

Christian Action Ministry Newsletter

Involving the Christian in Community Action

January– February, 2017★ Vol. 27, Number 01

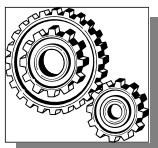
Inside

The Electoral College and Why it is Important

There are reasons our Constitution spells out the Electoral College as the way to select the President

Page 3

If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please call 655-0280, email, or contact our website (see back page)



In the Works

Legislation introduced

Are you interested in becoming involved? CAM is looking for interested and active people to act as liaisons to their church, helping to keep the Christian community informed. Contact CAM at 372-6442.

Ten Reasons

By
Kay Trudell

If you spend any time on social media online, you may have come across the organization TFP Student Action, whose slogan is “Defending Moral Values on Campus”. They are a group of primarily young men and primarily Catholic, although I do not think they prevent either women or other traditional Christians from joining them. What a breath of fresh air they are! It is wonderful to read the posts of these extraordinary young Americans who believe in traditional values and Godly morality. What an inspiration for their fellow Millennials and everybody else as well. The TFP in their name stands for Tradition, Family, Property. They are conservative and Constitutional young men who love God and embrace what we would term “traditional values”.



TFP STUDENT ACTION
TRADITION • FAMILY • PROPERTY

can contemporary culture. I will make a few comments of my own under each of their ten reasons. If you want to read what they originally wrote, please visit their website and look up “**Ten Reasons Why Homosexual Marriage is Harmful and Must Be Opposed**”.

I found them purely by accident through reading one of their outstanding essays online in June 2016, entitled “Ten Reasons Why Homosexual Marriage Is Harmful and Must Be Opposed”. I would like to share the main points of their essay with CAM readers, and urge you to research this group online. They are trying to be salt and light in Ameri-

1. It is not marriage. Marriage in Scripture is a man and a woman living in a sacred union defined by Scripture and blessed by God. (Yes, a man and a woman married in a civil ceremony are also legally recognized as a marriage by the State. I understand that.) But the ideal is one man and one woman united in a religious ceremony before God and witnesses.

The man and woman have promised to be faithful to each other until death parts

them. Anything else falls short of God’s perfect plan.

2. It violates natural law. Marriage was designed for the man and woman to love each other and through a heterosexual sexual union have the potential to produce children and create a nuclear family. Only the sexual union of a male and a female can produce offspring.

“It was the courts, of course, who took away prayer from our schools, and who took away Bible reading from our schools. It’s the courts that gave us same-sex marriage. So it is quite a battlefield, and the Supreme Court is the highest court in the land.”—Rod Parsley

Rod Parsley, born in 1957, is an American Christian minister, author, evangelist, TV host, and senior pastor of World Harvest Church.

3. It always denies a child either a [male] father or a [female] mother. Anything other than a marriage of a male and a female is not really a marriage but a mockery of a marriage. A poor substitute. Two fathers who are both male or two mothers who are both female do not constitute a true marriage as defined by God. Such a “marriage” is a creature of the State. Political correctness has trumped Scripture. Children have the right to be raised in a loving heterosexual family that models God’s true plan and pattern. That means an intact family with a male father and a female mother. Yes, I know that there are single parents but I am not referring to that in this article. I am discussing homosexual marriage. An intact heterosexual marriage is God’s ideal.

4. It validates and promotes a homosexual lifestyle. Seems rather obvious, don’t you think? It tries to say that any combination in a marriage is equal to any other and just as valid. Not. Homosexual people who enter into this type of arrangement and think it is the same as a heterosexual mar-

riage are comforted in sin and promote the gay lifestyle. This is sin in the eyes of God.

5. It turns a moral wrong into a civil right. Homosexual “marriage” or “gay marriage” or “same-sex marriage” is a creature of the State or of fallen humans, not of God or the Bible or the teachings of any major religion that I am aware of. The State has become engaged in the business of mocking God if they proclaim that two men or two women can have a “marriage” equal to what God has established. Call it a civil union or some other name, but it is not true marriage, despite the best arguments of the legalists or secularists who say that it is.

6. It does not create a natural family but a naturally sterile union. The “union” is sterile. Two men or two women cannot create a child because they cannot even engage in natural sex. They can only engage in substitute sex or a perversion of married sex. In order to procreate, they must ALWAYS bring a third person of an opposite sex into the union who is not a part of the union.

7. It defeats the State’s purpose of benefiting marriage. There are good and time-tested reasons for a society to set tax and social policy to benefit heterosexual marriage. It promotes a stable society. You can research other reasons for yourself, but one of the main reasons is to nurture and educate children who will then continue the society and culture that produced them.

8. It imposes its acceptance on all society. William Blackstone stated that the law is a great moral teacher. Legalizing homosexual marriage affects every other law and turns law into an immoral teacher. Its effects can become toxic over time, as we can now see from the start of the persecution of Christians who will not bow to this new definition of marriage. Wedding planners, inns and other wedding venues and establishments, bakers, printers, florists, photographers, people who serve as a Justice of the Peace, etc. are now being persecuted by the State to force acceptance of the new State-mandated model. The morals of ancient Rome are being forced upon American society and

culture. Churches are next, because the government is now beginning to persecute pastors for sermon content that is true to the teachings of the Bible in this area *and other areas*.

9. It is the cutting edge of the sexual revolution. It is the start of the slippery slope. We can already see other effects beginning to assert themselves to further destroy true marriage. In addition to homosexual marriage, we now see people experimenting with three or more people in a sexual union, polyamory, polyandry, polygamy, incest and pedophilia in marriage, self-marriage, even approval of bestiality in marriage. These are things that would have been unthinkable as little as 25 years ago. They are all manifestations of the sexual revolution in America.

10. It offends God. A society where true marriage is mocked and undermined is a society with a death wish. Same-sex “marriage” offends God and is contrary to the teachings of Scripture. It is sin. Amen.

Kay Trudell is a Director of the Christian Action Ministry and attends Community Bible Church

“Same-sex marriage is not the final nail in the coffin for traditional marriage. It is just another road sign toward the substitution of government for God. Every moral discussion now pits the wisest moral arbiters among us—the Supreme Court and President Obama—against traditional religion.” Ben Shapiro

Ben Shapiro, born in 1984, is an American conservative political commentator, attorney, nationally syndicated columnist, author and radio talk show host.

The Electoral College and Why it is Important

by
Dick Trudell

The U.S. Electoral College is not a place; it is a process. The provision for Electors is found in Article II, Section 1 and Amendment 12 of the U.S. Constitution. The Founding Fathers in the Constitution set up our form of government as a union of individual States, with defined rights, and a Federal government with limited powers. To further clarify this distinction, Amendment IX states, ***“The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.”*** Amendment X further clarified the intent by stating, ***“The powers not delegated by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.”***

Our system of government gives the States priority over the Federal Government (although this is slowly being eroded) and limits the powers of it to certain enumerated rights found in Article I, Section 8. All other powers are left to the purview of the States and the people. During the discussion, debate and ratification of the Constitution 240 years ago, articles containing the thinking of our Founding Fathers were circulated and were known as the Federalist Papers. One of the recurring arguments was that the rural states having fewer people and removed from the locations of government should not be penalized by the more populous states, with the fear being that a few populous areas could decide who was elected President. To this end the

Electoral College was set up as a compromise to give a more pronounced say to the less populous states by setting the number of electors of any state equal to the number of its representatives and senators (each state has two senators), thus preserving States’ rights.

In the county map below the small number of darker counties shown comprise more than half of the U.S. population and thus could control any presidential election. These areas correspond to the larger cities of the coun-

try. With a popular vote for President instead of the Electoral College, these few urban areas, instead of the entire country, would be electing the President. Candidates would be focusing on those areas instead of the entire country and gearing their campaigns to what people in the large cities wanted and not the population as a whole. Leave the Constitutional election system as our Founders intended.

Dick Trudell is President of the Christian Action Ministry and attends Community Bible Church



“The American people have spoken. Yet [some people] are filing lawsuits demanding recounts [in several states] when election officials say there is absolutely no evidence of fraud ... It is a direct anarchist assault on our constitutional election process. Leftist agitators are attempting to delegitimize the Presidential election. They are brazenly attempting to stop the certification of the election and undermine the Constitutional process. We (ACLJ) are assembling a team of lawyers to ensure the integrity of the election process. We have delivered an emergency legal letter. We are ready to dispatch legal teams to key counties to hold any recount accountable.”

Jay Sekulow, American Center for Law and Justice, December 1, 2016



What can I do?



*Faith without
works is dead
James 2:17*

e-mail : camnet@christianactionministry.com

www.christianactionministry.com

With the start of a new year and the election of a new President, it is time for all Christians to come together and work for Christian values in our government. Regardless of who you voted for, there should be no question that the United States needs a good dose of morality and a return to the precepts of the Bible. We need to pray for wisdom for our elected leaders, at the Local, State and Federal levels; and a rebirth of common sense. We must adhere to God's Word, lest we drift further away from His will and lose the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

We live in a time of spiritual darkness, with the threat of radical Islam looking to overthrow us, and special interest groups pushing their racial or sexual agendas on us. Be brave and courageous and willing to stand up for Christian values, unafraid of speaking out, and willing to become involved in your community. It is easy to become discouraged, but "for such a time as this" we may indeed be called.

The **Christian Action Ministry Network, Inc.** is an educational nonprofit public charity supported entirely by volunteers and contributions from the public. Personal, church and business donations are encouraged and are tax-deductible under the IRS Code 501(C)3. The information provided herein does not necessarily reflect the views of any particular church or individual associated with the Christian Action Ministry Network.

✉ CAM Network, Inc.
PO Box 1067
Williston, VT 05495
☎ (802) 372-6442



Next Meetings

*January 10, 7:00 pm
Living Hope Christian Church
Williston, Vt.
February 14, 7:00 pm
Parkinson home
Hinesburg, Vt.*

**Making A Difference
In
Vermont!**