme Court nominees, followed by a vote of the full Senate, is evidence of the concept of checks and balances of powers between the three branches of government designed by the Founding Fathers. This is a reminder of the importance to vote biblical values in every election — especially presidential and U.S. senatorial elections in 2020 taking into account the ages of the two oldest sitting U.S. Supreme Court Justices - Ruth Bader Ginsburg, 87 and Stephen Breyer, 82 who both score to the left of center on the ideological spectrum.

There is much at risk in 2020! This may indeed be the most important elections of our lifetime. It is urgent for the Christian voting bloc to move from the pews to the polls in record numbers to vote biblical values in every race on the ballot before it is too late!

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