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Historic Religious Freedom Ministerial

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo and Vice President Mike Pence hosted the first Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. to discuss ways to combat religious persecution and discrimination and to protect religious freedom around the world. This was a historic first for any country in the world, and representatives of international organizations from over 80 countries attended.

Vice President Pence delivered the keynote address which stressed the importance of international religious freedom and its role in American foreign policy. Pence said, "The right to believe or not believe is the most fundamental of freedoms. When religious freedom is denied or destroyed, we know that other freedoms are imperiled. That's why the United States stands for religious freedom yesterday, today and always." Pence also announced the establishment of the Genocide Recovery and Persecution Response Program in response to genocide perpetrated by ISIS to "ensure that religious freedom and religious pluralism prosper across the Middle East as well."

Ambassador Brownback stated the ministerial was "the launch of an expanded conversation" about the fundamental right of all individuals to do with their own souls whatever they choose. It is a right, he said, no government should interfere with. He announced the release of the Potomac Declaration and the Potomac Plan of Action and encouraged the international community to draw on the plan of action's provisions when responding to violations and abuses of religious freedom or instances of persecution on account of religion or belief. "These documents reassert the United States' unwavering commitment to promoting and defending religious freedom. They recommend concrete ways the international community and governments can do more to protect religious freedom and vulnerable religious communities," said Brownback.

"I am proud that the United States, under the Trump administration, was the first country to host this historic Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom because innocent people around the world are imprisoned, tortured and persecuted for their faith," said Mat Staver, Founder and Chairman of Liberty Counsel. "I am grateful for leaders who are encouraging religious freedom and protecting people of faith instead of trying to control them," said Staver.

WHO'S CARING FOR THE NURSING HOME CARERS?

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Many of us have moms and dads or older friends and relatives in nursing home facilities. We care very much about their well-being and the supports they receive. But who's caring for the care aides who do the bulk of the front-line work in nursing homes? Their welfare is almost entirely overlooked in the health system. And the health of the care aide affects the quality of care they deliver.

Care aides, also known as nurses aides, personal support workers or continuing care assistants, are the largest workforce in nursing homes in Canada. Research suggests between 75 and 90 per cent of direct care to residents is provided by care aides, including physical care, such as helping those they care for to eat, bathe and dress, as well as emotional care and social interaction. Their role is central to the quality of care and quality of life of nursing home residents.

Yet up until recently, we've known little about them. When the health force is studied at all, typically care aides and registered nurses are lumped together, even though their job functions are distinct, and their educational, social and ethnic backgrounds, as well as their positions in the hierarchy of the health-care workforce, are often significantly different.

So what happens when you focus specifically on the contributions and the health of nursing home care aides?

You discover care aide burnout in Canada is rampant.

Along with our colleagues at the Translating Research in Elder Care (TREC), we recently published a study in the International Journal of Nursing Studies that surveyed almost 1,200 care aides from 30 nursing homes in three Western Canadian provinces. We found that care aides, despite high belief in their professional abilities and finding their work meaningful, were at high risk for emotional exhaustion and cynicism.

What is burnout exactly?

Burnout is a psychological condition that results from work-related stress and can present itself as emotional exhaustion, such as a lack of emotional response or a lack of physical energy. It can present as a negative and detached attitude and a lack of feeling of accomplishment in your work. Research shows that those who are burned out report providing lower quality care.

In our study, we found that care aides work efficiently, sometimes under challenging conditions, and with a strong sense that what they do is meaningful - but the risk for burnout is great.

More than 60 per cent of the residents in the nursing homes where care aides work have a dementia-related condition. High stress demand on care aides is linked to this complex and demanding care. We found that, on average, care aides experienced at least three dementia-related behaviours in the last five shifts.

Combine these complex care demands with often inadequate staffing, limited or nearly non-existent continuing education and training opportunities, and lack of decision-making opportunities for the residents they care for, and it's no surprise that the threat of burnout is high.

The consequences of burnout are significant - and costly.

If care workers are not healthy, their work suffers and so does the quality of patient care. Care aide burnout can also result in job dissatisfaction and affect workplace productivity, high staff turnover and poor staff retention, as well as high absenteeism.

So what can be done?

Based on this study and more than 10 years of research in nursing homes, we have a number of recommendations aimed at improving our understanding of the care aide workforce:

We need the implementation of national training and continuing education program standards for care aides. Care aides increasingly need to know how to deal with complex residents, such as those with dementia, and need opportunities to learn the latest best practices and have the skills to provide quality care.

Improving the work culture for care aides would also help with burnout, including strategies to engage them in decision-making about the residents they care for.

We need co-ordinated efforts across governments to track the care aide workforce, including numbers and migration patterns across Canada. We also need mandatory provincial care aide registries. The regulation of the care aide workforce must be addressed, particularly given the frail, highly vulnerable population of older Canadians who are in their care. And what's good for the carer turns out to be good for the nursing home resident, too.



Logic

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"I live a dream in a nightmare world"

**TRUMP SUCKS, HE IS A
CRIMINAL, A WOMANIZER...
AND BEST PRESIDENT IN A
LONG TIME...MAKING AMERICA GREAT.**

Say what you want about Donald Trump. At the end of the day he has proven himself to be the best President America has had since Kennedy. The man is living history. He took on the campaign trail with the outmost confidence. He won with grand style and he has stayed true to his word of making America great.

Since Trump took office the American economy has boomed. The dollar has skyrocketed and jobs are becoming ample and wide. We no longer live in fear of where terrorists will strike. We no longer live wondering...

He said we will put an end to terror and he did. He went to the Middle East and put a stop to this so called threat that the Democrats so cowardly ran from. He put an end to the the Iranian bullshit. He put Hamas in it's place and life seems to have taken a harmonious turn for the better with the American boot on those that opposed us face.

Terrorist have become a thing of the past... with of course the odd exception of some nut wanting to make CNN. The days of living in fear are gone.

Tell me what other President would donate his entire pay to charity? Tell me what other President tells you how it is... Most don't like it as it breaks social protocol. Tough. The man is a man of conviction. A man that is an expert in social systems. A master of his domain.

A true President.

You want to criticize someone... Criticize, Canada's prime minister. There is where we should be considering erecting the wall. Forget Mexico. At the least we know that those coming in from Mexico are just poor people looking for a better life.

Those coming from Canada are all those responsible for the terror movement. I had people land at Toronto International and call me in fear thinking that their airplane had taken a wrong turn at albuquerque... Everyone at the airport foreigners. You would think that you landed in the Middle East some place.

In one of my only questionable Trump decision is the wall. In a 1950's mentality it would make sense to build a wall. Have we not learned anything from the Berlin wall. Hell, the Great Wall of China... Even the wall that separates North from South Korea. Wall are not the answer are they become challenges for those we are attempting to keep away. I think the answer should be to open the borders wide. Anyone violating laws on either side of the border should be prosecuted in either or both countries. We need to unite not divide. In the Mexico model. The U.S. threatens to build a wall. Canada signs a treaty allowing Mexican's under the guise of tourism to enter Canada with little or no documentation. Canada has welcome more refugees then any other Prime Minister. In my opinion the threat is not to the south of the border...It's to the north as the mexicans will continue to flood in through Canada. The terrorist will continue to cross the borders into the U.S. via Canada.

Think about it. Canada does not have the experience in dealing with illegal immigration as those that guard the border to the south. This means Canada is an open crossing point back and forth to either countries.

Hell, it has been documented that if anyone tries to enter Canada illegally with a refugee claim. They are welcomed open arms... little or no background check.

We live in a changing world. In a world that is constantly transforming. We need to adapt. President Trump has brought America out of a position of retreat. To one of advancement. CNN and other fake news organizations... keep harping the Russians, the Russians. Like reality. It be the best thing that could happen to America. To align themselves with the Russians. What better way to keep peace and harmony across the planet.

One has to wonder... CNN even though always on the attack against Trump. CNN gives him huge exposure by naming him every 15 seconds. Could it be that Trump is manipulating them in a sublime fashion.

Could it be that CNN is working with Trump making it look like they are opposing him? Question and more questions to keep the general population confused and aroused in a shroud of misinformation. Wait is that not what government strive. Keep the population ignorant in order to sway public opinion.

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