

DOGE Reveals the Depravity of our Federal Government

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HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

DOGE reveals the depravity of our federal government. That is a 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.

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Perhaps the most important revelation in decades about the US government, it has been uncovered that billions, even trillions of dollars have been spent by federal agencies and departments on what can only be described as wasteful and immoral causes. Just a few examples. 373 million was spent in DEI, diversity, equity and inclusion grants from the Department of Education. That's one of many. \$3 million was spent for, quote, being LGBTQ in the Caribbean through USAID.

\$450,000 was spent to promote the expansion of atheism in Nepal through the State Department. There are scores more expenditures like these that the recently created DOGE, Department of Government Efficiency led by Elon Musk, is finding through its audits of the federal government. Even more disturbing than the sheer excess in wasteful spending, especially considering our nation has a crushing \$36 trillion of debt, is the fact that your tax dollars are being used by the godless within government to fund perverse causes and enrich fellow leftists at home and abroad. In other words, our once, quote, Christian nation is the greatest exporter in the world of what dishonors God.

Two guests will join us today on *The Christian Worldview* to discuss the staggering waste and abuse of taxpayer money. First, Robert Knight, columnist for *The Washington Times*, will provide insight on the extent of this scandal. And then Jerry Newcombe, executive director of Providence Forum will explain how our government has abandoned the Founders intent and example in this matter, particularly with the example of George Washington, our first president and the subject of a documentary we will discuss.

Let's first get to the conversation with Robert Knight. Robert, it's good to have you back on *The Christian Worldview Radio Program*. In your most recent column, you wrote about an issue that has been, I think, front of the minds of a lot of Americans as we see what is taking place with this agency called DOGE. I want to start out by playing a soundbite from President Trump as he listed some of the things that your taxpayer dollars are being spent on. Here's President Trump.

Audio Sound Bite: President Trump:

Where's the money being spent, right? Let's go into that for just a second. \$520 million for a consultant on the environment, it's called Environmental Social in Governance. Investments in Africa, \$520 million for ESG. \$25 million to promote biodiversity, conservation and promote licit livelihoods by developing socially responsible behavior in the country of Colombia. Well, it's nice, 25 million to go into Colombia. \$40 million to improve the social and economic inclusion of sedentary migrants. \$10 million for Mozambique voluntary medical male circumcisions. \$486 million to the Consortium for Elections and Political Process Strengthening, including 22 million for inclusive and participatory political process in Moldova.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

The number of things, Robert, is truly staggering in the amounts. DOGE, again, the Department of Government Efficiency has had a feed on X, listing the things they're finding on a daily basis. Millions of dead people, they say over the age of 110, are still receiving social security payments. They don't know where they're going or relatives pocketing it or what.

The Department of Education terminated 70 diversity, equity and inclusion training grants totaling \$373 million. Again, these are hardworking taxpayer dollars that they've taken from people and are using it for these unbelievably wasteful programs. One program trained teachers to, quote, "Engage in ongoing learning and self-reflection, to confront their own biases and racism and develop asset-based anti-racist mindsets." Unquote. Another one, the Department of Education terminated 89 contracts worth 881 million.

One contractor was paid 1.5 million to, quote, "Observe mailing and clerical operations at a mail center." How would you rank the importance of this story of these audits and cuts going on within our government right now, and also the destructiveness of this wasteful spending to our country? Just going back, let's say, the last 50 years in American history, has there ever been anything like this?

GUEST: ROBERT KNIGHT:

We've never seen it on this scale, and I think that's what's different. Years ago, some congressmen used to issue lists of wasteful spending and they have grants and people go, "Oh, that's a waste. That's silly." That sort of a thing. The scope and size of this is what makes it news. They're looking back decades, they're finding money that people didn't know what happened to, it disappeared. The point of my column is that it's theft. It isn't just mismanagement, it isn't just waste.

Much of the money is being directed into the pockets of left-wing organizations, it's being used to promote causes that are at odds with American's most cherished values, and it's being used to cause division among races and to promote sexual anarchy, and to do all kinds of things overseas. USAID was the first out of the box to come under the microscope and that shocked people, the amount of money going to drag queen festivals in Guatemala, and money that even found its way to a group connected to Hamas, the terrorist group. The more they look, the more they're finding, and what's amazing about this is that the whiz kids that Elon Musk has brought aboard, the Department of Government Efficiency are brilliant, they're geniuses, and they have devised algorithms to penetrate firewalls and other protections against finding the money that have kept the American people in the dark for decades.

They're finding misspent money that previous administrations going way back. And right now it's just the tip of the iceberg, they've just begun. They've also moved very fast because they knew that people who benefit from all this would be filing lawsuits like no tomorrow, and they have, more than 65 lawsuits have already been filed on behalf of federal employees and groups that have benefited from these wild spending sprees, and the media have made fun of the whole thing. And David, one reason your show is so important is you bring out things the media cover up. During COVID, the election fraud, you name it, things they actively suppress we can hear about on programs like yours.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

Well, it's kind of you to say that Robert, and that is one of the things we want to do, where we want to seek after truth wherever it may lead, and covering up these kinds of things is truly the staggering takeaway from this as we consider that this is so unprecedented in our country where it's been this deep of an audit.

Now you say in your column, which we have linked at our website on Thechristianreelview.org, it's become clear that the federal government has been stealing trillions from American taxpayers and hiding how it's been spent. As a matter of fact, one other thing that DOGE has found that there's been \$4.7 trillion in untraceable payments. Payments that are made by the Treasury Department that are now untraceable, \$4.7 trillion. Remember, we're \$36 trillion in debt in this country. You go on to say it's not just waste or mismanagement, but a large scale mugging.

Likewise, it's misleading to say that Obama and Biden administrations were, quote, incompetent. They were staffed by dedicated ideologues who used our tax dollars to fund their leftist revolution. I think that's very important to say that, because this wasteful spending, so much of it is on leftist causes. It's the sheer size of the scam you write that's so striking. You quote Haywood Talcove, chief executive of LexisNexis, Special Services, he testified to a house committee on February 12th that federal agencies had reported 2.7 trillion in cumulative improper payments since 2003. Closing this paragraph, "Ineligible recipients and criminal networks regularly rip off the system." He said.

I think you can't just describe the spending, this reckless spending, as just fraud and abuse and corruption. It's really immoral. You mentioned all the homosexual programs they spend on, and I'm going to get into Jerry Newcombe with some of those things in the next segment here, but it's actually immoral spending. It's wasteful. It's on things that aren't American, this USAID spending all over the world, on things that aren't pertaining to America, and it's fraudulent.

Do you know how long this has been taking place, Robert? And I think you alluded to it a bit in your last answer, but why weren't conservatives able to discover this degree of wasteful spending before now?

GUEST: ROBERT KNIGHT:

Probably goes back all the way to the new deal with Franklin Roosevelt when the government expanded wildly, but I think it really took off under Lyndon Johnson with the Great Society in the sixties, where he created many huge federal agencies that have now ballooned into massive entities.

The reason we haven't been able to get at a lot of this is we didn't have the tools. The algorithms have only come into use recently that these young geeks are using to penetrate all the ways they've hidden all this money, and the point you were making a minute ago was that this isn't just waste and mismanagement, it's immoral. They're using money for the wrong things. In fact, one of the worst uses is funding abortion and promotion of abortion in a lot of conservative countries around the world. This has made them hate the United States. They're promoting LGBTQ and abortion to countries with very traditional, religion-based societies, so we're actually hurting the United States. We're promoting evil. We're promoting things that people don't want and hiding it.

That's the thing, we didn't know about a lot of these grants. And so Elon Musk has done an enormous service. Two big things he's done for the United States. The first was taking over Twitter, and turning it into X and unleashing a flood of information that countered the media's left-wing bias, and the government's suppression of social media. X is a superhighway of information now. I think that helped elect Donald Trump and the Republican Congress, because all of a sudden we could see lots of countering opinions that were suppressed before.

The other thing Musk has done is now launched this DOGE, Department of Government Efficiency, that has dug into and revealed incredible thievery at levels we hadn't believed could have existed. Even though governments always waste money, because the efficiency that is necessary in profit-making institutions like companies isn't there. They're not under the gun to make a profit, so if they waste a lot of money, so what? They get a bigger budget next year. There really are no incentives to do well, and there are a lot of incentives to misspend money.

In fact, a lot of agencies, and I've known this from being in Washington for years, a lot of agencies right at the end of their budget cycle go on a mad spending spree, because if they don't they'll have their budgets cut the next year. So, a lot of the truly wasteful spending happens at the end of a budget cycle.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

One thing that I think has struck me is just how disheartening it is. What this country is exporting around the world, how evil it is. We like to think of our nation as a great nation with a Christian founding and Christian values and it was that, but there's a large segment of our country apparently that wants to export what is clearly anti-Christ and anti-God. I'm just going to tick off a few of these things from our next guest column. He quoted US Congressman Brian Mass from Florida. \$15 million for condoms to the Taliban through USAID.

And nearly \$500,000 to promote the expansion of atheism in Nepal through the State Department. \$1 million to boost French-speaking LGBT groups in West and Central Africa through the State Department. It goes on and on and on with all these depraved, sexual, immoral causes taking place. That's been very, I think,

disheartening as an American to know that our tax dollars are being used to fund what is so anti-God around the world.

Robert Knight with us today here on *The Christian Worldview*. Robert, you wrote also in your column, which we have linked at our website, TheChristianWorldview.org, for years the federal government has put trillions of dollars into the Beltway crowd's pockets, the Beltway of Washington DC, and into organizations favored by the permanent state. Those that live in that area who are part of government, whether it doesn't matter on the election, they work within government agencies and nonprofit organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and you say these include Planned Parenthood, LGBTQ groups, climate change boondoggles, and hundreds of leftist nongovernmental organizations, or NGOs that are overseas.

Could you explain to us how the government funding of these organizations that you mentioned here, whether they're nonprofits or NGOs overseas, they really function as a circular scheme of enriching one another, and then also exerting their world view or influence around this country and around the world. How does that work?

GUEST: ROBERT KNIGHT:

Let's go back a little bit. Remember during the Obama administration, they managed to send half a billion dollars to the company Solyndra, which was manufacturing solar panels, and that company went bankrupt, but we also found out that Solyndra donated heavily to Democratic candidates, so there's your circular system. I have a feeling, given how the Democrat party has turned into a hard left organization, and that its values are so at odds with so many millions of Americans, that the only reason they've clung to any power was because they've had this unlimited tap of government money to fund them. It isn't just George Soros, the leftist billionaire who's been funding every left-wing scheme you can think of from the ACLU to the Center for American Progress, it's taking government money and being in charge of grants. If you look behind some of these nonprofits, you find hard left activists who have managed to get all the money.

They also take over philanthropic organizations. Carnegie Foundation, the Ford Foundation is one of the worst. Rockefeller Foundation has been left-wing for decades. The founders would be turning over in their grave because they were American capitalists, and they believed in hard work and producing products, and the people who've taken over their foundations connive with leftists in government. That's hard to match that kind of funding.

It's amazing that conservatives have had any political power at all in this country when they're up against media marching in lockstep with leftists and the billions of dollars that they've stolen from government and gotten from these badly run foundations. And yet look what happened. Donald Trump came along and said, "Look, I'm going to give you a new deal." And they flip Congress and the White House. I happen to think much more is going to happen. I think Democrats are in disarray and I think if pastors stop staying silent then we'd have a real political revolution in this country, far beyond what we've already seen, and we will throw out a lot of the people who are abusing our tax money and funding causes completely at odds with our Christian values.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

I think this development of these DOGE audits in what our government's spending with our tax dollars is perhaps the biggest political story in this country in the last, I don't know, 30 or 40 years, just because the sheer magnitude of where taxpayer dollars are going. And you say that the government takes our taxes by coercion, and then takes them and gives them to leftist organizations, funds them so they can have influence, then those organizations fund, take that money and enrich themselves, do fundraising themselves, and then give it back to Democrat candidates. So, there's this circular enrichment and influence that's taking place and I think you're right, it's only by God's providence that this has been discovered, because this would still be going on if this hadn't been uncovered by the Trump administration.

Robert Knight columnist for *The Washington Times* is our guest. You can subscribe for free to his column by sending an email to robertknight4@gmail.com. Next segment, Robert will answer if these cuts in government spending will actually make a difference in our precarious economic situation. I'm David Wheaton. You are listening to *The Christian Worldview Radio Program*.

GUEST: ROBERT KNIGHT:

Couldn't come at a better time. We're in the middle of tax season, and I've long advocated that we should move the election, the national and state and local elections around the time that our taxes are due in April, instead of in November. Because they deliberately stage them as far away from tax time as possible so people forget who's mismanaging their money, and I think this would help a lot.

This is all happening at tax time when people are struggling and saying, "My gosh, I've got to give up a lot of my family's hard-earned money to the government." Now we know what they're doing with it, this could foment a revolution.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

Well, we're experiencing that in Minneapolis right now. The property tax increases in our area have gone up almost unbelievably exponentially in one year, when the local county that includes Minneapolis and St. Paul started taking over the property tax situation here, and it's all because of leftist policies in the Twin Cities area. The lack of doing anything over the George Floyd riots, the shutdowns over COVID, well, they're going to be coming... They are coming, not going to be, they are coming after people in the suburbs to tax them, and so this is the oldest trick in the book, the power of government to do this and people are unsettled because of it. And I think it's a good idea, like you say, to move the election closer to tax time when people realize what the government is taking their money and using it for.

GUEST: ROBERT KNIGHT:

Yeah, you see Democrats in cities like New York and Washington DC talking about commuter taxes. There's an indirect tax they have in DC, it's called red light cameras and speed cameras, and they've made a fortune off people who didn't realize that if they didn't quite make a yellow light, they'd find a ticket in the mail, or if they went over the speed limit, which is easy to do in DC if you set it at 25 all over the city and then you have

wide open avenues in some points, people are going to be doing 35 or 40 and suddenly they get tickets in the mail.

But in New York, they were doing a congestion tax, where they would charge drivers for being in the city during certain times of the day and they say, "Well, this will reduce congestion." Well, maybe it will, but the real purpose is to make more money for the Democrats in charge of the city, because they just can't stop spending.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

No, they can't. It's clearly a complete lack of self-control, greed, wastefulness, worldview behind all of it. Robert Knight is with us today as our guest. In your column, you said a particularly ambitious judge issued a ruling halting the spending freeze and audits. Like you just said earlier there's going to be lots of judicial pushback against these audits and that the Trump administration is doing, "What this federal judge has ruled is clearly unconstitutional." Said Gary Bauer, who was President Reagan's domestic policy adviser, "He cannot order the executive branch of government to not conduct financial audits of the agencies it oversees." House minority leader Hakeem Jeffries on the left called the Trump Administration's Agenda extreme and said, "We are going to fight it legislatively. We're going to fight it in the courts and we're going to fight it in the streets." Do you think that liberal judges are going to be able to gridlock these audits and cuts going on right now, Robert?

GUEST: ROBERT KNIGHT:

We're going to find out very quickly, David, how well the appellate court system works, because I don't believe any of these orders are constitutional. They're interfering in the executive agency's job, which is to run executive agencies efficiently. They've already found judges that are sympathetic to left-wing causes. They did that deliberately in certain jurisdictions, it's called court shopping, but they're going to get up to a certain level and they're going to run into judges that actually uphold the Constitution, including the US Supreme Court.

I think some of these will go quickly to the US Supreme Court and that may eliminate a lot of the lower court cases, because I believe they will rule firmly that people in charge of the executive agencies have every right to try to run them efficiently.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

It's been very interesting, Robert, what the media, the mainstream or legacy media reaction has been to these audits and cuts. Basically every single thing is completely slanted negative. You'd think people would be cheering that, "Hey, our tax dollars, we're finding waste, fraud, abuse and everything else." It hasn't been that way at all. It's been just the opposite. I want to play a soundbite for you from a New York Times columnist named Mara Gay who recently appeared on one of the news programs.

Audio Sound Bite: Mara Gay:

There is a pretty good legal case that Elon Musk should not even have access to be carrying out this purge that he is. I think the message that the American people need to be hearing more is all of this is being done, this slashing and burning, to essentially prepare the country for Donald Trump's tax cuts to the wealthy. What's going to happen is that everyday Americans in their everyday lives are paying for it already. We're seeing it in government services that are going to suffer. Already we've been seeing that the FAA is really not up to the mark at the moment. They're being gutted. Medicaid, Medicare, every part of the government that touches American's lives is about to be impacted, and it's not clear yet that there's a broad realization of this outside of Washington DC, but it's coming.

This is not just about government workers in Washington. This is about the IRS, this is about people's tax returns, this is about people's social security. Nothing is secure right now and the government is not being remade to be efficient. This is an effort to destroy it. Every American understands there's ways to make government more efficient, nobody is against that, but this is not an effort to do that. This is an effort to destroy the government so that it's easier for oligarchs and the Heritage Foundation to do whatever they wish.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

Okay, Robert, that was Mara Gay, New York Times columnist. You just heard the leftist perspective on these audits and cuts going on. Musk wasn't elected and doesn't have the authority to do this, there's zero transparency, the cuts are being done so Trump can favor his rich friends and give them tax cuts, government services are going to suffer, nothing is secure right now. This is really an effort, as she said, to destroy government not to make it more efficient.

Why do you think no one, that I've seen at least, in the legacy media at least, is in favor of these government audits in cutting all this spending?

GUEST: ROBERT KNIGHT:

It's because they're hardcore leftists. They really are Marxists at heart, and they believe the government ought to be supreme in our lives and that anything that holds the government accountable is probably the enemy.

She was spouting classic Marxist, class envy saying, "Oh, it's all about getting the rich more money." That's what they said when the Trump tax cuts went through in 2017, which put a lot of money in Americans pockets, not the rich, but middle class Americans, working class Americans, they lied about that and they're still lying about it.

But the panic you mentioned, David, the media really in a frenzy over this. I have to read The Washington Post every morning, page after page is sheer panic and left-wing propaganda, usually centering on the poor victims of this purge, meaning government employees who have been put out of work. And its classic agitprop. It'll start like, "Margie Olsen..." And I'm making up this name, "Margie Olsen returned to her post office box and found a termination notice. It was a bad day for her. Her daughter just had a cancer diagnosis

and her car was hit." And it's all geared to an emotional appeal that we shouldn't clean up these federal agencies, and it's page after page of this kind of stuff.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

You're exactly right. Matter of fact, I saw a story recently on just the evening news, the mainstream evening news, and they went somewhere and they found a farmer and he had done a project that signed a contract with the government to put, I think it was solar panels on one of his farm buildings, and he was due to get paid by the government for this particular project and now he's waiting to get paid and he doesn't think he's going to get paid and it's going to ruin farming and all this, and there'll be story after story of a personal story of this.

Now, Robert, surely there will be some Americans who get affected, not just government workers who are being laid off, but Americans will be affected by these cuts because they're likely not going to be as much taxpayer money from the government spent on projects of innumerable kinds. How do you think Americans are going to respond, like this farmer let's say, when it starts touching them that people are all feeding off the government and that's going to come at least to a certain degree, to an end.

GUEST: ROBERT KNIGHT:

There will be cries and gnashing of teeth all over the country, because they have spread this government wealth widely and we have to expect that. We knew there'd be pushback, but things are happening in Northern Virginia and actually in the Washington DC area there's a huge spike in housing available all of a sudden. People are trying to sell their houses and leave because they know the government's going to be pared back. There won't be as big a need for housing here, and you'll see a ripple effect like that across the country.

But when you see things like the energy industry unshackled and jobs being created, because we can drill and get gas again, and frack and all that kind of stuff, that will be a counterbalance. The private sector should grow, because as the government grows it takes more ground away from the private sector, and if the government shrinks that allows more room for the private sector to grow, and I believe that's what's going to happen, and that'll be very good for this country.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

Yes, it will. And I'm wondering how people who've worked for the government, perhaps their whole life, are going to being in the private sector with the amount of latitudes you're allowed in a government job not coming into work and incredible pensions and days off and job security, can hardly get fired, what that's going to do to people who have been so ingrained in working for the federal government.

Final question for you, Robert, is we're \$36 trillion in debt in our country. How much of a difference are these cuts going to make to our national debt, our financial future, considering that social security payments, healthcare, that kind of thing hasn't been cut at all yet and may not be. How much of a difference is this really

going to make to our overall financial wellbeing in this country, and what's going to happen in two years or four years if the Democrats get back in political power again?

GUEST: ROBERT KNIGHT:

Well, the first thing that Republicans have to do is codify this stuff. The President Trump has issued more than 80 executive orders, much of it overturning all the bad stuff Biden was doing, which is great. Look at army recruiting, it's through the roof again now that he's getting rid of the political correctness in the military. But as far as budgetary discipline, you have to put into law things that limit the amount of money that can be spent.

I'm wondering if there's so much waste and so much reaction to it that there would be time for an actual balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, which would require the government to balance its books, and it couldn't do so by raising taxes without three quarters of both houses of the Congress saying yes to that, which is a very high bar. So, the government would have to cut instead.

The current actions unveiling all these bad spending sprees and then cutting them off, Elon Musk says he's going to save taxpayers a trillion dollars right off the bat. I hope he does. That's still just a drop in the bucket for a country with 36 trillion owed. So, you put into place a permanent system that will keep cutting it down and forcing the government to live within its means, that's what's needed. And I think the Republicans will have wind at their backs to do this, and if they don't do it and the Democrats rally and take over one or both houses in the midterm, then we're in for real trouble.

I think a lot of the Trump reforms will be overturned, and it would set the stage for a Democratic takeover of the White House in 2028, but I happen to think that's not going to happen. I happen to think most people are going to like what they see, and the media won't be able to convince them that what they're seeing is something different. Who are you going to believe, us or your lying eyes? They've been telling us for years, but those lying eyes are wide open now. The blinders are off, and I think transparency is the key to the whole thing.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

That expression, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, I think that is really the case what is going on right now in our government with these audits and cuts taking place. We can just pray that this would be a turning point, because we are in a very precarious position with that much debt that there's just no future there for our country if that's not addressed.

So Robert, we are so thankful you came on *The Christian Worldview Radio Program* today for your column, It's Not Just Waste, It's theft. We have it linked at our website, TheChristianWorldview.org. Thank you for exposing this and always for your measured and wise insight on these particular issues. Thanks for coming in the program today.

GUEST: ROBERT KNIGHT:

Well, thanks for having me on, David. It's always a pleasure to be on with you.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

We have links to Robert at TheChristianWorldview.org where you can subscribe for free to his weekly column, or just send an email to robertknight4@gmail.com.

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n this final segment, Jerry Newcombe, executive director of Providence Forum, whose mission is to preserve and advance the Christian values of our nation's founding, joins us to discuss his recent column titled USAID Corruption Violates America's Founding Principles.

Jerry, you wrote USAID, which was established over 60 years ago to provide US foreign development assistance from the American people. Most Americans, if they knew anything about this agency, thought we were providing food or clean water to impoverished nations, but no, US Congressman Brian Mass from Florida has released a laundry list of outrageous uses of our tax dollars, supposedly to help with, quote, development assistance.

This list includes USAID funding as well as that of the State Department funding. I'm not going to read the whole list, I'm going to read about seven of them to give listeners an idea of just not how wasteful this is, it is that, but just how the US is promoting what is so immoral and so godless around the world.

\$15 million for condoms to the Taliban through USAID. Nearly 500,000 to promote the expansion of atheism in Nepal through the State Department. \$1 million to boost LGBT groups in West and Central Africa through the State Department. Nearly \$50,000 for a transgender opera in Colombia through the State Department. 32,000 for an LGBT-centered comic book in Peru through the State Department. \$55,000 for a climate change presentation warning about the impact of climate change in Argentina, to be led by female and LGBT journalists through the State Department. \$3.3 million for being, quote, LGBTQ in the Caribbean, through USAID. And 425,000 to help Indonesian coffee companies become more climate and gender friendly through USAID.

Now, I've seen a lot in the media, we'll joke about these things as if ha ha ha, but these are actual dollars being taken from hardworking Americans, sent to government and being used for these immoral causes. What is the significance of so many of these expenditures being used on depraved sexual causes exporting that worldview throughout the world?

GUEST: JERRY NEWCOMBE:

Well, I think it's awful. I think that basically it's promoting an anti-Christian agenda at our tax dollars expense. Take the example of the almost half a million dollars for promoting atheism in Nepal. Technically, the United States is still one nation under God, technically our national motto to this day, and has been since the mid-fifties is, "In God we trust." And yet here we're promoting atheism in Nepal. That's just appalling. It's unbelievable.

In fact, when you look at America's founding documents, in particular the Declaration of Independence and then the Constitution, the foundational idea spelled out explicitly in the Declaration of Independence is that we have our rights from the Creator, therefore we have God-given rights, and in this government we will have the consent of the governed.

I tell you, the governed people in America, most of those had no idea about these things until all this terrible stuff was being revealed. And so, it really is funding a worldview contrary to the vast majority of Americans, even people who aren't necessarily very religious. As Gary Bauer puts it, they're promoting anti-Christian values, including LGBT ideology and abortion worldwide.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

I think you're exactly right that most Americans had no idea. We knew about the \$36 trillion in debt and we always assumed it was just social security and Medicare and maybe healthcare system and other big expense, military and so forth, that's what puts us in such debt. But you start to look at the litany of these things and just adding it all up together, just billions of dollars-worth going out. Do you think, Jerry, that these expenditures... Now, these are people who are writing these grants and this spending to go in this country and around world, let's say specifically with the ones you mentioned in your column, USAID and the State Department, would you consider this conscience-less spending, like you don't have a conscience, you don't care that we're in this much debt, you're just trying to get your godless worldview exported around the world. Or do you think there's actually something even more nefarious than that, that you're trying to bring down the destruction of our own country, because this is an unsustainable national debt we have at \$36 trillion?

GUEST: JERRY NEWCOMBE:

Well, I think it's a battle of worldviews, at the very least. The people involved in this have a totally different perspective of what they think would be good for the world. They think the more you promote atheism, the more you promote LGBT values and so forth, that that's a better thing for humanity. We don't agree with that. We don't share that conviction. But when you think about it, the 20th century is just replete with examples of battles of worldviews. Now, to use some extreme examples, okay, I'm not calling anybody a Nazi, but I've done a lot of research on the Nazi Holocaust and the whole Nazi movement and so forth, and they actually thought that they were doing humanity a favor. They believed in Darwinian evolution. In fact, there's a very scholarly book about all this. It's called From Darwin to Hitler by Dr. Richard Weikart, a history professor.

The gist of it was the goal of the Holocaust was to create the master race. It was to weed out those that they perceived as undesirable, and essentially speed up Darwinian evolution. That was the goal. Now, in other words, they thought they were doing humanity a favor, and of course it was monstrous what they were doing. I think those on the left that are really committed to the whole transgender push, they think they're doing people a favor, I guess, by promoting this. In reality, the whole transgender push is causing a lot of kids to end up permanently disfigured as they're trying to pursue something that cannot be pursued. In other words, you can't make a boy into a girl, and if you do all these surgeries and do all the hormonal things that the LGBT, the extreme movement is trying to push, all you're going to end up doing is causing this kid to be sterilized for life, or whatever.

And a lot of these children that are confused later on, they no longer have this confusion, and then they're thinking, "Well, what have I done with my body? How do I get my body back?" And they can't. There is a sense in which Paul talks about, in some of his epistles, about how people have seared consciences, and you remember in Romans 1 where he talks about, "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against those godless people who suppress the truth in unrighteousness and they don't acknowledge God, and neither were they thankful." And then they just get worse and worse and worse, and they embrace every kind of depravity you can imagine. You can read all this in Romans 1, and when you read it, it's hard to believe this was written in the first century, because it sounds like today, David.

Isn't it amazing? So anyway, I guess it boils down to who informs the conscience? That's the real gist of what I'm getting at. Somebody may think they're doing the right thing, and in reality they know deep down, no, no, they're not.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

This is so godless, and you can think you're doing the right thing, but you're actually promoting what is evil, really on the backs of the taxpayer dollars of Americans. It's really, really terrible.

Just one more question first, Jerry, just about these expenditures and audits going on, you wrote in your column, which again, we have linked at our website, Secretary of State, Marco Rubio is now the head of USAID, which was really the first big agency to be examined, and most people, as you mentioned, didn't even really... Weren't aware of that organization very well, wasn't in the news a lot, but when they started to dig into what was being spent and all these causes that I've listed earlier, they're just incredulous.

Rubio said last week that he's paring down the staff at that agency from 10,000 employees to 300. Think about that. How much bloat there was in that particular agency, all the salaries to support that, and all the expenditures going out from USAID. So, how would you answer the objection, Jerry, that has already been raised. Well, government employees aren't being treated fairly here, being laid off. They have needs like everyone else, housing and food and families and healthcare, and you're doing this, you're ruining people's lives by cutting, well, I guess I'll do the math, 9700 employees from just USAID alone.

GUEST: JERRY NEWCOMBE:

Well, in the private sector people lose their jobs all the time. There's no constitutional right to a government job. There's no constitutional right to a job job. By the way, I'm glad when the founder said in the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident. All men are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, the right to life." Which of course, the left is at war against, "The right to liberty," And the left is against that too, "and the right to the pursuit of happiness."

Now, a lot of times in literature from the 1700s, including political writings, you see the phrase, "Life, liberty and property. Life, liberty, and property." But if the Declaration of Independence said we have the right to life, liberty, and property, some people might interpret that to mean, "Oh, so the government owes me something. I have the right to property."

Well, what they're saying, no, you have the right to pursue property. Bottom line is there is no constitutional right that somebody would have a certain job. And what's happened is the government has gotten so bloated, and people forget the government is funded by you and me, and so these government employees are doing what we the people want them to. But then when this curtain has been opened up and all of a sudden we see that a lot of the funding and a lot of the things that are being done, even supposedly in an agency like USAID, instead of giving food or clean water or whatever to poor people, you see all this wasteful spending to promote a leftist ideology, even if it was wasteful spending to promote a conservative ideology, it's still waste. It's wrong.

We didn't sign up for this. And so, I think frankly, the President and Elon Musk and his whiz kids are doing us a favor by opening up the curtain. And of course, you hear other people saying, "Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain, or that crowd behind the curtain." If you will.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

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