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The Most High Rules in the Affairs of Men

King Nebuchadnezzar has the word for us following this election. After an episode in Daniel 4 where the king was humiliated after falling mentally ill to the point of being driven to eat grass like the beasts of the fields, as the Lord had predicted, he returns to his senses and glorifies God,

The lesson he had learned, which is why we at Concerned Women for America (CWA) have much hope and give all glory to God following this election, was that **“the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will”** (Daniel 4:17, 25 and 32).

You might recall that it was the same lesson that drove Benjamin Franklin to propose daily prayers to Almighty God at the Constitutional Conventions, saying,

At CWA, we are proud of the work we did to have a meaningful impact among Christian women this election season. From our 10,000+ mile She Prays She Votes Bus Tour, allowing us to speak to thousands of voters to our hundreds of voter

registration drives and training of election workers to our church outreach efforts to our billboards urging Christians to vote, among many other efforts, we were faithful to let our light shine before men, heeding Jesus’ warning not to put our light under a basket, but to put it on a stand that it may give light to all the house (Matthew 5:15).

And now, we stand confident and rejoicing in God’s sovereign ways, giving Him glory for what He has done and is about to do. We remain vigilant and committed to being salt and light in Washington, D.C., and every state legislature around the country, standing boldly for the Truth in the public square.

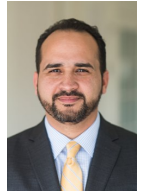
There is much to do, and we are so thankful for your partnership as we continue our work in the years ahead. It will certainly not be easy. The challenges are significant. But keeping in mind the lesson of Scripture that the

[F]or his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;
all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and he does according to his will among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and none can stay his hand
or say to him, “What have you done?”
(Daniel 4:34b-35)

“The longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see that God governs in the affairs of men. Without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel.”

Most High rules in the affairs of men, we stand hopeful and ready to give our all for the cause of Christ, giving Him all the glory every step of the way.

Thank you for joining us in this holy call.



Mario Diaz
COO and General Counsel

SENATE INSIGHTS

Senators to HHS – Stop Forcing Employees to Deny Reality



Maggie McKneely, Legislative Strategist

HHS, the taxpayer-funded agency tasked with promoting the health and well-being of Americans, is forcing its employees to deny biological reality or risk being fired. In an [email](#) sent to staff in October of 2023, the agency unveiled its HHS Gender Identity Non-Discrimination and Inclusion Guidance which states that all employees must “be addressed by the names and pronouns they use to describe themselves.”

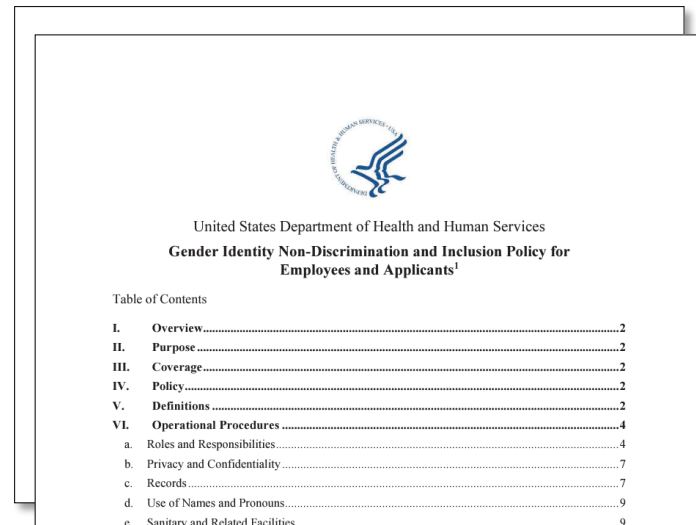
But the policy goes farther than pronouns. The [guidance policy](#) not only allows people to use any single-sex space of their choice, but if other employees are uncomfortable with sharing these spaces, which include restrooms, locker rooms, and lactation rooms, with a member of the opposite sex, the concerned employees will be directed to use other facilities, because the self-identifying “employees will not be barred from using the restroom consistent with their gender identity.”

For HHS employees holding on to truth, they are not able to be fully transparent about their beliefs in the workplace. The rights of those who believe in the false religion of gender ideology are more important than the rights of those who strive for honesty and truth, even when based on their own deeply held religious convictions.

That is why Sen. Lankford sent a [letter](#) to HHS Sec. Xavier Becerra this past week calling on him to rescind the discriminatory policy. Though HHS says that improper pronoun use creates a hostile work environment, the letter points out that allowing men into women’s restrooms does so to a far greater degree. Forcing a woman to be exposed to fully intact male anatomy is far more uncomfortable than using someone’s proper pronouns.

Under the current administration, HHS has been weaponized against anyone who believes that men and women are created uniquely and immutably by God. As November approaches, this is a stark reminder that elections have far-reaching consequences. While no one votes for each cabinet secretary, we do vote for the man (or woman) who appoints them.

PRAY: As America heads to the polls this season, pray that voters will consider not only the name at the top of the ticket, but those they will select for key positions.



Teamwork off the court; Nevada Volleyball stands unified against the NCAA



Macy Petty, Legislative Strategist and Women's Sports Spokesperson

[Because of Macy Petty's [experience with the Girls in sports issue](#) we thought it appropriate that she write under the GENDER IDEOLOGY heading for this month's issue. Plus, as you may know, the House has been in recess.]

The University of Nevada Women's Volleyball Team reminded the NCAA they aren't outside of accountability when the team protested a scheduled game against San Jose State University, a team with a male participant.

With four teams already pulling out of games against SJSU, eyes closely watch the upcoming opponents to see who will follow suit in putting the safety and dignity of their female volleyball players first. University of Nevada told Outkick on October 3 they would play the scheduled Oct 26 game against SJSU.

This didn't sit well with the women who would be competing. Later that month, the team released a [statement](#); "We, the University of Nevada Reno women's volleyball team, forfeit against San Jose State University ... We demand that our right to safety and fair competition on the court be upheld. We refuse to participate in any match that advances injustice against female athletes."

After the women released their statement, the school once again clarified they would still be competing in the game. The team told Outkick they "wouldn't participate in a game that advances sex-based discrimination or injustice against female athletes."

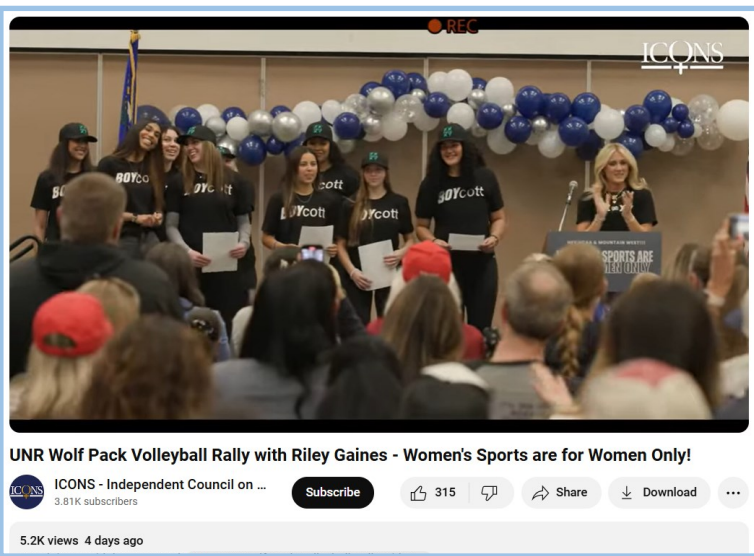
At a standoff, truth prevailed. The girls remained committed to the stand, and the school had no team to send to the match. Rather than competing, they [participated](#) in a press conference that afternoon to encourage rule makers to uphold sex-based protections in sports.

Though the NCAA, the Mountain West Conference, and

the University of Nevada all turned their back on these women, their bold and courageous cause reminded the rule makers just how powerfully their voices rise. This game couldn't paint them a clearer picture; they are utterly beholden to the female athletes they govern. There is no game, tournament, or ticket sales if the athletes don't show up.

Because the responsibility to protect the athletes lies in the hands of the NCAA and other athletic administrators, the team's protest condemns those who turned their back on them.

The courage these young women showed cannot go unmentioned.



PRAY:

- Pray for each of the Nevada Women's Volleyball Team members [by name](#).
- Pray for their safety, continued boldness, and more opportunities for lasting impact.
- Pray more women follow the footsteps trailblazed by the courageous young women and pull out of dangerous and discriminatory competitions.

ACT: Check the remaining teams immediately on the [SJSU's schedule](#). If you live in one of the states with a university that is playing SJSU, find out who the university's president is and respectfully write to him/her with your concerns.

CWA IN THE NEWS

Making Our Mark on the Election

October 2: WIND Chicago's Morning Answer – [Female Voters in Battleground States Care About Far More Than Just Abortion](#) – CWA CEO and President Penny Nance discusses the issue of abortion and then moves into the issues of family finances, men in women's spaces in sports and bathrooms, and more.

October 2: The Rod and Greg Show – [Penny talks about her recent piece for the New York Post](#) about how female voters in battleground states care about more than just abortion. (Start at 4:38)

October 2: *Fox News Digital* – [Female Athletes 'Blindsided' on Volleyball Court with Trans Player Complaint Lawsuit](#) – Macy Petty, a CWA Legislative Strategist and a former NCAA volleyball athlete, shared CWA's efforts to raise awareness of transgender players' impact on women's sports.

October 7: Remembering October 7th – Standing with Israel – [Watch Penny at the Remembering Oct. 7, Stand with Israel Rally in Washington D.C.](#) – Penny speaks at the CWA-sponsored event at the National Mall in support of Israel.

October 8: The National News Desk – [Former College Volleyball Player Weighs In On Latest Trans Athlete Controversy](#) – Macy comments on latest developments on men invading women's sports

October 10: The Tamara Scott Show – [Fighting Censorship: The Role of Voter Guides and Real Women's Day in the 2024 Election](#) – Macy speaks about the women's sports issue on Real Women's Day (In addition to being the host of the Tamara Scott Show, Tamara is the State Director of CWA of Iowa.)

October 23: Upward News – [Penny Nance is Rallying Women to Defend Their Future](#) – An interview with Penny about how CWA empowers women to stand up for their beliefs and get involved in the 2024 election. Note: A free access subscription is required.

October 29: Real Life Network – [Protecting Women's Rights with Doreen Denny](#) – CWA's Senior Advisor, Doreen Denny about CWA, our bus tour, Presidential Promise to American Women and more! Note: A free access subscription is required.

October 29: Real Life Network – [From Athlete to Advocate with Macy Petty](#) - Macy shares her beautiful story of how she went from athlete to YWA and CWA, engaging as a Christian woman and what's happening in women's sports. Note: A free access subscription is required.

October 29: USA Today – [What’s Led to Schools Forfeiting to San Jose State Volleyball Team?](#) – Doreen quoted explaining the purpose of CWA’s meeting with Boise States University before its decision to forfeit its volleyball match with San Jose State University.

October 30: The Daily Wire – [How Trump Learned to Embrace the Transgender Culture Wars](#) – Penny and Doreen quoted several times concerning conservatives’ response to the transgender issue and its relationship to the election.

YOUNG WOMEN FOR AMERICA

The Voices of Truth



Faith Ozenbaugh, National Director of Young Women for America

The times we find ourselves in remind me a lot of the story of Daniel. Living in Babylon, a society known for rebellion and wickedness, Daniel and his friends were forced to make a choice. They could stand for their convictions in obedience to the Lord or cede their beliefs to blend

“Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Daniel 12:3

into the culture. As the story goes, in the face of death, they chose the former. While this famous story finds its apex in a lion’s den, it is the consistent acts of faithfulness throughout the book that I find most impactful.

I see Daniel’s spirit of boldness and humble obedience at work in so many of our Young Women for America leaders. While the history of our nation is full of ups and downs, the moral decay around us seems to be at an all-time high. These young women find themselves in a society that hates the things of God and champions the works of darkness. Yet, they choose to engage with grace and truth, exposing the darkness with the light of their faith.

The approaching election has positioned them for bold moments like these, and I am consistently impressed by the Lord working through them. Leaders across the nation are hosting voter registration drives on their campuses and within their chapters. They are utilizing our resources to engage in conversations about the importance of voting our values. For many, they are the only voice for truth in their spheres. They tackle questions and objections on today’s most pressing issues, “always prepared to give an answer for the hope that they have” (1 Peter 3:15). They are consistent in their efforts to seek wisdom, pray, and speak righteousness to all those who will hear.



Hi! My name is **Abi-Ananiah Prudent**, and I am from Georgia! I am a graduate of Liberty University where I studied Criminal Justice, Psychology, and Global Studies. As someone who is passionate about Christians serving their communities well, the Lord has allowed me to enter many spaces in politics, nonprofits, international missions, and even working alongside a local church in the sweet state of Tennessee. These experiences continued to shape my dedication to bringing the Gospel to leaders who seek to make a long term impact in our nation. As a student, I was blessed by my time in YWA at Liberty and was doubly encouraged when given the opportunity to serve as a CWA Influencer in Franklin, Tennessee. I am grateful that the Lord has now opened the door for me to serve as the **Southern Regional Coordinator for Young Women for America**. I am excited to support and encourage the God-fearing young ladies who seek to bring Biblical truths into the cultural conversations in their communities.

They carry on, unafraid, counting it a privilege to be the light in a dark world.

I am confident God is using them for influence, but more importantly, using these moments to mold them into His likeness as His beautiful daughters.

PRAY: As they continue their efforts, please pray for God to magnify their words and the work of their hands. Pray for divine conversations, amplification of truth through their words and social media platforms, and for them to “not grow weary of doing good” (Galatians 6:9).

As written in Daniel 12, may these leaders, and all of us, shine brightly as we seek to lead people to the truth in our modern-day Babylon.

Mid-October, YWA welcomed 28 leaders from around the nation to Concerned Women for America’s (CWA) headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, for **Project Identity: God’s Design for Sexuality in Policy and Culture**. Through speakers, hands-on training, and intentional conversation, these leaders were equipped to engage within every area of society this issue touches: education, the law, medical care, sports, and so much more.

Read more about this impactful weekend [here!](#)



STATE HIGHLIGHTS FROM ACROSS THE NATION

Laser-Focused on GOTV

As we have been in the home stretch, CWA leaders around the country have been laser-focused on get-out-the-vote efforts. To our knowledge, during this election season, you organized almost 800 local informational community outreach events, including speaking engagements, prayer and action events, letter writing, door-to-door distribution of voter guides, and information tables. You held 125 voter registration drives, recruited 52 poll watchers and poll workers, and developed over 330 online campaigns. And these are the events of which we are aware! Thank you for all of your hard work. Glory to God!



📍 **CWA of Virginia's** Moneta Prayer/Action Chapter holds an information table at a local church.



📍 **CWA of South Dakota's** State Director Linda Schauer assists her granddaughter in registering to vote for the first time.



📍 **CWA of New Mexico** Prayer/Action Chapter Coordinator Sue Simmons and State Director Nicki McCarty set up a voter registration table at a local church.

📍 **CWA of West Virginia's** Martinsburg Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Betty DeHaven writes letters to potential Christian Georgia voters through My Faith Votes.

📍 **CWA of Colorado** Castle Rock Prayer/Action Chapter Leader Kathryn Palermo set up a GOTV information table at the Colorado Christian University.



📍 CWA of Pennsylvania State Director Dilonna Coran spoke at Pray the Vote event in Boalsburg and CWA leaders and friends assisted with a GOTV information table.



📍 CWA of Texas State Director Jana Long poses here with fellow poll worker after voting.



📍 CWA of Missouri Branson Prayer/Action Chapter took several opportunities to write to potential Christian voters in several states through My Faith Votes.



📍 CWA of Virginia Danville Prayer/Action Chapter wrote letters to potential Christian voters in Pennsylvania through My Faith Votes.

