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A Word From Our State Director She Votes 2012 - Get Out the Vote

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"It should always be remembered, that this law, natural or revealed... flows from the same divine source; it is the law of God.... Human law must rest... ultimately, upon the authority of that law, which is divine."

**- James Wilson
Signer of the Declaration and the Constitution and Supreme Court Justice**

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The London Olympics are a reminder to me from God's Word in 2 Timothy 4:5 "If any one competes as an athlete, he does not win the prize unless he competes by the rules." As American Christians competing for the prizes of liberty, freedom, and the family values of marriage defined by God as between one man and one woman, sanctity of life, and religious liberties, the rules for election 2012 remain the same:

- ◆ Pray for the hearts of our nation from the White House to your house to return to the Lord God as repentant hearts. Pray for our efforts, and that voters who love and serve the Lord will show up in record numbers on Election Day. *"If My people ... humble themselves ... pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will heal their*



land" (2 Chron. 7:14)

- ◆ Register to Vote and Vote. Go to SheVotes2012.org to see if you are registered; you'll find every tool you need to personally engage in the coming election.
- ◆ Reach undecided voters by making phone calls. Click here for [She Votes 2012 phone bank locations](#) in your area.

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North Carolina in the many activities of our newest project: She Votes 2012.

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- Ronald Reagan
First Inaugural Address

My Vote is My Voice

by Mary France Forrester, Founder, Associate Director and Legislative/Media Coordinator of Concerned Women for America of North Carolina

“Nobody will ever deprive the America People of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they can do this is by not voting.” - Franklin Roosevelt

As a child, the tension in our house was thick and noisy around election time. My father was a staunch democrat, and my mother was just as staunch a republican. Together, more often than not, they canceled each other's vote at the polls. But not voting

identification, voter turnout and more. Everything we have is from God, including our government. He has blessed us with the opportunity to participate in choosing our government. Be a good steward of God's gift and get involved.

Stop the madness! Let us take hold of the future!

*Over \$17 Trillion in Debt - Growing \$3.95 Billion a Day
Religious Freedom Under Attack
Healthcare Mandates
Expanding
4,000 Unborn Children Dying Each Day*

[Click here](#) to find out what part you can play in North Carolina. There is a place for you!

Helpful resources:

- ◆ CWA of North Carolina's [She Votes 2012 project for Churches and Pastors](#),
- ◆ CWA brochure [Political Guidelines for Pastors and Churches](#)
- ◆ Go to [SheVotes2012.org](#) to see if you are registered, and register if you aren't. It's easy!
- ◆ CWA National She Votes Bus Stop Tour – [North Carolina Schedule](#)

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We look forward to hearing from you!

was never an option. We children knew not to risk bad behavior until after an election for fear we would pay a price equal to our parents' political agitation.

When I came of voting age, it was a long awaited privilege. My mom took me to a home, where I proved my identity with a copy of my birth certificate and my driver's license. I felt this rite of passage was a significant adult responsibility. I still do.

Today, the U.S. has the

lowest voter turnout in the world among mature democracies. Americans will drive out of their way to save \$.50 on a gallon of milk but often times will not cross the street to vote at the polls. Especially if it is raining.

You and I have heard all the excuses for not voting. “My vote won't make a difference.” “My vote won't change a thing.” “Politics is so bad; I don't want anything to do with it.” “I never know who to vote for.” “Politicians are

all alike.” “Two things my mother told me never to discuss, politics and religion.” “It’s too much trouble.” “The ballot is too complicated.”

We’ve also heard the rebuttals to these excuses. It took one vote to make English the language of America. It took one vote to bring Texas into the Union. It took one vote to give the leadership of the Nazi Party to Adolph Hitler. John F. Kennedy won the presidency by less than one vote per precinct. In the 2000 presidential election, it took only 537 votes in Florida to deny Al Gore the presidency.

In this post-modern 21st century, our culture is in an amoral morass. Corruption in the government is becoming rampant. Still, many do not even know who their local, state, and national elected officials are. Many do not even know where or how to register to vote. They do

not know where to go to vote. Often they are not even aware there is an election in progress. And many do not know how to find the answers to these questions.

What about you? Did you vote in the last election? Were you informed about the candidates? Did you encourage your peers to vote?

It is our responsibility as Christians to vote. Only about 50% of Christians are even registered to vote. And I am told only about 50% of Christians who are registered actually vote. The Bible gives us the correct admonition in Exodus 18:21, “But select capable men from all the people, men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain.”

It is our privilege and responsibility as Americans to vote. If our children and grandchildren do not inherit a free America, you

and I will bear the fault. John F. Kennedy said, “The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all.” Do you know for sure that you are registered to vote? If not, visit SheVotes2012.org and click on the “Are Your Registered?” button, and find out for sure. If you are not registered, you can start the process by clicking the “Register Online” button. It is that easy. Encourage the members of your Prayer/Action Chapter or Home Team and your family and friends to be sure they are registered.

My Christian friends, it time to wake up. “We are a nation that has a government, not the other way around. And this makes us special among nations of the earth. Our government has no power except that granted by the people,” (Ronald Reagan in his First Inaugural Address).

What One Homeschool Family Did

A home schooling family from North Carolina, joined Concerned Women for America (CWA) of North Carolina and applied to become a Prayer/Action Chapter. They received free resources on U.S. government, history, prayer, Bible, and communication. Based on the vision of CWA of education, prayer, and action, they began to pray for their leaders and their

friends joined them. Their church gave them a space to meet and supported them.

They lobbied their state and federal Legislators. Their state senator expressed a need for petitions to support traditional marriage, and they gathered 1,200. Years went by, and when an effort to do away with traditional marriage arose, the homeschool family and

their friends collected more signatures, and held a public witness that gathered media attention. The children were 9 to 21 years old at the time. Who knew that they could make such a difference? They also found many like-minded North Carolina citizens who stepped up to the plate.

Joined at the last minute by a single 18-year-old home-schooled girl who

She Votes 2012 Bus Is On It's Way to North Carolina!



As part of our **She Votes 2012** project, Concerned Women for America is traveling via bus across multiple states to rally the troops for voter registration, voter identification and voter turnout to drive conservative men and women to the polls for the November elections. CWA's bus tour will be visiting **North Carolina!**

Monday, August 6

9:30 a.m. Holiday Inn Express
160 Van Campen Blvd
Wilmington, NC 28403

1:15 p.m. Town Common
100 East 1st Street
Greenville, NC 27858

4:00 p.m. Briggs Hardware
2533 Atlantic Ave
Raleigh, NC 27604

Tuesday, August 7

10:00 a.m. Family Christian Store
4205 W. Wendover Ave.
Greensboro, NC 27407

12:45 p.m. First Baptist Charlotte
301 S. Davidson Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

4:00 p.m. Chick-fil-A
1832 Hendersonville Road
Asheville, NC 28803

hand-delivered the petitions, the petition drive became part of a 1-2-3 knockout blow by the Lord that defeated marriage opponents, and gave North Carolina the right to vote on marriage!

The homeschoolers never knew if they would be victorious, but they maintained a lifestyle of Christian citizenship and studied to show themselves approved. Often educated by CWA and the CWA website (ConcernedWomen.org), the providential history of the United States,

Wallbuilder Ministries, Americans for Truth, they then prayed for their leaders, wrote letters of encouragement through CWA of North Carolina's Encourage-A-Legislator program and more. This proved to be a powerful ministry that made the Christian faith real to the children involved and filled their minds with God's truth. This truth was critical in the onslaught of propaganda that the mainstream media has unleashed on our youth, helping them to stand as they attended state universities. ("...not

living in the Zoo, but surviving in the Jungle ..." HeartLife Ministry). Additionally CWA leaders have encouraged the youths lovingly and respectfully, which has been life-changing for them.

This outstanding family is the Blevins family. They are moving out of our state the end of this month. We are grateful for their tremendous contribution to the work of CWA in North Carolina. May the Lord bless them as they continue to serve Him where He places them.



Ana Maria Blevins presents State Director Sheri Miller with proceeds from sales of pro-life polo shirts.

National Legislative Update

Conscience Mandate Takes Effect August 1, 2012

As part of ObamaCare, Congress passed the Mikulski Amendment, which required the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to set guidelines for preventive care and screenings for women's health to be provided without any cost-sharing. In August 2011, HRSA issued their guidelines mandating coverage for all FDA-approved contraception, including Plan B and *ella*.

On the same day, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued an interim final rule creating an illusory religious exemption for employers to the mandates. To qualify for

this worthless religious exemption, an entity must: 1) have as its purpose the inculcation of religious values, 2) primarily hire people who share its religious tenets, 3) primarily serve people who share its religious tenets, and 4) be a non-profit organization under section 6033 (a)(1) and section 6033 (A)(3)(i) or (iii) of the Internal Revenue Code. These sections refer to churches, their integrated auxiliaries, conventions or associations of churches, as well as the exclusively religious activities of any religious order. HHS created a government caste system to determine which employers "are religious enough" to be exempted from the conscience mandate.

In January 2012, HHS Secretary Kathleen

Sebelius "graciously" gave non-profit employers an additional year before forcing them to violate their moral or religious convictions. Trying to quell the tsunami of opposition to this mandate, in February, President Obama announced his intention to provide a "so-called" accommodation to the conscience mandate. His intentions were belied by HHS finalizing their rule with the same worthless religious exemption that reaffirmed the one-year "safe harbor" for certain non-profit employers.

The majority of American businesses who have moral or religious objections to the mandate will need to violate their consciences and provide these abortion-inducing drugs as part of their health insurance plans

CWA Pro-Life Polo Shirt



It is Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders like Fayetteville PAL Ana Maria Blevins, who has made a difference with prayer and her giftedness as an artist, speaking out for the sanctity of human life. Wear this polo shirt and pro-life logo proudly. Order on Ebay, with a part of the proceed going directly to CWA of North Carolina. Thank you, Ana Maria!

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beginning August 1, 2012.

This mandate violates moral and religious liberties and leaves the government in control of Americans' private affairs. When religious employers are forced to deny their deeply held religious convictions, it is not called "balance"; it is called "tyranny."

In March, the Senate voted 51-48 to table an amendment by Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Missouri) that would vitiate this mandate and protect Americans from having to violate their moral or religious beliefs. Liberals, using their faux "war on women," turned this into a political issue by changing the focus of the amendment from religious liberty to government interference with women's health care.

Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Subcommittee Chair Denny Rehberg (R-Montana), with the support from Appropriations Chair Hal Rogers (R-Kentucky), recently included conscience language similar to The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, H.R. 1179, in his spending bill for Fiscal Year 2013. This legislation passed the subcommittee and is supposed to be con-

sidered in the full committee before the House recesses. However, it is not likely to get a vote by the entire House. There is no more time on the House calendar for the remainder of the spending bills.

Concerned Women for America, along with 60 other prominent organizations, sent a letter to House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) and House Leader Eric Cantor (R-Virginia) asking them to take whatever steps necessary to pass H.R. 1179. Additionally, Rep. Martha Roby (R-Alabama) and 13 pro-life colleagues sent a letter to Speaker Boehner, Chairman Rogers and Chairman Rehberg urging them to include conscience protections in the spending bill for Fiscal Year 2013 or other must-pass legislation.

Now, it is up to the House leadership. However, we have heard from our friends on the Hill that they do not want to bring up H.R. 1179, even though it has 223 cosponsors and would pass, because they are leery of the "contraception" debate. The Respect for the Rights of Conscience is not about contraception. It simply amends ObamaCare "to permit health care plans

the ability to decline coverage of specific items and/or services that are contrary to the religious beliefs of the sponsor, issuer, or other entity offering the plan or the purchaser or beneficiary (in the case of individual coverage) without penalty."

Pray: That our religious and moral convictions will not be sacrificed for political gain.

Act: Call Reps. Hal Rogers at (202) 225-4601 and Denny Rehberg at (202) 225-3211 and thank them for including the conscience protection language in the Labor HHS spending bill for Fiscal Year 2013. Please ask them to urge House leaders to include this language in any final spending legislation.

Call Reps. John Boehner at (202) 225-6205 and Eric Cantor at (202) 225-2815 and ask them to pass the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act.

Call your representative at (202) 225-3121 and urge him/her to ask leadership to bring the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act to the floor for a vote.

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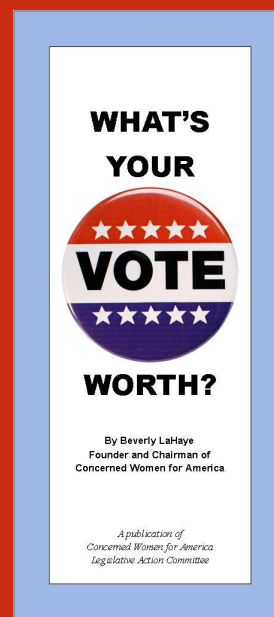
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What's Your Vote Worth?

CWA's founder Mrs. LaHaye wrote *What's Your Vote Worth*. Mrs. LaHaye says, "Your vote could be the one that helps swing an election that would affect your family in the future." Nothing stirs me up more when I hear someone say, "I am not going to vote this year. I don't support either candidate." To that I calmly and emphatically say, "Have you forgotten the lives that been sacrificed for you to have the freedom to vote? We have a two party system. If you cannot support a candidate, then support the party platform that supports your values, and the next time we talk, I want to hear that you will vote in November."



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You are needed! Women, men and teens are welcome!

Let us not forget that this battle is indeed spiritual,
and will be won in November first and foremost
with continued vigilant prayers. Please commit to
praying regularly for the November elections.

Let your prayers be accompanied by your actions.
There is a place for everyone on the team! Join us
and put your talents to good use for the glory of God!

Are you with us!?

Contact us today!

