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The Church—the Conscience of the Nation

“The Church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state.” – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

There is a timidity in a considerable number of church pulpits today. This manifests as an unwillingness of many churches to address the issues our society is facing from a Biblical worldview. I am very thankful for those who do address the issues of our day with moral clarity, but they are becoming rarer for several reasons.

Some pastors and churches believe that speaking about homosexuality, the transgender issue, or abortion is too “political.” But many of these issues were not originally political issues. Instead, they are moral issues that have become politicized. The Bible is clear on all these issues, so why shouldn’t churches be? And where else will people hear the truth today besides in a Bible-believing church? They are certainly not going to hear it from the media, secular universities, or public schools!

Another reason many churches avoid speaking about these issues is because they consider them to be too confrontational. There might be a concern about offending or losing congregants. Nonetheless, the Church has the responsibility to speak truth about the “hot topics” of our day.

Then, there are many apostate churches – those that twist the Scriptures to justify sinful behavior. Sadly, these types of churches are growing more numerous by the day. Many times, they have a rainbow flag on display or signage with welcoming wording such as “Love is Love.” But behind the kind words, there is a great deception being presented.

The only answer is for a genuine revival to sweep America once again! A visitation of the Holy Spirit results in holy boldness and a returning to the truth of God’s Word. Charles Finney, the revivalist preacher during America’s Second Great Awakening, had these words to say:

“Brethren, our preaching will bear its legitimate fruits. If immorality prevails in the land, the fault is ours in a great degree. If there is a decay of conscience, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the public press lacks moral



discrimination, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the church is degenerate and worldly, the pulpit is responsible for it. If the world loses its interest in religion, the pulpit is responsible for it. If Satan rules in our halls of legislation, the pulpit is responsible for it. If our politics become so corrupt that the very foundations of our government are ready to fall away, the pulpit is responsible for it. Let us not ignore this fact, my dear brethren; but let us lay it to heart and be thoroughly awake to our responsibility in respect to the morals of this nation.” (Excerpt from “The Decay of Conscience” article published in *The Independent of New York* magazine on December 4, 1873.)

Please join me in praying for God to raise up many fearless preachers like Charles Finney once again! Those who recognize the role of the Church as the conscience of the nation.



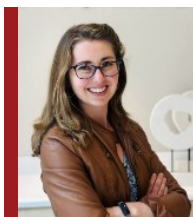
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SENATE INSIGHTS

Senate Passes Kids Online Safety Act – Now it’s on to the House



Maggie McKneely, Legislative Strategist

Congress took an important first step in making the internet safer for kids by passing the [Kids Online Safety Act](#).

The bill was first introduced in 2022 by Sens. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tennessee) and Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut) in response to several Congressional hearings regarding the exploitation of children online.



KOSA’s primary objective is to direct how the big tech companies deliver content to minors. One of the bill’s provisions would establish

a “duty of care,” which would mandate all covered companies “exercise reasonable care” in the creation and implementation of any design or feature to prevent various harms, including the sexual exploitation and abuse of children. That means limiting the ability of unknown adults to communicate with minors on the app.

KOSA would also prevent companies from adopting any algorithmic designs or other modes that entice kids to spend too much time on the apps, such as limitless scrolling and video auto plays.

Further, KOSA would require companies to put many features in place, enabled by default, to safeguard minors, including restricted public access to personal data. Under the bill, companies would be required to implement tools that give parents

the ability to manage their child’s social media account, allowing them to adjust privacy settings, restrict purchases, and easily report harmful content.

While the bill has broad support from both sides of the aisle, the loudest objections have come from the [big tech companies](#) themselves and the [LGBTQ community](#). While several companies, including Facebook, have voiced support for strengthening protections, they state that they have disagreements with

how KOSA goes about doing so. While those arguments might be valid, these companies have thus far proven unwilling to address the problem themselves, so Congress must intervene. As for the latter, they argue that KOSA may restrict a child’s ability to access online content about their

“identity” – a compelling reason for those opposed to the gender ideology agenda to support the bill.

PRAYER: Pray that the House would bring up the bill and pass it, that the lobbyists from the big tech companies would not be successful in persuading legislators to block it.

ACTION: The bill passed out of the Senate by an overwhelming 91-3 vote. Now it’s the House’s turn to do the same – contact your Representative using our [action center](#) here and tell them to support the Kids Online Safety Act.

SHE PRAYS SHE VOTES 2024 CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA LAC

As many of you know, we closed out the 5-week ten-stop bus tour last month in Bozeman, Montana. Thank you to each CWA leader, member, and friend who planned an event, spoke, attended, and amplified our message on social media. Every stop was spectacular!

She Prays She Votes 2024 continues to move forward. Let us not back down; let us press in!

Visit our [She Prays She Votes page](#) if you haven’t already, and again if you haven’t in a while. Our newest addition is our [2024 Issues Election Comparison](#). Distribute far and wide! Print and distribute to friends and family. Also, be sure to continue to print and distribute the [2024 Prayer Points!](#)

Calling all Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders: Please methodically go through the She Prays She Votes webpage and discuss with your group at your next meeting how as a group, and they as individuals, can have a tremendous impact this election cycle.

Make an extra effort to encourage them to be poll workers and watchers. Give them the information they need to make it happen.

“ TAKE NOTE

I put together a folder of pertinent information for a meeting I had with my pastor today. We have so many great informational pieces from CWA that explain the issues and actions to take on the elections. I included anything on CWA’s message on policies without being partisan. I knew we had great information both in print and on our site, but when I assembled it into one packet, I was amazed! My pastor was very receptive and clearly understood how we bring Biblical principles into our discussions on our core issues. I’m hoping our church gets comfortable with being bold about speaking to our congregants about issues, even as they navigate staying out of politics. It’s proven . . .
CWA does it every day!
- Jana Long, CWA of Texas
State Director

Kamala Harris Democrat

Promises to advance abortion through federal funding. Will give federal funds to Planned Parenthood (the nation’s largest abortion provider). Opposes any restriction on chemical abortion.

Believes men who identify as women are women and will use the force of law to compel their recognition by procuring official government documents that

You DECIDE

Sanctity of Life
Psalm 139:13-16

Defense of Family
Genesis 1:27

Donald Trump Republican

Believes the 14th Amendment guarantees that no person can be denied life or liberty without due process and that states are, therefore, free to pass laws protecting life.

Will keep men out of women’s sports, ban taxpayer funding for sex change surgeries, and stop taxpayer-funded schools from promoting gender transition, which in many cases is done without

CWA IN THE NEWS Media Hits Roll in as She Prays She Votes Bus Makes it's Stops

The month of August was primarily devoted to getting media attention for the bus tour as the communications team continued reaching out to all local media for stops in the various states.

July 31 - Penny was interviewed by Georgia radio's [Martha Zoller Show](#) in advance of the Atlanta event.

August 1 - Doreen Denny was interviewed for [American Family Radio](#) on the male Olympic boxer competing as a woman.

August 2 – Penny was interviewed for [Real America's Voice](#) show *The Road Forward with Dr. Tim Clinton*.



August 2 - WSB talk radio station and [Georgia Public Radio](#) reported on the Georgia event, interviewing Penny and some of the attendees.

August 2 - Macy Petty was interviewed by [FOX Business Network](#) on the male Olympic boxers.

August 9 - *The Baptist Message*, the magazine published for the Southern Baptist Convention and delivered to all Louisiana Baptist churches, [profiled the Louisiana event](#).

August 7 - Penny joined longtime radio host [Mark Davis](#) on the local Salem Radio Network affiliate KSKY to discuss the Dallas event.

August 7 - Doreen Denny's [latest op-ed](#) on the Olympic boxer and Title IX with FOX News.

August 7 - CWA was also included in a number of [news stories](#) supporting Sens. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tennessee), Tommy Tuberville (R-Alabama) and others demanding the NCAA keep men out of women's sports.

August 7/8 - Macy Petty was interviewed on Dallas mega talk station WBAP's [The James Parker Show](#) on Wednesday and Penny did the same show on Thursday after the event.

August 8 - [The Dallas Morning News](#) and the Dallas CBS affiliate KTVT

covered the event with reporters and photographers on site.

August 8 - Mario Diaz [recorded a podcast](#) from the bus after the event with Penny hosting Patriot Mobile's Leigh Wambsgans.

August 10 - In advance of the Tucson event, Annabelle was interviewed on local radio station

KVOI-AM, KOLD-AM and the Wake-Up Tucson [podcast](#).

August 10 - YWA's Kylee Alons [was featured](#) in a story on the lawsuit by female athletes against the NCAA.

August 12 - The Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle ran [another story](#) regarding our hosting of the Neutra family at the RNC convention.

August 12 - Penny was interviewed for the [Scott Hennen Show](#) based in North Dakota and reaches into Minnesota and is heard on FOX News radio affiliates.

August 13 - *The Center Square* ran a story on the western swing of the bus tour, and it was picked up in several publications including *Black Chronicle*, [The Fairfield Sun Times](#) in Montana and *Newstex Blog* in Nevada.

August 14 - The Cochise County newspaper [The Herald Review](#) reported on the successful Arizona event.

August 16 - For the Las Vegas stop, KVVU the local FOX station and News3 Las Vegas, the NBC affiliate, [covered the event](#) and reported on it during their news programs throughout the day.

August 21 - Mario Diaz wrote a [compelling piece](#) for his Substack column on the Democratic National Convention.

August 26 – Doreen's latest op-ed on men competing in women's sports was published by [The Federalist](#).

GENDER IDEOLOGY

Gender Ideology's Partisan Divide vs. Public Opinion



Doreen Denny, Senior Advisor
Many issues divide the two major political parties, but few hard-edged divisions are as out of touch with American majorities as gender

ideology. Among Democrats and Republicans in federal office, positions on these issues are as polar-opposite as you can get.

CWALAC's [congressional scorecard](#) for the 118th Congress shows key votes protecting women's sports and prohibiting federal funds for sex reassignment. The Yeas and Nays fall clearly along party lines. The U.S. House recently [voted to block](#) the Biden-Harris Title IX Rule rewriting sex discrimination as "gender identity" in civil rights law. The outcome? All Republicans in favor and all Democrats opposed.

It would seem to follow that public opinion would reflect this partisan divide. Not so. Polls routinely tell a different story when it comes to citizens' concerns with an ideology that contradicts reality and erases fundamental truths about the sexes.

In the latest [Rasmussen poll](#), 72% of registered voters said males identifying as girls should not be able to participate in women's sports - only 14% thought they should. More telling, of respondents supporting Kamala Harris for president, only 21% said trans-ID males should be able to compete against female athletes, and most had no idea Harris supports allowing males in women's sports and locker rooms.

A recent [Los Angeles Times](#) survey found 54% of adults support states passing laws to protect minors

from "gender affirming" drugs and surgeries. Last year, a [Washington Post](#) poll found 68% of adults opposed giving puberty blockers to 10-14 year olds, and 58% opposed giving cross sex hormones to 15-17 year olds.

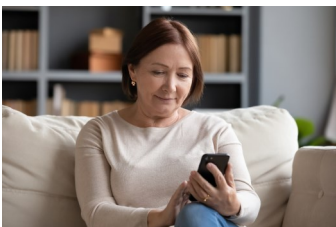
Despite the polls, nearly all elected Democrats reject that many Democrat voters oppose policies promoting gender ideology. It's not about party affiliation. These citizens are simply (understandably) against allowing a man to claim access to women's private spaces and sports and are opposed to harming a vulnerable child's developing body as "gender affirming care."

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE

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If candidates cared about aligning with voters' concerns over gender ideology, party-ID would not be a reliable indicator for their position. Unfortunately, we're not there yet. In this election, it's safe to say the R or a D by candidates' names will be a good proxy for predicting their votes.

PRAYER: Pray for revelation and reverence: "Who is like you, LORD God Almighty?... Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of Your presence, LORD."
Psalm 89:8,15



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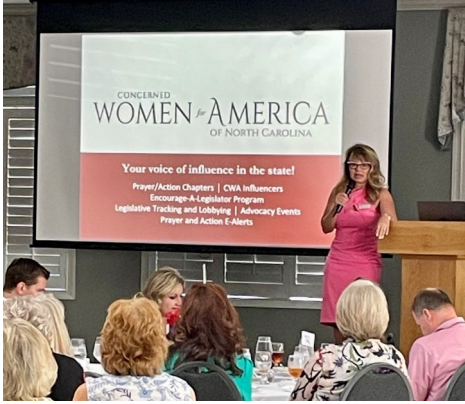
Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders: At your next meeting, ask you attendees to pull out their phones and sign up for CWA's texts.

Have them text "TRUTH" to 87884.

STATE HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION

Thank You for Representing CWA so Well!

As we observe from month to month all that our leaders accomplish, we are continually awed and grateful. Know that you are appreciated beyond words. You are the backbone of CWA.



↑↑ CWA of North Carolina's State Director, Tina Marie Bloomer and former State Director Jill Coward tag-teamed as they introduced CWA to the Henderson Republican Women's Group.



↑ CWA of Illinois Leaders met up to discuss how they will finish 2024 strong!



↑ CWA of New Mexico tabled at the Ministry Fair in Albuquerque. Thank you Prayer/Action Chapter Leaders Denise Weaver and Catalina Asher of Albuquerque for representing CWA so well.

↓↓ Below are two faithful chapters. The first is the Taos County Chapter and the second is the Rio Rancho.



↑ CWA of Texas ladies from Houston attended a prayer breakfast that featured Sen. Ted Cruz and his father Rev. Rafael Cruz. Though all didn't make it into the picture, there were 18 in all.



↑ CWA of Virginia State Director Teresa Pregnell is seen here meeting in Richmond with pro-life leaders from around the state.

← CWA of Kansas's State Director May Meininger enjoys time with two of her chapter attendees who came to support her as she presented CWA to the Dickinson County Women's Club.



↑ CWA of Louisiana’s State Director Laura Huber and her team did a tremendous job of organizing a phenomenal She Prays She Votes Bus Stop event in Covington.



↑ CWA of Arizona’s Pima County Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Patty Erickson did an incredible job of putting together a spectacular She Prays She Votes Bus Stop event in Tucson.



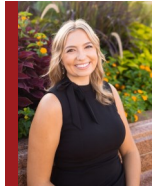
↑ CWA of Georgia’s Atlanta Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Kathy Fristoe did a great job of advertising the She Prays She Votes Bus Stop event in Atlanta and bringing others with her.



←↑ CWA of Virginia’s State Director Teresa Pregnall pulled off a wonderful meet and greet coffee stop for the SPSVs Bus Tour. CWA ladies enjoyed time together following the event.

YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA

Magnifying our Voices from Coast to Coast



Faith Ozenbaugh, National Director of YWA

Hello, CWA! My name is Faith Ozenbaugh, and it's truly my joy to introduce myself as the new National Director of Young Women for America (YWA). After interning for CWA, I began as a leader in the program and founded Young Women for America Inland Empire in Southern California. The YWA program was a tremendous blessing to me, developing me into a young woman of conviction and connecting me with sisters in Christ who have become lifelong friends. It is an honor to now shepherd the many young women in our program around the nation as I step into this new role.

My first few weeks on the job were spent on the road, and what fun it's been! Over the past five weeks we've had the pleasure of connecting with many of our Young Women for America leaders in their hometowns as we've ventured from coast to coast on the bus tour. These young women have joined us at our events bringing fresh joy and passion. Many of them were given the opportunity to speak on what is bringing them to the polls this fall. Issues like the sanctity of life, a longing for family values, a love for country, and a desire for new leadership were shared. These ladies are eloquent speakers, and their hearts for the Lord and this nation are so evident!

I was struck by these words from YWA Chapter President, Madelyn Sestak, at our event in Bozeman, Montana:

“Throughout Scripture we see that when a policy is made that goes against the Word of God, men and women of God are called to rise up. But first, they're called to kneel down and pray to God who can change hearts and minds.”

These words truly show the heart of who we are—women of prayer who use our Spirit-driven passion to speak up. We are grateful for our incredible leaders like Madelyn and believe God will continue to use these young women in their spheres of influence as we approach such a crucial election. As our YWA theme Scripture says, we were made “for such a time as this” (Esther 4:14). Please join us in praying for *boldness* and *opportunity* for these leaders to have an impact this election season.

The new school year is in full swing, and our chapter leadership teams are working hard to recruit and host some awesome events this semester. We continue to onboard more leaders and are grateful for the young women God brings to us. All of it for His glory and our joy!



Phoenix, Arizona



Las Vegas, Nevada



Bozeman, Montana

The Electoral College and Your Vote

As part of our She Prays She Votes 2024 efforts, CWA was thrilled to host a powerful seminar with one of our favorite experts Michael Maibach who breaks down the electoral college and why every American vote matters. **Check it out** and consider showing it at your next chapter meeting.