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A publication prepared exclusively for CWA leaders, members, and friends dedicated to impacting the culture for Christ through both prayer and action.

Loving Confrontations

In *The Great Evangelical Disaster*, Francis Schaeffer wrote, “Truth demands confrontation; loving confrontation, but confrontation nevertheless.” Looking at the great divisions we are experiencing in America today, and even the calls for more civil discussions, I want to submit to you that we must not back down from “loving confrontations” because we must ultimately not back down from Truth.

Note, though, that the loving part makes the difference. We cannot shy away from confrontation, but we must transform it. The world does not even know how you can have loving confrontations. It is up to us, the church, to show a new way of engagement.

Think of Jesus’ ways with the Samaritan woman in John 4. Did Jesus shy away from the very sensitive topic of the sin in her personal relationships? No, he ends up asking her about her husband point blank.

But before that, Jesus offered water. He offered refreshment to a weary soul. There is much weariness in our culture today. Especially as it relates to the election, the weariness is palpable. They are thirsty for hope, and we have that hope!

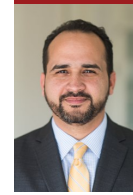
I don’t know if you have noticed, but the thirst is such that we are getting some very significant commentators like famous atheist Richard Dawkins and agnostic genius entrepreneur Elon Musk calling themselves “cultural Christians.” An absolutely shocking turn of events.

What they mean to convey with the term “cultural Christian” is that they have realized that the liberties we enjoy (the blessings) come from a Christian ethic—a Christian worldview. They are thirsty for liberty and freedom and peace, and they are realizing that believers hold the key.



And so we do. I want to encourage you to redouble your engagement efforts. Speak life into this culture. Let there be no doubt among those around you that you fully trust God - that through Him you have hope. And that this is the way you will engage in culture and vote. Let your family and friends experience the miracle of *loving* confrontations.

But let that love be genuine. Pray to God for that type of love. Then boldly engage this election season.



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SENATE INSIGHTS

Army Labels Pro-Lifers as “Terrorist Groups”



Maggie McKneely, Legislative Strategist

If you have ever engaged in sidewalk counseling, have a “Choose Life”

license plate on your car, or have participated in any type of pro-life demonstration – congratulations, you are now a terrorist, in the minds of our current radicals in government.

A recent [social media post](#) revealed that an antiterrorism training course at U.S. Army Fort Liberty in North Carolina listed pro-life groups as actual terrorist organizations. The post includes a picture of a PowerPoint slide titled “Terrorist Groups” which included a bullet point list of examples – “anti-abortion” groups such as Operation Rescue and the National Right to Life, those who oppose the court decision in *Roe v. Wade*, anyone who participates in pro-life demonstrations, and individuals who have a pro-life license plate on their cars.

After receiving backlash

over the post, the Army released a [statement](#) in which it confirmed that the slides were in fact real but had “not been vetted by the appropriate approval authorities” and “will no longer be used.”

Fort Liberty’s short response left many unanswered questions though. How long have these slides been used before someone exposed them? How was it that they became part of such a briefing without being approved? And why does the Army have such a biased, anti-pro-life individual making crucial training decisions?

These unanswered questions are why Sens. Ted Budd (R-North Carolina), Thom Tillis (R-North Carolina), and Rep. Richard



Hudson (R-North Carolina 9th) sent a letter to Secretary of the Army Christine Wormuth.

In the [letter](#), the Congressmen rightfully point out that “the American public expects the Department of Defense and its personnel to defend the homeland from actual terrorists, not Americans who seek protections for children in the womb.” The job of

the military is to protect all Americans, including the smallest and most vulnerable among us – not label those with differing ideological beliefs as a threat to the nation.

Pro-life Americans

are dedicated to saving the lives of unborn children and ministering to mothers who find themselves in difficult situations having to make difficult decisions. And for that, some in the Department of Defense have labeled them as terrorists.

PRAYER: Pray that our military leaders would prioritize defending the lives of all Americans. The U.S. military can do its job only when it has the moral clarity to recognize America’s real enemies.

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Concerned Women for America's **BIG PINK BUS IS COMING** TO A CITY NEAR YOU!

STARTING MID-JULY, GET READY:
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GA - LA - TX - AZ - NV - MT

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STAND FOR AMERICA

Visit Our Website: ConcernedWomen.org

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She Prays She Votes Bus Tour Continues!

The next stop is Covington, Louisiana! Do you or someone you know live in or near Covington, Louisiana; Dallas, Texas; Tucson, Arizona; Las Vegas, Nevada; and/or Bozeman, Montana?

- Milwaukee, Wisconsin -
- Holland, Michigan -
- Columbus, Ohio -
- Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania -
- Forest, Virginia -
- Atlanta, Georgia -
- Covington, Louisiana - 8/5**
- Dallas, Texas - 8/8**
- Tucson, Arizona - 8/14**
- Las Vegas, Nevada - 8/17**
- Bozeman, Montana - 8/20**

Details and regular updates can be found at SPSV webpage.

View pictures and Facebook live recordings on our [FB page](#).

Be sure to check back often!

2024 Election Prayer Points

- 1 Truth to be known and prevail**
 - Pray that voters will be aware of the issues and exercise great discernment when researching how the candidates stand on the issues.
 - Let us pray that the truth will break through the enemy's attempt to mislead and discourage.
 - "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him." James 1:5
- 2 Protection over the election process**
 - Let us pray for justice in the election. Let us pray for justice in our government and in our courts.
 - Pray against the enemy's schemes. Pray that those who are planning traps against fair elections will be exposed.
 - Let us pray against big interests, like Big Tech, silencing voices.
 - "For the Lord loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off." Psalm 37:28
- 3 Thanksgiving to the Lord**
 - Let's pray with joy and thanksgiving. Let us
- 4 Christian stewardship and responsibility**
 - Declare and affirm our national motto, "In God We Trust."
 - Take a moment to rest in the consolation that God moves in mysterious ways, and we can be confident in our involvement during this election.
 - Pray for a final resurgence of energy among Christians to rise up and vote and for them to invite others to vote.
 - Let us say, "Here I am, send me." Let us cry out for His help.
 - "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." Matthew 28:18
- 5 Healing, unity, and repentance**
 - Pray against hostile division and lawlessness.
 - Pray for the hurt in our states and nation and bridge the divide that continues to grow. Pray for each of us to be a bandage in our communities through sharing Christ's love.

Please print and distribute our 2024 Election Prayer Points far and wide. It is a must use for Prayer/Action Chapters! To view and print, go [here](#).

HOUSE INSIGHTS

AI Deepfakes and the Take Down Act



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Since 2020, there has been an exponential rise in the use of artificial intelligence (AI) deepfake technology, a set of algorithms used to generate fake online content. According to [Content Detector](#), the number of deepfake images published online has doubled since 2020.

AI is increasingly being used to fabricate images of individuals engaging in intimate sexual activities in which they never actually participated. These images are then used to blackmail victims as part of larger “sextortion schemes,” or revenge porn. In other words, the publication of fabricated sexual content has led to an entirely new branch of porn.



Specifically, AI deepfakes depicting intimate sexual images are created from photos on social media and used to blackmail victims. This results in victims forfeiting large sums of money or sending authentic sexual content to online predators.

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) recently introduced a bill endorsed by Concerned Women for America Legislative Action Committee called the [Take It Down Act](#). The Take It Down Act criminalizes nonconsensual publication of AI deepfake porn and stops the predatory blackmailing of victims.

When AI deepfakes are published without consent, this violates a person’s privacy. A previously unknown individual may become the subject of many individuals’ online content, therefore, violating their privacy.

Likewise, when a person’s physical likeness is stolen in online content, they experience an invasion of property. Cases such as [Zacchini v. Scripps-Howard Broadcasting Co. \(1977\)](#) and [Lugosi v. Universal Pictures Ltd. \(1979\)](#) define a person’s likeness as property and delineate that nonconsensual publication of their likeness is unlawful.

Lastly, the Take It Down Act protects an individual’s right to conscience. Cases such as [Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission \(2018\)](#) and [Arlene’s Flowers v. State of Washington \(2019\)](#) explain that forcing someone to do something against their better judgment is considered a violation of conscience. This clearly applies to the blackmailing tactics of online predators. By criminalizing the nonconsensual publication of sensitive AI deepfakes, the Take It Down Act protects all three rights and ensures that online predators are confronted.

PRAYER: Please pray this Take It Down Act brings awareness to online exploitation in general and that the bill passes with bipartisan support.

ACTION: Use our [action center](#) to ask your Senator to support the Take it Down Act.

CWA IN THE NEWS Taking CWA's Message On the Road



The launch of the bus tour and a week at the Republican National Convention afforded numerous opportunities for both traditional and social media. We arranged numerous interviews for Penny and a number of outlets got on the spot interviews with team members at the bus including Annabelle, Macy Petty, and YWA leader Hannah Faulkner. We covered each day on social media and took [photos](#) and [videos](#) as prominent cultural and political leaders and members of Congress signed our bus. Many of them reposted our content as we tagged them in posts including Michael Knowles of The Daily Wire, Sen. Ted Cruz and many others.

In the first two weeks of the bus tour alone we reached a total online and print audience of 602,735,762 totaling publicity worth \$9,345,904.

Women for America Podcasts:
[CWA is LIVE from the Republican National Convention with Mollie Hemingway](#)

Concerned Women for America's first stop on our She Prays She Votes 2024 bus tour is the RNC in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On day one of the RNC, we are joined by Mollie Hemingway, editor-in-chief of *The Federalist*.

Television/ Online Media/ Radio:

July 11: Penny [returns as a panelist](#) on *Chris Plante the Right Squad* to provide commentary on various topics including the RNC'S stance on abortion, power

companies taking control of thermostats in Portland, and intelligence officials' claims that Russia is trying to influence the 2024 election in favor of Trump.

July 15: After arriving at the Milwaukee airport, Penny is [interviewed](#) by Los Angeles news station *Fox 11* to discuss the assassination attempt on President Trump.

July 15: Dozens of outlets around the country post a blurb about our prayer events every day at the convention similar to this one on [Baltimore FOX 17](#).

July 15: Penny [shares about](#) CWA's prayer events outside the pink bus at the RNC with *The National Desk* on Sinclair Broadcast Group.



July 16: CWA's Macy Petty and YWA's Hannah Faulkner talk all things She Prays She Votes [with C-SPAN](#) from outside the pink bus.

July 16: Penny is interviewed by One America News and The Victory Channel from media row at the convention, discussing the bus tour.

July 19: Penny [shares](#) what's at stake in the upcoming election and promotes the bus stop with Michigan radio host Steve Gruber.

July 20: Penny [discusses](#) the She Prays She Votes bus tour alongside Patriot Mobile's Leigh Wambsgans on *The Benny Johnson Show*.



July 23: In advance of the Ohio stop, Penny was interviewed on three Ohio radio shows, featured on the [Dayton NBC television station](#) and the [Miami Valley News](#).

Print Media:

July 8: In a *Daily Signal* [exclusive piece](#), senior reporter Virginia Allen highlights the launch of CWA's 2024 She Prays She Votes bus tour.

July 10: Patriot Mobile announces their sponsorship of CWA's She Prays She Votes 2024 bus tour in an [exclusive story](#).

July 17: *Daily Signal* reporter Virginia Allen [covers](#) CWA’s press conference outside of the Republican National Convention, with Ronen and Oren Netura and Liz Naphtali, families of American hostages who were captured by Hamas.

July 19: Writer Debra Saunders interviews Penny for her story on the convention for [The Las Vegas Journal Review](#).

July 19: Penny and Concerned Women for America are featured in [The Washington Post](#) for helping provide the Neutra family as the

reported attended the press conference with them.

July 24: CWA’s Pennsylvania stop was featured in the [Pittsburgh Tribune Review](#) and Penny was interviewed for the popular [Dom Giordano radio show](#).

GENDER IDEOLOGY

Courts and Congress Weigh in Against Biden’s Title IX Rule



Doreen Denny, Senior Advisor

Last month I wrote how states wasted no time in filing lawsuits against the Biden Title IX Rule that redefines discrimination based on sex to mean “gender identity,” instead of the reality of being male and female. Courts and

Congress have acted just as swiftly.

In view of the August 1 deadline, federal courts acted swiftly to block Biden’s radical Title IX Rule from taking effect until cases can be argued further in court. Decisions have put the Rule on hold in all 26 states filing lawsuits*, a Texas school district (with the possibility of extending

nationwide), and [schools at the K-12 and college levels](#) attended by members (or their children) of three plaintiff organizations: Moms for Liberty, Young America’s Foundation, and Female Athletes United.



regulation to determine if it is consistent (or not) with the intent of the law Congress passed. With CWA’s help and advocacy, the U.S. House added its stamp of disapproval by successfully passing a joint resolution rejecting the Biden Title IX rewrite as a violation of the Administrative Procedures Act.

On Capitol Hill, the Congressional Review Act gives Congress the authority to review a final

From Day 1, the Biden-Harris agenda has always been to advance their political and policy preferences advancing gender ideology. Judge’s orders blocking enforcement of the final rule are unanimous in scolding the Biden-Harris Administration for executive overreach mandating new rules that effectively overturn the intent of Title IX to ensure female students and athletes have the same opportunities as their male counterparts.

This strong consensus in the lower courts is a resounding renunciation of a trans-activist agenda to redefine the plain meaning of sex in federal law. It is good news and a vindication of the specific objections CWA made in thousands of comments opposing the Biden Title IX Rule.

But the Biden-Harris agenda is not going down without a fight. In the face of defeat, Biden’s Solicitor General has appealed to the Supreme Court asking it to uphold provisions of the new regulation that it claims are not contested by the lawsuits. This is a desperate attempt to limit the damage of judicial repudiation in the lower courts.

*Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wyoming

PRAY that legal challenges to the Title IX Rule will serve to reestablish the immutable truth of God and His creation in our culture.

STATE HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION

Influencing with Excellence

Whether it is leading a Prayer/Action Chapter, participating in a March for Life, training leaders, encouraging others to get involved, or getting out the vote, CWA leaders are influencing their community, state, and country with excellence.



CWA of Illinois started two Prayer/Action Chapters in June. Watch out Kankakee and Danvers, CWA is on the move!



CWA of Louisiana enjoyed promoting opportunities for involvement at the Pro-Life Summit in Baton Rouge including their up-and-coming role in a She Prays She Votes



CWA of New Mexico is showing up and active! They participated in the Kingdom to Capitol event at their state capitol with hundreds from around the state (above). Multiple Prayer/Action chapters are meeting monthly across New Mexico, like this one in Santa Fe (below).



CWA of New York, via the Suffolks County Prayer/Action Chapter, proudly participated in the Albany March for Life (left).

CWA of Pennsylvania did a phenomenal job of hosting the Pittsburgh She Prays She Votes bus stop. There were almost 70 in attendance.



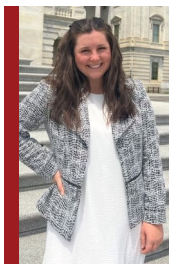
CWA of North Dakota delivered a letter opposing the forced drafting of young women to the Grand Forks offices of Sens. Kevin Cramer (R) and John Hoeven (R).



CWA of Virginia held their third annual Leadership Training with 23 leaders in attendance in addition to husbands, friends, guests, and speakers. All were inspired, educated, and enjoyed a time of prayer.



YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA From the Road with YWA



Katy Hergenreter, YWA Northern Regional Coordinator

With the She Prays She Votes bus tour in full swing, Young Women for America (YWA) has been encouraging our members and friends across the nation to come out to see the bus and

take part in the election process.

Morgan Schlesselman, the YWA National Director's time with CWA has come to an end as she is moving back home to California. YWA has been tremendously blessed by her work and dedication over the past three years, and we are praying for her as she continues to seek the Lord's will.

Sarah Merly, the president of the YWA chapter at Patrick Henry College, has been YWA's intern this summer. One project Sarah has completed during her internship, has been writing a booklet on Biblical Femininity which will be another resource we can share with our leaders. This booklet will encourage and provide a guide for young women to pursue feminine leadership in their communities. Sarah has worked diligently on every task she has been given and has been a true asset for YWA this summer.

Over the course of the SPSV bus tour, not only have we had a great YWA presence at each of our stops, we have also had two of our ambassadors working on the bus



tour right alongside us, Marie Tako from Wheaton College and Johanna Torres from Oklahoma State University. They have both been committed to the success of our bus tour.

ACTION: As we are in the full swing of the She Prays She Votes bus tour, please pray for our leaders who are joining us from all across the country. Pray that they are ignited with a passion to continue to advocate for voting Biblical values in this election as they go back to campuses and communities this fall.

“Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!”
Psalm 106:3

Marie has been working on our advance team helping set up our events and take pictures during the events.

Johanna will join the bus at our Arizona stop and will be working on our advance team helping set up and tear down events.

We have added many new ambassadors from all over the nation this summer and are eager to see how they will use their voices to impact the culture.

