

Scouts' Deconstruction Mirroring America's Devolution

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The Deconstruction of the Boy Scouts is a Microcosm of the Devolution of America. That is the topic we'll discuss today on The Christian Worldview Radio Program, where the mission is to sharpen the biblical worldview of Christians and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. I'm David Wheaton, the host. The Christian Worldview is a nonprofit listener supported radio ministry. Thank you for your notes of encouragement, financial support and lifting us up in prayer. Our website is TheChristianWorldview.org. Our contact information and social media pages will be given during the program today.

Now to our topic: How the deconstruction of the Boy Scouts is a microcosm of the devolution of America. The deconstruction of the organization formerly known as the Boy Scouts, (now called the genderless "Scouting America") is a microcosm. That word microcosm, the dictionary defines as - "a situation regarded as encapsulating in miniature the characteristic qualities or features of something much larger." In other words, what's taken place in the Boy Scouts represents what's happened more broadly throughout American society. Exactly what is that? A headlong descent into depravity straight out of Romans 1. *"And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, and evil."*

Robert Knight, Washington Times columnist and our guest this weekend, writes in his latest column titled *Scouts Paid Dearly For 'Wokeness' but Double Down Anyway*. Here's what he says. "More than 80,000 men claim that they were sexually abused when they were in the Boy Scouts. . . and this past March agreed to a \$2.4 billion settlement to pay 1000s of claims." The sane response to this horrific abuse would be to greatly strengthen protocol for Scout leaders' interaction with boys. Instead, the Boy Scouts approved homosexual men to be leaders of boys. That's called the depraved mind that comes to decisions like that.

The Boy Scouts were once a respected organization that trained boys to be men in character, in skills, in service. The Scout oath was and still is (but now in lip service only) . . . *"On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."* Moral straightness, according to Scripture is certainly not a mission of the Boy Scouts any longer. So what

went wrong with the Boy Scouts, that has gone wrong in broader American society? How can the church and Christian organizations avoid being lured into this kind of deconstruction? As mentioned, Robert Knight joins us. He's a former Eagle Scout himself. He explains the sinful compromises that have turned this once respected organization into a cautionary tale of the evils of the woke religion that has taken captive so many minds in this country.

Robert, thank you for coming on The Christian Worldview Radio Program today. Could you give an overview of what's happened with the Boy Scouts for those listeners who may not be aware of all that's taken place within the organization, and why this is a significant issue, not just for the Boy Scouts, but for the broader trajectory of America?

Guest: Robert Knight 06:55

First, I'll tell you what prompted the column. The Scouts recently decided to change their name once again. They've done it several times to try to be more and more inclusive. On February 8th, next year 2025, they will get rid of the word boy in Boy Scouts and they'll just be, Scouting America. The more inclusive they get, the fewer scouts they have. They keep losing scouts. They had 5 million in 1972. It's now down to under a million boys, just over a million Scouts total, but nearly 200,000 of those are girls and women.

This trying to accommodate the rapidly changing culture has not worked. It has not helped the scouts. The more they backup and retreat, the more they lose people. I trace a lot of this to the board of the Boy Scouts, which is dominated by people from big corporations who have gone woke and had been woke for a long time. They kind of put a gun to the scouts heads and said, you know, if you don't change with the times, you're probably not going to get the funding you're accustomed to. Don't count on us anymore. We're talking about some very big names. They were instrumental in pushing the scouts farther and farther into political correctness.

The ultimate push was in 2013 when they caved after winning all their court lawsuits against changing their policy against having homosexuals in the Scouts. They won at the Supreme Court. Then they turned around and said, Well, never mind, we're going to go ahead and open the scouts to boys who are sexually attracted to boys. We don't see any problem here. Well, a lot of parents have seen a problem there and that's why the Scouts keep shrinking.

Two years later, they said, Well, we're going to allow scout leaders to be gay. Then a couple of years after that, we're going to let girls in. Then they dropped the whole trans barring to adopt gender identity. They've really gone totally woke. It's no wonder that parents aren't sending their boys into boy scouting anymore.

This is a tragedy for America. Scouts have been around 100 years, and scouts molded many millions of men into becoming better men, better fathers, better husbands, better citizens. The scouts have always been a pipeline to the US armed forces. After all, a sort of a semi military get up with the uniforms and patrols and, there are military aspects that prepare boys to serve in any way they can in their country. We've lost a lot of that. People seem much less willing to serve. You can see it in the recruitment statistics. The Army, the Navy, even the Marines, all of them are having terrible problems recruiting people into the armed forces now. They're down 20%. Part of it is the changing culture. Part of it is the fact that the Military, like the Boy Scouts, has gone woke and adopted some of the worst aspects of DEI, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, which is basically brainwashing into a Marxist view of identity group identification.

But back to the Scouts. Their original mission was to impart virtue to boys and try to put them on a straight path. The people who formed the Scouts saw this in modern culture, and they said, we must have an antidote; we have to have boys finding strength, clarity, virtue, and wanting to pursue that and being rewarded for it with badges and ranks and so forth. It worked very well. After all, we only had a little over 200 million people back in '72 and we had 5 million Boy Scouts.

By then, the 60s insanity that your mother spoke about in her Mother's Day message on your program had taken hold, and the culture was careening toward hedonism, and away from traditional values. The Scouts were in the way, so they got run over. That would be bad enough, but when they started doing it to themselves, and I saw it up close because I was in touch with the Scout resistance when I worked at Family Research Council, and we were trying to hold the line.

I did a lot of interviews on CNN and Fox defending the Boy Scouts and their policy. They cut the floor out from everybody by giving in. We were shocked and amazed and disgusted by the whole thing. When they caved to adult leaders being gay, it was the same year that the US Supreme Court did away with marriage as the union of one man and one woman and adopted same sex marriage as a heretofore unknown constitutional right. So a lot happened in 2015.

Host: David Wheaton 11:55

You gave a very good overview of what took place. it's a small example of what's happening or what's happened more broadly in our society. You gave this overview, and I want to go into each one of these points you bring out in your column in what's happened, because it's a lesson for the church and it's a lesson for Christian institutions to not go down this same road. You talked about cultural pressure. I'll get into these in a second. The sexual abuse. The integrating of homosexuals as scouts and also as leaders. The gender distinction was rejected within the Scouts. Let's go through these

one by one, because each of them are important to understand. You mentioned, Robert; I'm reading from your column.

"In 1972, the United States had a population of just over 205 million. Nearly 5 million boys were in the Boy Scouts of America. In 2024, the United States population has hit 336 million. Enrollment in the Boy Scouts has plummeted to just over 1 million, of whom 176,000 girls and young women." It's gone from 5 million to about 1 million. Then you said. "What happened between 1972 and 2024? Several things."

"Let's start first with the cultural pressure," you write that, "America's culture changed for the worse, devolving into nihilism, paganism, self centeredness, and excess. The Scouts with their timeless values, increasingly portrayed as hopelessly retro." Behind the times, the wrong side of history, those kinds of things. What was the rationale or reasoning they had for starting to compromise on some of the original, "timeless values" that they had?

Guest: Robert Knight 14:07

They held on for a long time, David. When this started happening to the larger culture, they defended their standards in court cases all over the country. The ACLU and other Organizations were always on their case trying to break them. Atheist groups even sued them saying, Oh, they're discriminatory because they have God in the Scout oath, and this means they probably won't welcome atheist children. Actually, the Scouts did. They said look, these are our values. They were pretty solid right up till 2012 really.

At that time, corporate America was going the wrong way. Large corporations like AT&T were pushing the whole LGBTQ agenda and the corporate chieftains, UPS AT&T, several others, came on the Scouts board and started pushing for opening up the Scouts to this cultural breakdown. They pushed so hard that Scouts began to fear that they'd lose funding. United Way cut them off in many places saying, Oh, you're discriminatory, because you just have boys, not girls, and you won't have gay leaders.

They did just the wrong thing after being hit in the face with their sex abuse lawsuits, 1000s of them, they did the opposite of what they should have done. They should have said, you know, this is why we bar men and boys who are sexually attracted to males from scouting. This is the kind of thing that can happen. We're going bankrupt, because we've let in people who were active that way, and people are suing us over it. So what do they do? They say, "Oh, we're going to lift the policy completely and let them all in. Like that's going to help. All it did was scare the heck out of parents. They said, I can't have my boy going overnight on camping trips with leaders who may or may not

be gay, and other boys in their tent who may or may not be gay. This is too much. In the name of compassion for gays, we're going to go ahead and encourage the very behavior that's hurting them. This is so opposite Christian compassion. Too many Christians still fall into the trap that, if I don't go along with it, I'll be some kind of bigot and hateful and I won't be able to witness Jesus Christ to them.

Well, Jesus spoke truth in love. He never withheld truth, just to make somebody feel better. I think that's the model we should follow. Love the sinner, hate the sin and be truthful about it. Tell truth in love. That's the way to go.

Host: David Wheaton 16:48

Robert, we've talked about the first pillar. What caved first was they had cultural pressure against them. ACLU, atheist groups attacked them; people coming on their board from big time corporate organizations. The language was put against them. You're discriminatory, you're homophobic, you're bigoted. So they started to cave to that. Then came allegations of sexual abuse.

I'm reading from your column. "More than 80,000 men claim they were sexually abused when they were in the Boy Scouts. The National Organization declared bankruptcy in 2020, and this past March agreed to a \$2.4 billion settlement to pay thousands of claims." Even before homosexuality became as prominent as it was, there was still lots of homosexuality going on, and the Boy Scouts would be a complete magnet for homosexuals, a lot of groups of boys together, sleepovers; you can just imagine that they were targeted by the perverse. Was it really this widespread, this amount of sexual abuse? What was going on that was allowing this to happen?

Guest: Robert Knight 21:23

That's a very good question that the people at the top of the Scouts must have known they had some problems, but you have to look at this in the whole big picture. There were millions of boys in the Scouts who didn't report abuse. 80,000 sounds like a lot, but that's over a long period of time. A lot of these cases go way back to the 70s, 80s. The scouts were somehow compromised, and afraid that if they made too big a deal out of it, it would invite these kinds of lawsuits. So putting their head in the sand didn't help, obviously.

This is very similar to what happened to the Catholic Church. There were a lot of priests who happened to be homosexual. Books have been written about this. The Pink Palace was one of them about how the seminaries were taken over. Some of them, not all seminaries, but some prominent seminaries, where homosexuality became rampant. The church tried to look the other way. Then

they got hit with millions and millions of dollars of lawsuits by people who've been abused by Priests.

This shows that if you look away and pretend something isn't happening, it will always get worse. Now you have forces in our society, ACLU among them, telling both the Scouts and the church, you really ought to drop all opposition to homosexuality. Just let it all happen and we'll leave you alone. Of course, that won't be the case, because they're never satisfied. Every time you give in, you encourage them to bully you some more.

The churches have to stand up to this bullying. The church is the conscience of society. They're not just one other institution that kind of compromises and makes deals. They have to stand up and be the conscience. The churches that are standing up and being the conscience are the ones that are growing. The ones that are giving in to the popular cultural trends are the ones declining. That's good news.

Host: David Wheaton 23:27

It's interesting you say this, about how this took place, this sexual abuse within the Boy Scouts. For instance, at our own local church here, where I am a member here in Minnesota, they have a very strict policy. If you're going to be a Sunday school teacher, you have to go through a class. There are really strict protocols in place. Doors can't be shut to rooms. There must be two adults in the room at all times. Lots of different levels of accountability and transparency has to take place.

I'm assuming that the Boy Scouts either didn't have these kinds of policies, or perhaps weren't enforcing them well enough for that kind of wide spread abuse. Again, you're right, there's 5 million Scouts at one time and there's 80,000 men so that's under 2%. But still, you want to do everything you can to make sure you are having strict protocols that this doesn't take place because it's just a reality that it will. There are men out there that will try to target children and the Boy Scouts would be a magnet for that.

Let's move on to the next issue you mentioned, Robert. Homosexuals being integrated into the Scouts. Not just from Scouts, boys themselves, but for leadership. They had won every court challenge to their morally responsible policy that barred homosexuals from being inside the Scouts, an all boy organization, but the Scout leadership caved anyway and opened the ranks to boys sexually attracted to other boys. Two years later, they welcomed homosexual men to be leaders. You touched on this already, but after widespread allegations and actually proved allegations of abuse of homosexuals toward boys, to have a policy of allowing more in, it's hard to even figure out. That's

backward reasoning to do that. Instead of stiffening up policies, they lessened them. Why would they do that?

Guest: Robert Knight 25:29

They were under great pressure, follow the money. You had United Way picking on them. You had the ACLU filing lawsuits. You had corporate bigwigs on the Scout board, basically threatening them with withholding funds if they didn't go the way they wanted. There's a lot of corruption in our elite institutions, from colleges to major corporations. A lot of moral degradation going on. They got a hold of the Scouts and did the same thing to them. You know, it isn't just leaders.

If you think about scouting, when Scouts go out, they tent together and so forth. When I was a Boy Scout, we had one kid who was attracted to boys. I remember he made a move on some guys. They brought it to the Scoutmaster, who mediately called the boy's parents and said, he can't be here with us. This is causing disruption, it's threatening the other boys, and we just can't have it. So he had to leave the troop for the good of the troop.

Now you couldn't do that. You say he made a move on a boy he was tenting with, what would you do if you stepped in and said, Sorry kid, we love you, but you can't be here. That won't be good enough. You have to accommodate that kind of thing somehow. This is why the Scouts are down to under a million. Why would you put your boys in that situation?

Host: David Wheaton 26:52

You can't make basically a moral objective truth claim. You can't say no to someone or some moral behavior, and that just completely got them in trouble.

Guest: Robert Knight 27:03

By the way, that's one reason we keep losing the culture wars, David. I've noticed that people ostensibly on our side, the conservative side, tend to make procedural arguments instead of moral arguments. A good case would be saying that, well, we're against this policy because it violates some procedural method rather than Hey, it's wrong.

GK Chesterton, the great British writer, said that it's amazing the lengths to which modern man will go to justify something in any terms except morality.

If you have a grandmother who gets mugged in Battersea Park in London, this is how they'd cover it. They'd say, Oh, this is a terrible waste of good grandmother's. This kind of thing will hurt attendance and so forth. Anything but saying it's wrong to mug grandma. There's a reluctance in our culture to

make any moral delineations because those morals go back to God. That's what it really is. It's a revolt against God and God's morality. Morality doesn't come from anywhere else. You're either following God's morality or you're making up your own, which means you're being immoral, or amoral at best.

Host: David Wheaton 28:20

Let's touch on one more thing that's happened more recently. Gender distinction has been rejected within the Boy Scouts. Again, lessons here for the church in this country, even the evangelical church, Christian institutions, schools, organizations here. Listen to what took place in this pattern, because it's coming after you as well.

You write, "In 2018, they shucked the foundational concept of Boy Scouting, which is that it's about boys,. Girls were invited to join Cub Scouts and then, a year later, Scout troops. The Boy Scouts of America kept evolving, becoming Scouts BSA in 2019, keeping at least a vestige of the organization's heritage. This past week, the organization decided on another change. On February 8, 2025, the Scouts' 115th anniversary, they will dispense with "boy" aspect all together and be known as Scouting America to be more "inclusive."

Drag queen campfire hour is now quite thinkable in some-not all all-areas of the country." You don't mean that in jest, that's a logical thing that's going to come next for sure within the Boy Scouts. Robert, what is it about sexual rebellion, like homosexuality, and gender rebellion against God's moral design, that are always the issues that attack an organization with traditional conservative or Christian values?

Guest: Robert Knight 30:28

It's the easiest point of attack. Once you redefine biblical morality as a form of bigotry, that's actionable under the law, you can misuse the civil rights laws and the whole Civil Rights apparatus. You get the media behind you. You can put enormous pressure on organizations to bend their morality around the way you want it to be. That's what's happened.

I talked to a gay activist years ago, Chai Feldblum, who President Obama appointed to the Office of Economic Opportunity as a commissioner, and she was debating the issue at a forum. I said afterwards, you know, with everything you are striving toward it sounds like Christianity is going to become illegal, basically. She grinned and looked at me and said, Well, gays win, Christians lose. What could be clearer? There's no middle ground here. If you do accept the new morality than that basically criminalizes the old morality, which is actual real morality, God's morality. That's what we keep seeing. This is what I've often said, David. The eventual aim of the LGBTQ movement, and

there's nothing else like it in America, is to criminalize Christianity, because it keeps reminding them what they're doing is wrong. They especially hate people who have come out of the lifestyle. X-gays are the most invisible people on the planet, they won't admit they exist. They say, Oh, no, you're not really x-gay. You're just pretending. Of course, what about people who drifted into the lifestyle? I would say, No, they've been fooled. They're looking for love in all the wrong places. There's always hope for change.

The censorious left wing media and the LGBTQ movement are crushing free speech, freedom of religion, and putting a lot of people at risk just to force their point of view on everybody. People say, "why can't you just be tolerant, you know, live and let live?" Well, they're not interested in that anymore. They're saying you will not only facilitate what we do, but you'll celebrate it. And if you don't, we will penalize you somehow. Look at the pressure on professional sports. They all have Gay Day now. The worst was the Dodgers last year who had drag queens appear, the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Completely anti Christian group, who mocks Catholics in particular, and they honored them at Dodger Stadium.

This shows how intimidated organizations have become who know better. They know that most baseball fans don't appreciate that, but they went ahead anyway. They're more afraid of this tiny sliver of the population because they have a big, huge thug behind them with a bat called the mainstream media.

Host: David Wheaton 33:28

Yes they do. I think what they're also fearful of is that they don't want negative publicity from the press, as you just mentioned. No one wants to be called bigoted, or discriminator. So they invite the Perpetual Sisters of Indulgence or whatever this godless group is called. They're also counting on the vast majority of people to overlook it. I don't like that, but I still want to go to the baseball game. I think there's a big, huge, silent group out there that doesn't maybe agree with it or isn't even aware of it. They don't see how allowing this immorality in is going to affect the broader society as a whole.

Robert, just one more question about the Scouts. You get toward the end of the column and you say, "If you want to drive a nation to its knees, you must weaken or eliminate manly men regardless of how many capable women you have. That begins with corrupting male youths and denying them support for realizing their masculine role in society as husbands, fathers and patriots. Somewhere, somehow, these despots are giving a pat on the head to the late Hugh Hefner, the American Civil Liberties Union, George Soros, and others who helped birth America's cultural suicide. The answer to all this is resistance to the forces that seek to fundamentally transform America into a Marxist version of Sodom and Gomorrah."

That's well said, Robert. What is the lesson here from the Boy Scouts as we've been referencing how the church and Christian institutions, the next target, are being now targeted? Now, the Boy Scouts may have been broadly Christian in a way, having some Christian values, but they weren't distinctively Christian like churches and Christian institutions. What should the church and Christian organizations be learning from the Boy Scouts to resist this kind of thing?

Guest: Robert Knight 38:48

Well, I think they could have learned it from Neville Chamberlain, who thought he bought peace in his time with Adolf Hitler through appeasement. Appeasement doesn't work. It only tells a bully that they can take the next step. I think churches have to realize this, that if they give in at all, they're sowing the seeds of their own destruction. Look at the United Methodist Church, it's splitting wide open, because the majority of delegates at the recent convention said yes, let's have gay priests. Let's marry same sex couples. In other words, let's give up on what the Bible says and adopt society's cultural values. This is destroying the Methodist Church. Any institution that doesn't stand firm in its actual principles and starts being co-opted, will be destroyed.

Now the good news, and I said that people have to resist this. One way is to support institutions that are standing up. We've got the American Heritage Girls, who are replacing the woke Girl Scouts of America. We could get into that, David, if you have a minute. Then Trail Life USA. It's a wonderful organization. It's based on Scouting, but it's completely Christian focused. They still have camping, skills, badges, the whole Scouting experience plus affirmations of Christian faith. It's a wonderful organization. They've got 1000 troops now already, and they were just formed in 2014. So people are eager to support groups that back their most deeply held values. We've got the American Heritage Girls on the girls side and the Trail Life USA on the boys side.

As far as the Girl Scouts, that organization went woke a long time ago. They invited the Planned Parenthood director to speak at their national convention. They kept editing their materials to make them more and more feminist, and more and more critical of homemaking, mocking women who choose to stay home and raise their children. This is not to disparage all the good women who are troop leaders today and are doing their best to get the best out of Girl Scouting. It's the same thing with Boy Scouts. I happen to know some guys who just got their Eagle badges, and they're anything but woke. They're trying to ignore all the nonsense at the top of the organization and just go on with Scouting as it is.

I don't know how much longer good people can do this; be in either of those organizations. I know that more people are leaving and going into the ones that you won't have to worry anymore about being woke, which is Trail Life USA for boys and American Heritage Girls for girls.

Host: David Wheaton 41:35

Robert, thank you for writing this column and for bringing out this downward cascade of events and poor compromised decisions that the Boy Scouts and of course the Girl Scouts have made. Let's in the last minutes we have you, transition over to a another topic.

You've written a book entitled, *Crooked: What Really Happened in the 2020 Election and How to Stop the Fraud*. As we are now in another election year in 2024, four years later, with all the allegations and evidence, in my view of things that weren't on the up and up in the 2020 election, heading into this election, I hear people on Fox News being very positive about Trump winning and I'm not so sure about any of that. Was it Lenin or Stalin who said, It's not how many votes you get, it's who counts the votes. That's a paraphrase of it, I think. What's being done now to ensure that this election is not going to be fraudulent in some way?

Guest: Robert Knight 42:37

Saying there was no widespread fraud in 2020 is like saying that COVID-19 emerged organically from some bat sold in a wet market in Wuhan, China right near the facility that was doing gain of function research on COVID viruses. I mean, come on, who buys that?

If you look at the preponderance of evidence, the election was rigged by the social media, the censorship that went on, the suppression of the Hunter Biden laptop, which would have given the election to Donald Trump. Trump won 18 of 19 bellwether counties. You don't lose the whole election when you win the ones that always determine the winner. Call me an election denier all you want. I'll say, "Yes, you're right. I am". We still have problems, but a lot of states have moved to tighten election rules. They're reducing early voting, which is good. It really shouldn't be a months long process. It also should be accompanied by verified signatures. The mass mailing of ballots that are not requested should end. That's just a recipe for vote fraud. Ballot harvesting has been outlawed in a number of places. That's when a third party can pick up your ballot and say, Well, don't worry, I'll turn this in. Obvious realm for abuse.

I think a lot of people are looking at these voting machines and realizing that yes, they can be compromised. The problem is the media because every time you even raise questions, they scream baseless, false, falsehoods, election denier. They've got a whole list of epithets to throw at you instead of looking at the evidence. Courts didn't look at the evidence that the Trump team brought

forward of voter fraud allegations. There were countless affidavits of sworn witnesses who said they saw the voter fraud going on. That didn't matter.

This time, what I'm hoping for David, is that there'll be such a tsunami of support against the current regime, which is destroying America from what I see in every way possible, our energy sources, wide open border, the terrible foreign policy, the inflation. I mean, everything they touch is wrecking America. I don't see how they can control that much voter fraud to set aside a major tide. This is not 2022, when we were surprised there wasn't a big red tide, even after two years of the Biden administration.

But now after four years, people are hurting. Businesses are still closing. Now he's trying to force everybody into electric cars. You know, the EPA keeps issuing emissions requirements that will put gas powered cars out of business by 2035. What are we supposed to do? Have millions of cars that plug into a grid that's being compromised, because he's shutting down all the coal and gas powered plants. Windmills and solar panels are not going to fuel all these millions of cars we're supposed to be buying that nobody wants.

You're in Minnesota, right? These batteries have very little capacity when you get down to freezing, and then they lose something like 80% of capacity at zero degrees. That's not an unheard of temperature in your realm. [David: Not at all]. I mean why would you send your wife out in electric car on a day when it's -5? You can't have this, we've got to stop this. The only thing that's going to stop it is if people get involved in the election. People ought to be volunteering to be poll workers, not just pole watchers, but poll workers, because then you have something to do with the transmission of the ballots. You can see what's going on and you get paid. A lot of people say it's fun. I've got some relatives who have been doing it for the last couple of years, and they really liked it. One of them told me she was alarmed at how easy it would be to commit vote fraud if she had wanted to, how the chain of custody of ballots is so loose, that anybody could really do it.

So the more eyes we have, the better, of people who are looking to keep things on the up and up. It's a combination of things, David. More people have to get involved. More Christians have to vote. Goodness, if 5% more Christians voted, we could turn this country around. Millions of people sit on their hands saying what's the use, Jesus is coming back anyway. They don't know when He's coming back. We're told we're supposed to fight evil, not accede to it and waiting for Jesus, that's not biblical at all.

I would encourage people to get involved somehow, in any way you can, and try to push back this darkness, and the political world is part of it. I'm sorry that elections are so consequential. They

shouldn't be. Our government shouldn't be so big and huge and powerful that we're terrified of it, but we've gotten to that point. They've been throwing their weight around and the only counterweight is the people.

Host: David Wheaton 47:41

Robert, we appreciate all you do to stand up for Christian values, even conservative values within our society. Thank you for this book on the election fraud. This is so critical because you really don't have a country represented by people and representatives if someone else behind the scenes is determining who our leaders are. Thank you again for coming on the The Christian Worldview. All of God's best and grace to you.

Guest: Robert Knight 48:08

Thank you, David, for having this great forum. You do a wonderful job. I sure did enjoy listening to your mom on the Mother's Day podcast.

Host: David Wheaton 48:17

She's the best. So grateful for her. [Robert-She's amazing]. We hope you gained from listening to the interview with Robert Knight today of the Washington Times. We have links to his website and his article that we discussed today, "Scouts' pay dearly for 'wokeness,' but double down anyway", also his book called, Crooked: What Really Happened in the 2020 Election and How to Stop the Fraud. That's all at our website, TheChristianWorldview.org.

There's just a few follow up thoughts on this topic today. People lead organizations. An organization may have a mission statement, vision, core values, but those are only as immutable or unchanging as the leaders who are interpreting them are unchanging. Leaders are just people. They are influenced by the same influences as everyone else. The educational system, the media, the entertainment industry, what church they go to. If leaders don't have hills that they are willing to die on, or if they are always trying to find a third way, they will compromise, and organizations will weaken. Leaders must be willing to lose the entire organization on top priority principles.

This is a spiritual battle. Satan tries to destroy anything good. The problem is the Boy Scouts don't focus on regeneration of the heart. Therefore what they're trying to do is moral goodness as defined by them in human strength, and that's bound to fail. They may have the Scout oath and the Scout Law, but that's just like a church having a seemingly sound doctrinal statement.

For instance, can you guess whose church these statements of faith come from? God who is One is revealed in three distinct persons. That's true. We believe in the mystery of salvation through Jesus

Christ. God became human in Jesus whose life, death, and resurrection demonstrate God's redeeming love. More than that, but that is true. Number three, we believe the Bible is the primary authority for our faith and practice. Which church would present these as their doctrinal beliefs? That would be The United Methodist Church, the denomination that just recently approved homosexual clergy and homosexual marriage. But here is actually what they believe from their recent annual meeting.

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Speaker 1

GCORR (General Commission on Religion and Race) has the responsibility for monitoring for gender inclusion. GCORR has the responsibility of monitoring racial inclusion through our institutional equity lens.

Speaker 2: 50:50

The church continued to follow a pattern on the speakers from the floor. Men 61.3%, female 33.9%, and non binary 4.8%. Let's consider that a challenge and not make it a pattern.

Speaker 3: 51:08

When you are a speaker, state your name and your conference, your status as they occur, and if you feel comfortable, provide your racial, ethnic, tribal, and gender identity.

Speaker 4: 51:20

Becca, clergy, New England annual conference, she, her ,hers, queer, white adult.

Host: David Wheaton 51:28

This is what it sounded like at the United Methodist Church annual meeting. We didn't put that circus music under those sound bites, it just came like that when we downloaded it. They may seemingly have a few correct doctrinal statements, but in reality, it's very different.

For churches and Christian institutions, there needs to be top emphasis on regenerate leadership, who are members of a sound local church who are elder qualified in character, and are fully committed to accurately handling the word of truth no matter what. Otherwise, there'll be drift.

Thank you for joining us today on The Christian Worldview. We'd be grateful if you would consider supporting this nonprofit radio ministry. It makes it possible for us to stay on the air. We just had to make the hard decision to pull the program on four of the stations we launched on 18 months ago in Denver, Phoenix, Washington DC and Atlanta. We didn't receive enough listener support from these

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Let's remember Jesus words. You must be born again by repenting and believing the Gospel and once saved, Think biblically, Live accordingly, and Stand firm! The mission of The Christian Worldview is to sharpen the biblical worldview of Christians and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. We hope today's broadcast encouraged you toward that end.

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UPCOMING TCW EVENTS:

The Overcomer Course, June 21-22, 2024 at Stone House Farm

The Overcomer Course for young adults is now just five weeks away on Friday and Saturday, June 21st and 22nd. There are about a dozen spots remaining. Even if you're not from our area in Minnesota or the upper Midwest, if you are an 18 to 28 year old or know of someone that age, we would invite you and encourage you to come to Minnesota. It's easy to fly into Minneapolis/St. Paul airport.

Stone House Farm, where the course is being held, is located about 45 minutes from the airport. There's inexpensive lodging nearby. You can arrive Thursday evening, the course is on Friday and Saturday. We'd love to have you come to church with us on Sunday and you could fly back home Sunday afternoon. This is an in person only course. It won't be streaming online.

The purpose of this course is to help young adults gain clarity and conviction on God's plan and their purpose in it.

So for instance, on the first day, in the morning, Session 1: Believing God and the Gospel is the Gateway to Being an Overcomer. That's a very important session to kick things off because it sets up for all the rest of the sessions.

Session 2: Handling God's Word Accurately is the bBasis for Wise Thinking and Living.

Session 3: Understanding God's Plan and Purpose Brings Stability, Joy, and Hope. That's understanding God's meta narrative of history.

Session 4: Pursuing God's Means to Grow in the Faith and Share it with Others. That's about sanctification and discipleship.

The second day we have sessions on Embracing God's Design on Gender, Sexuality, Singleness, and marriage. Stewarding God's Design for Time, Work and Money. Engaging God's Design in the Local Church and Employing God's Weapons to Overcome the World.

This is something we are very much looking forward to and are excited about the potential for impact in our lives and those who come to the course. So if you need more information, go to our website, TheChristianWorldview.org/overcomercourse, or give us a call toll free 1-888- 646-2233. Again, only about 12 spots remaining. So if you know an 18 to 28 year old during that highly transitional time in life, or perhaps just mention the course to your pastor at your church, maybe they know of some young adults who would be benefited by coming to this course, tell them about our website, TheChristianWorldview.org/overcomer course, or give us a call.

This Course is already 70% full and it's pretty evenly divided between men and women. We're talking young adults 18 to 25, 26, 27. In that age range during that highly transitional time of life. By the way, you can come from out of state and we'd encourage you to do so. This is a beautiful time of year in Minnesota. There's lots to do in the area. Hope you consider that and spread the word about the Overcomer Course June 21 and 22. Learn more and register at the Christianworldview.org Or by calling one triple 8646 2233.

The Overcomer Foundation Cup, September 16, 2024 at Hazeltine National

Hazeltine National Golf Club Also, we just announced this week that registration is now open for the Overcomer Foundation Cup, our annual golf event in September. This year it's going to be at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota.

Featured Resource: Indoctrinating Our Children To Death

Christians with discernment know that the US public education system is humanistic to the core. That is because subversives have successfully removed from government schools, the most important subject to understand truth and reality. God. While Americans were once educated at home or privately in an explicitly Christian way, today, government schools are radically anti Christian propagandizing children with evolution, graphic sexual content, gender confusion, and globalism.

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