

Do we really have a democratic republic?

I have been involved in the political process now for almost 20 years. I used to think that certain things could not happen in America because, well, we're America. I used to believe that our government was one of honesty and integrity. Since I got involved in the process though I learned a much different story. Growing up I would always ignore those that talked down some aspects of America. Most of the time I would simply refuse to believe what they would say. Now, don't get me wrong, I still believe that America is the greatest nation in the world today hands down. She is not perfect by any means, but she is still the greatest nation the world has ever seen.

Our Founders intended to have a government of the people, by the people and for the people. For many years we had politicians, they were actually more statesmen than politicians, that followed that precept. But as time has passed we have seen people of questionable character get put into positions of authority. In my book, *Defining America's Exceptionalism*, I discuss how the majority of the Founders felt concerning the moral character of elected officials. In this section I want to look at the subject of morality and how the Founders viewed that topic. Noah Webster's 1828 dictionary defines morality in this manner: The doctrine or system of moral duties; ethics. Virtue; the conformity of an act to the divine law. An act performed by a free agent, and from a motive of obedience to the divine will. In today's political arena we don't see much moral behavior. Members of Congress caught in adulterous affairs, in homosexuality, involved in graft and bribes. These things have always been in our politics, but never to the extent that it is today.

The majority of our Founders were men of character, above reproach. We need a return to that type of person today. God

told us what type of man to put in authority: Exodus 18:21 "Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:"[1] (emphasis added)

The Hebrew word used for 'able' is chayil and it means ability, efficiency, often involving moral worth. God intended for us to have men and women of high moral character in power over us. For most of our history we did with few exceptions. Over the last 100 years the quality of men has deteriorated exponentially. God also informed us in Proverbs 29:2 "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."[2]

We have seen a lot of 'mourning' in the last 50 years because of the lack of character in many of our leaders from city council members to the President of the United States.[1] We are experiencing what God warned us about in Proverbs 29:2. We have a non-Christian in the White House that has no regard for the principles of the faith of the majority of people of America. This president has cancelled the National Day of Prayer at the White House for the last 7 years but he holds the Islamic holidays instead. Many people don't think much of that but there is a significant problem with that.

For a nation founded on the Word of God, a Constitution that was basically written from scripture and a legal system that was originally based on the 10 Commandments it is a disgrace to have a person in a place of authority that ignores our culture, our laws and despises what America stands for. I bring this up because I have been involved in the process attempting to stop a piece of legislation and attempting to get a piece of legislation passed. When I was attempting to stop legislation it was a civil unions bill in my home State of Colorado. I testified against the bill because our State has an amendment to our Constitution that defines marriage as

only between a man and a woman and I also believe that marriage defined by scripture, one man and one woman, is the only institution that we should, as a society, should recognize. During that process, which lasted three years, I witnessed members of the Democrat Party blatantly ignore the will of the people of the State of Colorado. In one of the committee hearings a Republican stated that our Constitution only allowed for a one man, one woman marriage and that if that was to be changed it should be changed by the people because we were the ones that had amended the Constitution to clarify what we would consider marriage. The Democrat sitting next to him stated, "I don't care, I want this piece of legislation passed!" This is what happens when you don't pay attention to who you put into places of authority.

Yesterday I testified for a bill that would amend the civil unions bill brought to the committee by my friend Gordon Klingenschmidt, former Navy chaplain that was court-martialed for praying in uniform, in public and ending the prayer in Jesus Name, that had finally passed that will give pastors immunity against law suits from refusing to perform a homosexual wedding. The left, Democrats, declared that we have the 1st Amendment that gives us the right to freely exercise our religion and one of the Democrats on the Democrat controlled committee stated that the Supreme Court ruling allowing 'homosexual marriage' states that churches AND individuals would still be free to step away from participating in a homosexual marriage if they so chose. However, in the case of the pastor that operated a wedding chapel in Idaho neither the 1st Amendment nor the Supreme Court ruling was a good enough defense for him when he declined to allow a homosexual wedding to take place in his chapel. He ended up closing the chapel down. There have been bakers in several States that have been sued by homosexuals because they refused to participate in a 'celebration' that violated the foundations of their faith.

When my time came to testify most of my points had already been touched on so I mentioned that decisions that pastors make are eternal as well as immediate. I brought up that when I stand before my Creator and He questions me concerning living by the principles that He laid out in scripture, I was not going to tell Him I violated His precepts because my State legislature passed a law that would have persecuted me, fined or even imprisoned me unless I violated my strongly held beliefs. When I brought up that the legislators would face the same questioning, one got up and walked out and would not return until I was done testifying.

The result of this meeting was the bill died in committee. It will not be brought up until next year. Pastors in the State of Colorado will now be faced with hundreds of thousands of dollars and maybe millions of dollars in lawsuits because they refuse to participate in ceremony that is in direct opposition to the teachings of scripture. The homosexual community will take advantage of this because it will be a good source of free money knowing that there are pastors who will not bend their knee to satan.

Democrats do not have a problem with this because these Democrats as most in the Democrat Party believe that the homosexuals 'rights' override anyone's religious freedoms.

This is what happens when the people in a representative democracy do not get involved in the political process. We have muslims in our Congress who should not be there because they will attempt to steer our government towards shariah law. Voters that are low information are a danger to our society and threaten our very culture. We the people must wake up and take our government back. Many have stated that if we don't start turning this ship around this election, we will never be able to do it.

It's your choice.

Footnotes:

1. Defining America's Exceptionalism, Roger Anghis (Westbow Press, Bloomington, IN) pp. 100-101.