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Finding Our Way Through Deception

At the CWA national office, we have just recently finished a staff study of Jack Hibbs's book *Living in the Daze of Deception – How to Discern Truth from Culture's Lies*. There was a lot of good discussion as we looked at all of the directions from which deception is coming at us. What we learned is that deception has many forms in today's world.

In one of the last chapters, Pastor Hibbs writes about the "Ultimate Deceiver" and the spirit of the antichrist. Satan is the ultimate deceiver, and the spirit of the antichrist is present in this world waiting for the time that Jesus removes His church and withdraws the Holy Spirit. At that time, Satan will bring forth his unholy trinity, and the world will be deceived by this man. Satan's goal is for the world to worship him. He even tried to tempt Jesus with a promise of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus would just bow down and worship him. He will temporarily receive worship as the world bows down to the antichrist.

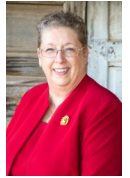
Pastor Hibbs's words about the spirit of the antichrist were sobering. How do we stand against the spirit of deception that permeates our world? I John 4:3 tells us that we have what it takes to identify the spirit of deception: "and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and now it is."

It is our responsibility to test the spirits and to stand against the spirits. But we must understand that "... the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying arguments and all arrogance ..." II Corinthians 10:4-5.

How do we stand against this spirit of the antichrist and deception? It was interesting that as I waited anxiously to see what the answer to my question was, I was confronted with a truth from my childhood – "Put on the whole armor of God!"

Gird your waist with truth – do not believe the deceptions of the world
Put on the breastplate of righteousness – live according to His precepts
Shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace – know the Gospel truth
Take up the shield of faith – profess and know that He is God
Take the helmet of salvation – protect the truth of your salvation
Take the sword of the Spirit – know the Word of God
Praying always – know that victory comes from the Lord

As we “armor up,” we can stand against all of the world’s deception, and we can identify both the spirits of deception and the Spirit of truth.



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SENATE INSIGHTS

Schumer and Harris Threaten to Nuke the Senate Filibuster

Maggie McKneely, Legislative Strategist



Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-New York) is once again threatening to nuke the filibuster. Just like every other time before, getting rid of the Senate’s filibuster rule is a terrible, undemocratic idea.

Historically, protecting the filibuster rule has been a bipartisan effort, as both parties know they’ll be in the minority at some point. In 2020, the Democrats in the Senate introduced a “voting rights” bill that would have undermined many state election reforms. The problem was that they did not have the necessary 60 votes to move the bill, thanks to the filibuster rule. So instead of trying to persuade legislators as to the merits of the legislation, Leader Schumer led the effort to get rid of the filibuster. Thanks to Senators Manchin (D-West Virginia) and Sinema (I-Arizona), Schumer’s attempt was ultimately unsuccessful.

But with both Manchin and Sinema retiring, Schumer believes that after this year’s election, he will have the necessary support to nuke the filibuster rule. At the Democratic National Convention earlier this month, he told [reporters](#) that last time, “We got it up to 48, but, of course, Sinema and Manchin voted no; that’s why we couldn’t change the rules. Well, they’re both gone.”

But those bills attempting a federal government takeover of elections are not the only threat to our republic. Kamala Harris just announced that she would nuke the filibuster in order to legalize abortion nationwide. If the filibuster is nuked, the minority party in the Senate will lose its ability to block highly controversial, radical legislation the American people do not support.

ACT: Americans should know this troubling prospect as they enter the voting booth this November. Discuss this in your Prayer/Action Chapter meeting this month. Start by asking them to define what a filibuster is.

PRAY: Pray that Senators would have the wisdom to protect this important legislative tool for the long-term good of Congress and the rights of the minority.

Congress began using the “**filibuster**” as a way to protect the minority in the 1800s. Ordinarily, when considering legislation, the Senate must have 60 votes to officially end debate (called the “cloture” vote) before moving to vote on the bill itself. So even though only 51 votes are needed to pass a bill, it cannot be voted on unless there are 60 votes to end debate. The filibuster then is the minority’s ability to prevent legislation from moving forward by denying cloture.

House Passes Bill to Deport Sex Criminals



Macy Petty, Legislative Strategist

“If the Biden administration won’t step up to protect women in our communities from violent illegal foreign nationals, Congress will,” wrote U.S. Congresswoman Nancy Mace (R-South Carolina 1st), sponsor of the Violence Against Women from Illegal Aliens Act ([H.R. 7909](#)). The House passed the protection last week that clarifies domestic violence and sex offenses as disqualifying and deportable offenses for immigration purposes.

With the Biden-Harris [border](#) policies ushering over [10 million](#) illegal immigrants into the U.S., [crime](#) continues to skyrocket, and women face the dangers of unsafe communities.

The violence against women continues [across the country as the Biden-Harris Administration fails to keep criminals outside our borders](#). Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-Louisiana 1st) [highlighted](#) the rape of a 14-year-old girl, five counts of child rape, assault of an 11-year-old girl, rape of a 14-year-old girl at gun point, and more. All of these offenders walked U.S. streets because of lax border control. Bill sponsor Rep. Mace [noted](#), “Every crime committed by an illegal immigrant on U.S. soil is a crime that could and should have been prevented.” H.R. 7909 amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to clarify specific grounds for inadmissibility and removability for aliens who have been convicted of or admit to having committed a sex offense or a conspiracy to commit such an offense.

The Violence Against Women from Illegal Aliens Act gained bipartisan support and [passed](#) with 231 votes.

“Hello, leaders! My name is Macy Petty, and I am the new Legislative Strategist at CWA. I was very blessed to work with CWA and YWA in college to preserve sex-based protections for women in athletics. As a college volleyball player, this issue was very dear to my heart, and it was a great privilege to partner with CWA in this way. After graduation, I joined the team full time to work in engagement and coordinate the summer bus tour. Now I am thrilled to step into this new role as Legislative Strategist!”

Believe it or not, 158 Democrats voted against the legislation that deports sex criminals.

PRAY: Join us as we pray for the families and loved ones of those violated by or lost to continuing rampant crime. Pray for us as well as we continue to support congressional action to restore safety in American communities.

Psalm 34:18 “The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”

ACT: Click [here](#) to find out how your representative voted. Contact your representative and thank him/her if they voted for H.R. 7909, or *respectfully* let them know of your disappointment if they voted against it. Be sure to include that you are a member of Concerned Women for America.

As of October 1, there are Only 35 Days Until Election Day

Please take significant time in your next chapter meeting to pray for America during this pivotal time in American history. Thoughtfully discuss how as a group and how individually the chapter is going to spend the next 35 days impacting the election through both action and prayer. Go [here](#) for assistance.

CWA IN THE NEWS

Reframing the Discussion

As we move closer to Election Day, national news outlets are keeping a close eye on CWA and its pulse on the female electorate. *The Washington Post* published a story on September 22 highlighting CWA CEO and President Penny Nance's influence on President Donald Trump's platform. CWA's pledge on women's sports played a key role in shaping President Trump's willingness to take a stance on the issue as he aims to win a second term. The pledge asserts that a person's gender identity doesn't overrule their sex, and Trump has promised that under his new administration, "all federal agencies" will uphold this fact. As views on this complex issue have evolved, Penny's ability to break through early in 2023 and get a seat at the table might just be a game changer. *The Washington Post* took note of this and highlighted Penny and CWA's influence in its article, [Trump's Second-term Agenda on LGBTQ Issues Alarms Civil Right Groups](#).

SPSV Bus Tour Media Reach: through media sources from radio, TV, newspaper, podcast, etc., we reached an audience of 316,327,644!

Beep beep... CWA's successful "She Prays, She Votes" bus tour has officially wrapped, and the news media and punditry are eager to hear what our team gleaned from the nation's most coveted voter block along the way. After logging more than 10,000 miles across 12 battleground states, Penny penned an exclusive op-ed for the *New York Post* about her experience, [Female Voters in Battleground States Care About Far More Than Just Abortion](#). The op-ed was published on September 28 and refutes the prevailing narrative that women care only about unfettered access to abortion and will support Kamala Harris simply because she is a female candidate.

On September 25 [Penny joined Rich Zeoli on 1210 WPHT talk radio](#) in the battleground state of Pennsylvania to discuss takeaways from the bus tour, what issues women care about the most in the upcoming presidential election and why the campaign platform of Kamala Harris is so dramatically out of touch with America.

[Macy Petty joined the Tamara Scott Show](#) on September 26 to discuss her experience with the issue of males in girls sports as a NCAA college volleyball player. In addition to being the host of the Tamara Scott Show, Tamara is also the State Director for CWA of Iowa.



FoxNews.com posted Macy article on September 30, [As a Female Athlete, I Do Not Consent to Playing Alongside Men in Collegiate Sports](#). "23 US senators have urged the NCAA to protect women's sports but the problem persists."

On social media platforms, CWA has been drawing attention to the newest development in the fight to protect women's sports, with San Jose State University player Brooke Slusser joining the ICONS lawsuit against the NCAA.



STATE HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION

CWA Leaders are Doing an Outstanding Job of Getting Out the Vote!

From voter registration tables to speaking engagements, conversations, voter information tables, gearing up to be poll workers and watchers, social media, and more, CWA leaders are making their mark this election season.



↑ CWA of Louisiana leaders and members enjoy assisting in a local church's Registration Day.

↓ Amanda Galatas, Louisiana's newest Influencer, shared and distributed CWA's "You Decide" flyer to everyone in her church.



↑ CWA of New Mexico Belen Prayer/Action Chapter has set up both a voter registration table and a voter information table in different areas of a local church for several Sundays now.



↑ CWA of California's Legislative Liaison Rochelle Conner manned a voter registration table at her church as well as at other locations in her area.

↓ Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator Susie Hawk hosts voter information table in a local church.



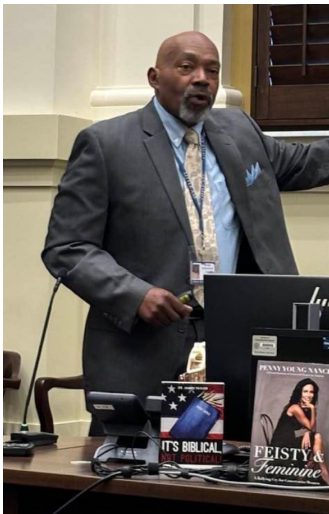
CWA of Pennsylvania ↑
Pottstown Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Kathleen Kijack (far left) helped people register to vote at a local

CWA of Oklahoma's →
Oklahoma City Prayer/Action Chapter has received the permission of 13 churches to set up voter information and/or voter registration tables on one or more Sundays leading up to Election Day!





↑ CWA of Pennsylvania shows up faithfully every year at their state capital in Harrisburg for the March for Life.



↑ CWA of Oklahoma's Oklahoma City PrayerAction Chapter addressed the importance of pastors and churches to vote from a Biblical perspective. Their special speaker was Dr. James Taylor. Taylor is the pastor of Christ's Church in Norman, Oklahoma, with his wife, Raphala, and is the author of *It's Biblical Not Political*.



↑ CWA of Texas's steering committee gathered in Houston to plan for the 2025 legislative session.

← State Director Jana Long speaks at Texas Values conference on CWA of Texas' work on the issue of girls in sports.



↑ CWA of Illinois's Plainfield Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Christine Barr (head of the table, far end) leads her monthly chapter meeting in which State Director Kaleen Marshall (far left) attends as a visitor. Picture to the right: CWA ladies enjoy tabling at the Septemberfest in Schaumburg, Illinois.

Kamala Harris
Demócrata

Promete promover el aborto con fondos federales, dándole apoyo federal a "Planned Parenthood" (la organización proveedora de abortos más grande en la nación). Se opone a toda restricción en cuanto al aborto químico.

Cree que los hombres que se identifican como mujeres son mujeres y utilizará el poder de las leyes para obligar a que se les reconozca, ofreciendo

Donald Trump
Republicano

Cree que la decimocuarta enmienda a la constitución garantiza que ninguna persona puede ser privada de su vida, libertad o propiedad, sin un debido proceso legal, y que por ende los estados tienen derecho a pasar leyes que protejan la vida.

Mantendrá a los hombres fuera de la categoría de mujeres en competencias deportivas, prohibirá que los fondos federales se utilicen para cirujías de cambio de sexo, y

Santidad de la Vida
Salmos 139:13-16

Defensa de la Familia
Génesis 1:27

CWA's 2024 Issues Election Comparison is now available in both English and Spanish!

Offer a Prayer for the 2024 Election

As you may be aware, CWA is texting out an election prayer every morning until Election Day to those interested. If you aren't receiving them, simply text SPSV24 to 87884 to receive daily reminders on your phone. See past prayers here. Use them in your chapter meeting and encourage attendees to sign up.

Please write a prayer for us to use in this effort. Just a few sentences would be great. Submit here. Thank you in advance for participating.

YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA

YWA Leaders: Feminine and Fierce



Faith Ozenbaugh, National Director of Young Women for America

As we face this cultural moment, it is evident through our pool of leaders that Young Women for America (YWA) engages a special group of women. These young women have hearts that very much reflect the mission of our organization: they are deeply convicted about the state of our nation and spurred to action by our greatest motivation, the Gospel. It is a joy to witness this play out day-to-day as they build up chapters on their college campuses, advocate for our core issues in their communities, and raise their voices for the things that honor God.

I am consistently blessed by the creativity of our leaders. Not even two months into the school year, they've hosted some incredible events on campuses, served humbly in their communities, and brought many girls into the YWA fold. From garden parties to gun range days, YWA leaders demonstrate their love for godly femininity, and their feisty passion for the things that matter. By serving at local pregnancy centers and hosting prayer nights, the love these young women have for Christ shines above all.

These sweet moments of community shared over the past several weeks are a gift from the Lord, but the opportunity for influence only increases.

As we approach the election, YWA leaders are hosting voter registration drives, distributing Biblical resources, and shrouding this season in prayer. They passionately encourage their fellow believers to vote and equip them with the knowledge to do it in a way that honors God. *Please pray for our leaders to have effective conversations with fellow Christians in their communities, churches, classrooms, and everywhere in between.*

YWA leaders in the West are also tackling the newest developments in the women's sports issue with boldness and grace. As we track Blaire Fleming, a male athlete playing on the San Jose State University (SJSU) women's volleyball team, our leaders have sent letters to their own school administrations who have games with SJSU on the schedule. With courage, they have met with university officials to discuss the school's policy on this situation and hold those in leadership accountable. **If you know a young woman at a university SJSU is set to play this year and think she may be a good fit for the YWA program, please let us know!** *We ask that you also keep our leaders in your prayers as they advocate for not only the female athletes on their campuses, but ultimately for God's design for human sexuality.*

I often hear that what people remember most about interacting with YWA leaders is the way they sense Christ by being around them. What a joy to know that our eternal mindset is radiating from these young women as we carry forth the work of the Lord in policy and culture.



The YWA chapter at Grove City College hosts a garden party where they arranged flowers and discussed Biblical femininity.



The YWA chapter at Patrick Henry College enjoyed a gun safety course and range day!



YWA Inland Empire at their kickoff sunrise event.