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Bringing a Biblical worldview back to American society and politics

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MARQUETTE, MI – Last night, the Michigan Coalition for Freedom, a bipartisan, non-profit advocacy group, held the second of its Gubernatorial Values Forums. Candidates Ryan Kelley, Ralph Rebandt, Michael Markey Jr., and Douglas Levesque attended.

The audience of mainly Upper Peninsula residents voiced their appreciation for candidates who made the journey to Marquette, noting that they were often overlooked on campaign trails. They also commented on the importance of addressing issues and values that are not discussed substantively in other forums. An SMS straw poll of all 2022 gubernatorial candidates was held during the event with the top three candidates being:

- Ralph Rebandt 39.8%
- Ryan Kelley 26.2%
- Michael Markey Jr. 21.4%

Notably, in a forum representing multiple political parties, incumbent, Gretchen Whitmer received zero votes.

Broadcasters and media partners included TV6 Fox UP (WLUC), WMPL Radio, MIX 93.5, L'Anse Sentinel, and Salem Media Group. Forum moderators were radio host, Kris Kyro, and pastor Brian Mason.

Our next event will be our Eastern Values Forum, to be held at Grace Christian Church, Sterling Heights, on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to holding values forums, the Michigan Coalition for Freedom is also working to identify, recruit, and train individuals desiring to bring a Biblical values perspective back into state and local government politics.

Michigan CFF President, Ellis Smith, and its board members are available for interviews and comment, and can be contacted by emailing: [board@michigancoalition.org](mailto:board@michigancoalition.org)

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