

A Case for Political Dialogue in Church – It’s Overdue!

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[**Note:** This article is going only to select people, NOT to leaders and individuals who might identify as conservative, but who’s voice (or silence) appears to label them otherwise. This would only cause more division. It is intended to challenge and encourage those who fully embrace a Christian Worldview. **You may forward it, if you wish, as you see fit.**]

For decades, I have heard spiritual leaders contend that political issues do not belong in the church. Usually, these admonitions are indirect or vague. In my earlier life as a pastor, I remember leadership admonishing us not to get involved in “issues of the day.”

However, as we observe the so-called political issues of this day, I am deeply grieved, bewildered, even angered, I confess, by the silence of Shepherds. **In an hour when America is on the brink of embracing a Marxist-Atheist worldview - now controlling the Democratic Party - how have we gotten here?** Can you be a [Christian and a Marxist](#) at the same time? My year-long reading (4 books) on [2nd Wave Feminism](#) has convinced me that our culture has been [deeply indoctrinated](#) in this [atheistic-Marxist driven worldview](#). That feminization is nowhere more visible than in much of the pastorate.

I was sent a link to a teaching by Pastor Gary Hamrick of [Cornerstone Chapel, Leesburg, VA](#). Oct. 18, 2020. He calls it his Election Day Sermon - “Church in America Wake Up – A Biblical and Historical Perspective on the Candidates” (Jeremiah 6:16-19). I believe you will find it very useful and encouraging. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10HRwSKTUiU> It will challenge and perhaps give you useful ideas. But first, why would I say this discussion is overdue – a little church history about the churches silence on issues that are cultural, but certainly impact Christianity.

When the Church was Disengaged – A Few Examples:

In each of these issues below, it was Christians that spoke out, engaged , and contended for truth. Sadly, most of the church remained silent. My reference is that in 47 years of being a believer, as I have attended numerous churches in 7 states, I have **never heard a well-constructed teaching** (or any teaching for that

matter) **from the pulpit on any of these so-called political issues.** Oh, they will teach these issues in “Sunday School” – to those who already embrace them.

Addressing the Elephant in the Room First: Frequently, the argument against speaking about cultural or so-called political issues relates to a misguided application of **Agape love** which is best defined as **“Seeking the highest good of another person or group, even if it comes at a sacrifice to us.”** The rationalizing goes something like this. We are just going to love each other. The world will know us by our love. We are just going to emphasize love and preach the gospel.

Anyone who is conservative and even slightly informed, **realizes that the bottom line of this election relates to these questions:**

- ✚ “Is America going to adopt Atheist-Marxism or encourage free markets? Ask yourself, is refusing to speak against Marxism *seeking the highest good* of America or your kids? Is this irresponsible?
- ✚ Is refusing to address abortion *seeking the highest good* of women who might later find themselves in trouble?
- ✚ Is silence about same-sex marriage *seeking the highest good* of the next generation?
- ✚ Think about this as you read.

Evolution vs. Creation: The Scopes Trial, July 1925 – this trial concerned the teaching of the origins of life in schools. As the issue “evolved” our culture began to adopt evolution as the truth of origins. **Evolution is the cornerstone of all atheist-based worldviews from Humanism to Marxism.** Any version of creationism introduces intelligence – a creator – and that they can’t allow. Parachurch organizations rose up to defend Biblical creation, but to this day, the majority of Evangelical churches remain silent, refusing to teach it from the pulpit.

The Sexual Revolution of the 60’s: This revolution was rooted in Rebellion – and the riots in cities today are from the same roots. Most would agree that this revolution is still impacting culture today and continues to influence all age groups, not just our youth. Numerous moral issues were involved especially related to God’s design for sex. Again, many Parachurch organizations like Focus on the Family spoke out strongly. But where were the multiple-part series from the pulpit on this issue? As the seeker friendly idea became more prominent, it

was forbidden to speak of sin in any serious way. This is a troubling failure to “equip the saints for the work of ministry.” (Eph. 4:12)

Roe vs. Wade – 1973: Shockingly, I have never observed a pastor give a well prepared, full length teaching on why abortion is harmful. This can be done with grace. No wonder that a significant percentage of people in our Evangelical churches are just fine with abortion. Many of our women have had one – or more. They may still be suffering from this. Where was the sensitive, but truthful refutation of this evil?

Obergefell vs. Hodges 2013: – Same-Sex Marriage: In this decision, the Supreme Court notoriously decided that the constitution protected same-sex attracted people and the institution of marriage also applied to them. This overturned precedence in almost every culture for all of time. **It was a demonic attack on marriage, the basis of the family and also culture.** A number of Parachurch organizations opposed this and have continued to speak against it. BUT, the church has remained silent on this institution clearly defined in Genesis.

Homosexuality, Transgenderism, Gender Identity etc.: The list goes on and the confusion among our young people is a crisis. But, the church remains silent.

Critical Theory and its Step Children: *Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality, [Black Lives Matter](#)* etc. This is Marxist philosophy. It is dumbfounding that the Trump administration has realized how wrong this junk is and stopped it from being used to indoctrinate Federal agencies. However, even as it is now being promoted in our schools and major companies, most Pastors are either ignorant of it or refuse to speak about it. **I contend that Critical Theory is the most important issue in - not just America - but the world. Nothing else even comes close.** Find an excellent teaching on this issue on our [web page under MEDIA](#) and look for Dr. Glenn Sunshine, *Critical Theory and Racism*.

Considering Religious Hypocrisy and Moral Unrighteousness in our Land -

Some Viewpoints: (Gary Hamrick)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10HRwSKTUiU>

✚ There are spiritual forces of evil that have hijacked the hearts and minds of people in order to capture the soul of America. (5:50 minutes)

- ✚ Demonic forces have influenced Millennials, Gen X'ers, Gen Z'ers with godless philosophies.
- ✚ Politicians are supporting a godless point of view that is destructive to our country. America needs to wake up and it starts with the church.
- ✚ The church is the restraining force against evil and it is not doing it.
- ✚ Joe Biden has already declared that he will be adding Muslims to his administration. (Listen to the CLIP at 15 min.)
- ✚ If by your apathy, you are downplaying the importance of engagement in this race, then you are working to advance secular humanism in America.
- ✚ In early America, Pastors would preach sermons about the social and political issues to help the people vote Biblically. (18 min.)
- ✚ What went wrong? Pastors and leaders have avoided their responsibilities and it has **led to an anemic church in America.** (23 min.)
- ✚ What are the God-given roles of government? (28)

Policies and Procedures – Which Party Platform More Nearly Resembles a Christian Worldview – 5 Issues?

- ✚ See his interview with a Black Pastor that was formerly Democrat. (37 min.)
- ✚ Abortion, Black Lives Matter – if they did care about Blacks, Blacks should be picketing Planned Parenthood. (32 min.)
- ✚ # 1. Religious Freedom – Rep. vs Dem Platforms. (44 min.)
- ✚ # 2. Marriage and Sexuality. (45 min.)
- ✚ #3. The Economy – Socialist (Wealth Redistribution) or Free Market. (47 min.)
- ✚ #4. Support of Israel – as atheists, Democrats don't like Israel. (50 min.)
- ✚ #5. LIFE – the Crown Jewel of the Democratic Party is abortion. (53 min.)

Pastor Hamrick's Concluding Statement: ***"I believe there is a liberal Progressive agenda influenced by spiritual forces of darkness that if allowed to progress will be the demise of America. The enemy is looking around for a nation to devour. I will not vote for a candidate whose party platform advocates the murder of unborn babies, embraces same-sex marriage, encourages transgender activity and ignores God and his word in our culture."***

Any pastor who does not stand for these issues or refuses to speak of them is presenting a picture to their congregation that is inconsistent with a Biblical Worldview.

**A Viewpoint from Jeff Laszloffy, CEO of the Montana Family Foundation -
Legislative Update 10/23/20**

Jeff says, “As one involved in public policy, one of my greatest frustrations is Christians who don’t vote the values they claim to believe in... they seem unable to apply basic Christian doctrine to the choice of who to vote for... I am shocked when my adult kids who tell about their friends who grew up in the church, still go to a Bible believing church, but support Marxist-Socialist candidates... why is this happening? I believe we need to do a better job of applying eternal biblical truths to real-world circumstances... we should apply God’s truth to our lives, our families and yes, even to who we vote for... because of President Trump and a Republican led Senate, we will be able to replace one of the most liberal Judges in our history with one who holds our values... for the first time in decades, Roe v Wade stands a real chance of being overturned.”

A Voice from A Conservative Catholic – Opposition to Joe Biden

Father Edward Meeks, Christ the King Parish, Townsend, MD

There is one Presidential candidate who stands at odds with church teaching.

Five things every Catholic needs to know about Joe Biden:

- #1. Biden is unabashedly pro-abortion even to babes born-alive and wants us to pay for them. The Democratic party is the party of death.
- #2. He opposes the churches’ teaching on traditional marriage and favors same-sex marriage. He has performed same-sex marriages.
- #3. Biden and his party would **repeal the Religious Liberty** act. He is opposed to anything related to this.
- #4. His presidency would **open the door to imposing Socialism** in America. Socialism – everywhere it has been – has opposed the church as an enemy. It leads to totalitarianism – replacing Gods voice.

#5. Biden on these four moral issues is a **high profile Catholic** and as such, he serves to undermine the teaching of the church.

“Abortion is the primary cause and the primary symptom of a society in a downward death spiral. “

The MEDIA loves Biden’s Catholicism but hates Amy Barratt’s Catholic faith.

Sadly, much of what we are hearing in churches is a dampening of interests of engaging in this election and in so-called political-cultural issues in general. We are hearing philosophical [Straw Man arguments](#) that avoid the issue appealing to just loving everyone or not falling in love with politics. In many of our churches, if you had just landed from Mars and the only place you went was to church, you would not know anything was going on

A Question to Ask Yourself:

In the midst of COVID and this **Worldviews charged election**, is this the manifestation of a long-brewing schism within the Catholic and also the Evangelical Church? **Which direction is YOUR church headed? Do you know? Do you care?**

For how long and at what costs to your family and America are you willing to play Ostridge? Are you investing in an organization that is committed to Agape – to seeking the highest good of your family and your country.

Most important, who are we interested in pleasing – people or the Lord?
(Jeremiah 6:16-19)

Thank God for those few leaders who will actually speak about these issues.

As my friend Jeff Laszloffy from the Montana Family Foundation likes to say **“This government is your government and your input does make a difference”**