

California Road Trip and Will Judges Stymie Trump?

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California Road Trip and Will Judges Stymie Trump? Those are the topics 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 listener-supported radio ministry. Our website is TheChristianWorldview.org and the rest of our contact information will be given throughout today's program. As always, thank you for your notes of encouragement, financial support, and lifting us up in prayer.

In the second and third segments of the program today, Daniel Schmid, a constitutional attorney and Associate Vice President of Legal Affairs for Liberty Counsel, which is an international non-profit litigation education and policy organization dedicated to advancing religious freedom, the sanctity of life and the family, will join us to discuss the legal showdown between the executive and judicial branches of government as judges try to stop many of the executive orders of the Trump administration.

But before we get to that, I mentioned on last week's program that I would tell you more about our recent trip to Southern California. Now my brother and I typically go to Los Angeles in early March for Shepherds Conference at Grace Community Church, but this year another trip to Southern California in mid-March came up where our family was awarded "Family of the Year" by the United States Tennis Association at their annual meeting. You might be thinking, "Do you still even play tennis?" Well, not too much, but the award wasn't just about me. There have been four generations of our family involved in various aspects of the sport of tennis, whether competing, coaching, teaching, volunteering, managing community development programs and facilities.

My grandfather learned the sport in his late 60s and taught it to his daughter, my mom, and my three older siblings who then taught me when I was about four years old. There's three generations right there. Now, the fourth generation, my nephews, who competed in high school and some of whom are professional tennis coaches today. And so my sister, Marnie, and brothers, Mark and John and I were honored to travel to the San Diego area to receive the USTA Family of the Year award this past weekend. Now since my son had spring break from school the same week, my wife Brodie and I and Tommy went to California six days early for several things related to The Christian Worldview.

It wasn't just a good trip, but we considered it a blessed trip. First, we enjoyed hosting a luncheon for about 15 Christian Worldview Partners at Grace Community Church after the Sunday service there on March 16th. The church was kind enough to provide a conference room where we had a very special time getting to know Christian Worldview Partners from all over the Los Angeles area. That same day, we were able to attend Grace Community Church for the morning and evening services and see many longtime friends from Shepherd's Conference over the years, which is held at the church. Now, the pastor of Grace Community Church, John

MacArthur, is still recovering from some serious health problems, so he's not preaching right now, but he gave a health update during Shepherd's Conference that I'll play in just a few minutes.

Now, the next day, Monday, we visited KKLA 99.5 FM, the radio station owned by Salem Media Group that broadcasts The Christian Worldview every Saturday at 8:00 AM in the Los Angeles area. The program has been on KKLA for three years and has provided a good platform to reach listeners in Los Angeles with the biblical worldview and the gospel. So thank you to our Christian Worldview Partners for your support of the program on that station. Now that evening, Monday night, we had dinner with a man named Russ Hout, a now retired former executive of Salem who helped me in my early days in radio.

I've probably told this story before, but when I was 32 years old and coming off the professional tennis tour at the end of 2001, beginning of 2002, I was trying to figure out what to do next with my life and I was single at the time and my parents and I were driving in the car one evening listening to radio and my mom said to me from the front seat, "David, have you ever considered getting involved in Christian radio?" I had never considered that, but she said that because Christian radio had had such a big influence in our family. My grandmother back in the 50s became the first believer in our family when she had the radio on and heard the gospel preached by a pastor, she got down on her hands and knees in her kitchen and she believed in Christ and was saved. A couple years later, my mother was saved the same way through listening to Christian radio and then shortly thereafter my father was saved. And so when I grew up, Christian radio was on constantly in our home, whether through the teaching programs or music.

And so fast-forward many years to 2002, about six weeks after my mom suggested that to me, I was interviewed on a local sports program called Beyond Sports here in Minnesota, and about two weeks after that interview, the host of that program called me to say that he wanted to get involved in a new career and how would I like to take over his radio program. It was obvious that God's providence was at work.

So just to shorten the story here, a couple of years after getting involved in radio and having a co-host on that program called Beyond Sports, I was in California and met Russ Hout who was working for Salem at the time, and he opened up a door for me to go to Salem's Talk Host and Producer Conference in Washington DC in 2004. And after going there and seeing all the things being discussed and the issues of the day, I came back to Minnesota thinking I'd like to go beyond sports and start talking about some of these other issues from a biblical perspective. So I credit Russ with opening a door that moved me in the direction of what The Christian Worldview became back in 2004.

That was all on Monday. The next day, Tuesday, we visited Living Waters in South LA to do part two of the interview with Emeal Zwayne, "E.Z.," on his book Fight Like A Man. The Living Waters team, including Ray Comfort, were so incredibly welcoming to us. We all had lunch together at their office and Ray and I even squared off in a game of ping pong. I can say this about Living Waters, whether it's Ray or EZ or Mark Spence or Oscar Navarro, the ones you hear on the Living Waters podcast and all the others behind the scenes, these men and women are just great models of a sound and contagious faith in Christ. That was a highlight of our visit to California.

After that, we traveled south along the coast of California towards San Diego where we visited Ambassador Agency in Irvine, California. Now they take The Christian Worldview every weekend and they distribute it to all the stations that air the program around the country. There we enjoyed meeting Peggy Campbell, the president of Ambassador and also Ben Brigham. You've probably heard me mention him on the program. He does the final production for The Christian Worldview each Friday, and they were kind enough to let me use their studio to record the introduction and transitions for part two of that interview you heard last week with Emeal Zwayne.

Now, to conclude this travelogue, we then drove south along the coast to a resort near San Diego to meet my siblings at the United States Tennis Association annual meeting and receive that award for Family of the Year.

Now, the format of the awards ceremony didn't provide opportunity to say a few words of acceptance, but I just wanted to include a brief portion of what I had prepared to say, just a couple paragraphs. I said, "Family of the Year is particularly meaningful for us because a close family is what my grandparents and parents cultivated and what we are still blessed with today. We all live near and see each other often here in Minnesota. If our 91-year-old mother were here, she would say as she often does, 'It's all because of Christ,' and what she means is that anything we are or have accomplished is not because we are so good or gifted, but rather because Christ and his truth transformed our family starting when my grandmother and then my parents when they were in their mid-20s heard and believed the gospel. Mom is right. It is all because of Christ. Thank you again to the US Tennis Association for this honor." So we flew home to Minnesota this past Sunday and are so grateful for all the ways God blessed the week we had in California.

Now just a few words about John MacArthur. He has been out of the pulpit for most of the past two years with various health problems. In case you don't know who he is, John MacArthur has been the pastor at Grace Community Church in Los Angeles for the past 56 years, the head of the Master's Seminary and the Master's University. He's been the preacher you hear on the Grace to You radio program. He's written many books. He's author of the MacArthur Study Bible. Stood up against Los Angeles County and California governor Gavin Newsom. During the Covid lockdowns, they kept their church open. He's perhaps the most influential pastor of the last 50 years, at least in the theological conservative realm.

As I mentioned, I wasn't able to attend Shepherd's Conference at his church this year, which is a gathering of 5,000 men from around the world at Grace Community Church because I was going to be traveling to Southern California a week after the conference and couldn't make two trips, but I did watch parts of Shepherd's Conference online. John MacArthur was scheduled to preach the last session on Friday evening. That seemed a bit unlikely after it was reported that he had been in the hospital for seven weeks. Well, instead of preaching, Shepherd's Conference played a video from John MacArthur to the attendees, which was a sobering reality of the sin-cursed world we all live in that afflicts our earthly bodies. Here's what John MacArthur had to say in that video.

AUDIO SOUND BITE: John MacArthur:

I want to say grace to you, all of you who are at the Shepherd's Conference. For me, it's the highlight of the year. So you have to know my disappointment in coming to you through video. It really came down to being the only option because I haven't had such a speedy recovery as I hoped to have. I feel great. I just lost a lot of strength by being seven weeks in the hospital. I mean, it's the hospital that can kill you. You can survive the illness. If you can survive the hospital, then you've won on every level. It took a toll on me physically, so I'm seeing physical therapists and trainers and trying to get back as soon as possible.

I had the message on my heart and I didn't want to lose the opportunity to give it to you, so we printed it up in a booklet. The good news is you don't have to listen to me and you don't have to take notes because you're going to get the sermon in a booklet form. I just know how much I miss being at Shepherd's Conference. I love the fellowship. I love the preaching. I especially love the singing. Every aspect of it and the camaraderie and fellowship of meeting people is always a highlight.

So thank you for your prayers. Thank you for your faithfulness and being a part of Shepherd's Conference. I'll be praying for you and asking the Lord to bless in an unusual way and sharpen all of us for whatever the Lord has for us in the future. I realize I'm on the last lap. That takes on a new meaning when you know you're on the short end of the candle, but I am all thanks and praise to God for everything He's allowed me to be a part of and everything He's accomplished by His Word in these years of ministry. Grace and peace to you from God, our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

Now that was just heartbreaking to hear, but also heartening that his faith is strong and that he has the same burning desire to preach the Word. Whether he will be able to is another question, especially after hearing what exactly his physical problems are. The MacArthur Center for Expository Preaching has a podcast where he detailed what he has gone through the last two years. I don't think many people knew the extent of his health problems. I know I didn't. So here he is being interviewed in that MacArthur Center Podcast and the music under his voice was in the original recording.

AUDIO SOUND BITE: John MacArthur:

Somebody asked me the other day about my physical condition and I said, "The truth is I went 85 years and then went off a cliff." I had the need for surgery on my veins to keep me alive. I had surgery on my lungs to keep me alive. I had a replacement, this is amazing, of the aortic valve with a procedure called TAVR to keep me alive. So literally I'm now kept alive by stints, by I think it's a cow valve, lung surgery, and one more. This will be new to people, my kidneys have essentially come down to the final stage. So over the last two months, I've been in an elongated hospital setting and I've come out of that and entered into the world of dialysis. It keeps me alive. Literally dialysis, I can sit in a chair and watch my blood go out and spin through this machine that does what a kidney does. Kidneys are this big and the machine is two feet wide and three feet high to replicate that. But anyway, I have to do that three times a week and it takes four hours. I can't live without it.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

Again, sobering but encouraging that John MacArthur's faith has not faltered and he can say with the Apostle Paul, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." That's where every believer needs to be. Remember to pray for John MacArthur. He has truly been a warrior for the faith.

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In the first 100 days of the Trump administration, Democrats have been staggering as Trump and his team execute a kind of blitzkrieg against liberal policies, but it was inevitable that the left would fight back and now their strategy is apparent: use leftist judges appointed by President Obama and Biden to stymie Trump's orders. But do unelected judges really have the authority to overturn the orders of a nationally elected president or has Trump overstepped presidential authority when it comes to such things as cutting government spending and deporting those who entered our country illegally, including a Columbia graduate student who calls for the destruction of Israel? Daniel Schmid, a constitutional attorney and associate vice president of Legal Affairs for Liberty Council, an international nonprofit litigation, education, and policy organization dedicated to advancing religious freedom, the sanctity of life, and the family joins us today on The Christian Worldview to discuss the showdown between the Trump administration and the third branch of government, the judiciary.

Daniel, thank you for coming on The Christian Worldview Radio Program today. Let's jump into an article that Robert Knight wrote. He's a columnist for the Washington Times, and I'll read two or three paragraphs here. In his most recent column, he said, "In Mr. Trump's first 60 days, Democrats have filed more than 125 lawsuits challenging his policies, many of which involve downsizing government under the aegis of Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency, or DOGE. Two of Mr. Trump's most popular executive orders and he's signed many so far, banning transgenders from military service and denying federal funds to hospitals that subject minors to chemical or surgical sexual mutilation were put on hold by federal judges. Likewise, federal judges temporarily have blocked Mr. Trump's orders ending birthright citizenship and firing federal employees who run diversity equity and inclusion DEI programs. One judge ordered payment of much of the \$2 billion in grants that Mr. Trump froze on January 20th from the US Agency for International Development, USAID.

"Another judge put a hold on Mr. Trump's suspension of certain refugee programs that are part of his strikingly successful border security effort. Democrats charge that anything Mr. Trump does constitutes a 'constitutional crisis,' but the real crisis is allowing any of more than 677 unelected district judges around the country to cancel the policies of a nationally elected president." Again, that's from Robert Knight, columnist for the Washington Times.

So we have judges, Daniel, who are appointed and unelected stopping across the country, a president's executive orders who was nationally elected. In your view and in Liberty Council's view, are these judges exceeding their powers and if so, why?

GUEST: DANIEL SCHMID:

The most recent one, Judge Boasberg, I think, one of the US district judges in DC where he ordered the US Department of Justice attorneys to tell the President of the United States to turn a plane around that was deporting the Tren de Aragua people. Now the president invoked the Alien Enemies Act, which is a very old statute and it's meant for wartime, but it has some specifications. The Supreme Court has said on several occasions that act is not subject to judicial review, meaning that there is no judge in the country that sits under Article III of the Constitution that is permitted to impede the president's efforts under that act. Nevertheless, you have one judge in DC who thinks not only can he hear a lawsuit that deals with it but is also empowered to then direct the president to turn a plane around. That's nonsense in my opinion. He has no jurisdiction over that one.

One of the other interesting ones was President Trump issues an executive order that says the policy of the United States government is that we recognize two genders, male and female. And one wouldn't think we'd need an executive order to articulate what biological reality dictates, but nevertheless, here we are. And so he has this executive order. A group of doctors sues the president and the HHS secretary and some others to say, "Well, that's impeding our ability to provide care for individuals who are gender-confused." And as part of the executive order, they had stripped everything off of US government websites that espouse this nonsense, transgender propaganda, just taken it off. There's a judge in Rhode Island, it was either Rhode Island or Massachusetts, who issued an executive order telling the United States government to put content back on their websites. You have no jurisdiction to do that. There's some core Article II powers the president has. Foreign policy's one of them, national security is a big one, and then immigration. Another, which is to oversee the executive branch. A federal judge under our US constitutional system somehow is given the authority to moderate content?

The other one, and it's related to DOGE, the Elon Musk department if you will, it's not really a department. I find it quite fascinating that these judges are even allowing plaintiffs to sue the department because it's a fictitious name. It's not the Department of Homeland Security that has a secretary and that has a staff and a building and an apparatus if you will. What President Trump has essentially done is hire an auditor, an outside auditor. He's got a guy in there and the guy has some younger team members, but they're essentially to go in, look for things and then advise the people who actually run the department.

Yet injunction after injunction after injunction has named Elon Musk and DOGE, these fictitious entities, and says, "You must stop doing whatever you're doing and the president can't empower you to do anything." All he's doing is advising the cabinet secretaries and saying, "Hey, guess what? USAID, full of fraud." But we have the receipts. I mean we have seen what the fraud entails and these judges are saying, "No. Now you must write a check to these groups." So now they're in charge of the purse strings? Because I thought under our constitutional system that was Article I, that was the legislator, the power of the purse as people learn since high school civics class.

So you have these judges who are not only impeding into the core executive function, but you have them impeding into the legislative function by mandating that checks get ready and then just running amok. So

they have stepped grossly outside the bounds. I know part of the problem that many of your listeners are aware of is that I don't think the Supreme Court has stepped in fast enough. There comes a time when a higher court has to say, "Knock this off," and I think we'll get there. This has been allowed to run amok and I don't know if it was mentioned in the article you were mentioning, but I read the other day that the number of universal injunctions that have been issued against this president in the two months and a couple of days he's been in office is more than every other president, including President Trump's first term combined.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

Wow!

GUEST: DANIEL SCHMID:

So in nearly 250 years of the country, we have not had as many universal injunctions against the executive as we have in two months. And now if you think the law changed that allows that to occur, it didn't. That's a bunch of roving judges who say, "We don't like President Trump, we don't like the people who supported him. The 80 million people who voted for him can pound sand because we're going to rule the way we want to. The agenda he was elected to enact is not ours and so we're going to stop it." I think all of that gets overturned eventually, but it's impeding the progress of the nation. We don't have endless time to clog the executive branch with injunctions that the court has no authority to issue.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

Daniel Schmid is our guest today here on the program, the Associate Vice President of Legal Affairs for Liberty Counsel. We have links to them on our website, TheChristianWorldview.org. It seems to me, as certainly not a legal expert at all, but just an observer, that our legal system has become so much more politically partisan where someone lines up politically Republican or Democrat if they're in the legal system, a judge let's say, oh boy, they are going to adjudicate right down that line and if they don't like something going on from the other side of the political aisle, they will figure out a way as we're seeing to disregard and precedent the law of constitution to make rulings in favor of their political side. Is that an accurate observation that our legal system has become increasingly politically partisan and what can be done about that now that there are judges populating all these courts around the country?

GUEST: DANIEL SCHMID:

I think there's no question that the answer is yes. The famous statue of Lady Justice, she's blindfolded for a reason. It's not supposed to matter who the people are in front of you and that's why judges historically, the black robe that you see them wear is symbolic. They are covering up their own personal biases and personal predilections and personal views. Your program is called The Christian Worldview. I've told people for many years you can't hide your world. That's impossible. And you can't fully remove yourself from it. But that's different than saying I'm going to impose it on others regardless of what the law requires and that's the problem we face today.

Now there have been things written on this ad nauseum as to why that is. I think it's very simple. For one, we had eight years of Obama and four years of a Biden administration that didn't hide the fact that they were after radical ideologues to fundamentally transform the government. Your listeners will remember the famous

words of President Obama saying, "Well, I want to fundamentally transform America." One of the ways he went about doing that was stacking the judiciary with radical ideologues who he knew would issue the decisions of the type we're seeing today. The Democrats never miss with their judges. The Republicans frequently do. Where we're told, "Yeah, this guy, he's very conservative, he's going to apply the law as it's written. He's an originalist or a textualist or a constitutionalist depending on your particular bent, but this guy's going to call balls and strikes." That's what John Roberts said in his nomination hearing for Chief Justice.

That's what the law and the judge is supposed to be and it's neutral. We call balls and strikes. You add water and stir. The facts come in, the law comes in, we add water, we stir, and what's supposed to come out is a neutral application of the law and fairness coupled with due process and all the rest of it. We don't see that now and the reason we don't see that was intentional. So you have an Article III federal judge in the District of Columbia, the nation's capital, who was adjudicating a case concerning President Trump's transgender military order prohibiting individuals who have a mental illness, which is what the diagnostic manual says it is, saying, "We probably don't want those guys defending the homeland." I think that's fair. I think most reasonable people would say that. You have an Article III judge in the District of Columbia at the nation's capital who says that's not even based in reality. Your notion that there's only two genders isn't real.

Now going back to the history of the world and the creation of time, that's always been true, but now you can be a judge. You don't even have to be some radical professor. You would always hear that from radical gender studies professors. You could go to the Ivy Leagues and hear that probably for the last 20 years. I never thought you would hear that in an open hearing by a federal judge chastising the Article II executive. The reason it's partisan is because those who don't hold the Christian worldview, as your program is called, wanted a judiciary stacked with a bunch of people who not only don't hold the Christian worldview but are ideologically and radically opposed to it. And that's why we see these things here. Now, there are some on the conservative spectrum who I have legitimate concerns and opposition to sometimes, but I think by and large the vast majority of them want to see what the law says and what the facts say and they reach the conclusion. I don't think the same can be said of a lot of the democratic appointees and that was by design.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

Very interesting. Daniel Schmid is our guest today here on The Christian Worldview talking about various legal things going on in our country right now. He's the associate vice president of Legal Affairs with Liberty Council. We have links to him and Liberty Council at our website, TheChristianWorldview.org. We'll take a two-minute break to tell you about some ministry resources and events. Stay tuned because next, Daniel Schmid will discuss whether it violates the first amendment to crack down on anti-Semitism that's been prevalent on college campuses and to have a pro-Hamas graduate student at Columbia University deported. I'm David Wheaton. You are listening to The Christian Worldview radio program.

Welcome back to The Christian Worldview, I'm David Wheaton. Be sure to visit TheChristianWorldview.org where you can sign up for our weekly email, The Christian Worldview Journal monthly print publication, order resources for adults and children, and support the ministry. In this final segment we will discuss some legal

questions in the news with regard to freedom of speech. Our guest is constitutional attorney Daniel Schmid of Liberty Counsel.

Daniel, I want to ask you about a couple other legal fights, I guess you could say, that are going on right now. President Trump has done a lot in the first couple months since he's been in office, lots of executive orders, and one of the things his Department of Justice is doing, and I'll read a quote here by Charlie Kirk, the well-known conservative advocate of Turning Point USA, he posted this, he says, "Who is Mahmoud Khalil? Khalil is a roughly 30-year-old former Columbia graduate student, that's Columbia New York. In the words of the New York Times, Khalil is 'the public face of protest against Israel at Columbia.' He has acted as a spokesman for an anti-Israel pro-Hamas student group called Columbia University Apartheid Divest, or CUAD. CUAD says it is 'fighting for the total eradication of Western civilization.'

"CUAD believes that October 7th was a 'moral, military, and political victory.' Khalil, this graduate student at Columbia, was the negotiator on behalf of students who started the tent city on Columbia's campus and who illegally took over a campus building. Khalil distributed pamphlets of pro-Hamas propaganda titled Operation Al-Aqsa Flood, Our Narrative. Al-Aqsa Flood is Hamas's code name for the October 7th terrorist attacks. Khalil was in a group that disrupted a Columbia class on Israeli history to attack the country and the professor for 'normalizing genocide'."

Charlie Kirk closes this post by saying, "All of these actions violate the rules that allowed Khalil to come here as an immigrant." And there's efforts now as I mentioned, to try to get Khalil deported from our country for his advocacy for a terrorist organization. Now I think most people listening to this would say, "Well that's a good thing, let's get this guy out of the country," but we also have the first amendment to the Constitution and freedom of speech and so forth. So what is your view, Daniel, on a case like this? Is it legal for President Trump and the Department of Justice to work to deport someone like Mahmoud Khalil for their viewpoints and some of the things they've done in this country and is it setting a precedent, Daniel, for when let's say the left gets in power, are they going to be trying to do the same kind of things for those who oppose their worldview?

GUEST: DANIEL SCHMID:

It's an interesting question and I think people are right to be concerned. Anytime the government starts attempting to take action based on the viewpoint or content of somebody's speech, the First Amendment doesn't prohibit that. And so I join in a pause, but I do that for a living. I'm primarily a First Amendment lawyer and I see that stuff all the time and I'm a First Amendment absolutist. I think the answer to speech you don't like is more speech. I have no problem with that. It's a little bit different for you and I than it is for somebody who is essentially here on a privileged contract. Of course, every individual in America, particularly citizens, have the right to speak on issues whether they're popular or not, standing in the streets and sidewalks and say whatever they want to. There are some exceptions. You can't defame people, you can't do some other thing.

But if you are a non-citizen and are not born here, have no claim to American citizenship, you have no right to be here. For America to say, "Okay, well we will allow you to come here on certain visas," whether it be work visa, student, I think this guy was a student visa, if I'm not mistaken, when he was originally granted it. Part of the conditions that attach to those, which is why I call it kind of a privileged contract, which is you didn't have a right, but we'll extend you the opportunity to be here to do certain things, but we're only going to allow that if you agree to do X, Y and Z. And part of that contract is you have to be law-abiding.

I think the Secretary of State, Marco Rubio was on one of the Sunday programs or a news channel not long ago. He said, "If you had told us that was your intention when you came here on filling out the green card application or the student visa application was, 'Oh, I want to come to America because you have a First Amendment right that's going to let me say whatever I want to and as soon as I get there, I'm going to advocate for terrorist organizations. I'm going to be as antisemitic as I can. I'm going to disrupt college campuses and I'm going to go to one of your what used to be one of your premier college campuses and set up things that disrupt the entire operation of the university and you won't be able to do anything about it,' the people who reviewed the application never would have allowed him to come here and nor should they."

So if you lie on that and say, "Well, I want to come and be peaceful and I won't do anything and I just want to go to school and you have these awesome programs that I would like to participate in," he filled all that out and said, "I would agree to be law-abiding." Disrupting a college campus, occupying it, you remember the old Occupy Wall Street crowd? That's essentially what they're doing on these college campuses and they're disrupting it. Not only that, they're causing violence, disrupting the classrooms, they're like barging into some of these things and forcing a problem in the learning environment. That's not entirely one if you want to take it from the constitutional perspective, you're not entitled to say whatever you want to wherever you want to. There are limits to the First Amendment, one of which is you can't incite people to unlawful or violent action. Advocating for terrorist activities and espousing all of the things that you just talked about, which is to eliminate the West, America, no matter what our particular constitution says or the various laws that we have in place, namely the First Amendment, we're not obligated to grant you permission to come to our country for the sole purpose of espousing the destruction of everything we hold dear. The law doesn't require that, nor should it. The law aims to be imminently practical and so if you come here lying about what your intentions are, we're not required to keep you here so that you can continue to espouse the destruction of everything we hold dear and cause all manner of problems while you're here doing that.

Of course, we can revoke the privilege for you to be here. You didn't have a right to it in the first place and if you don't have a right to it, we can revoke what we granted you out of the goodness of our heart. So the notion that that's somehow a violation of the First Amendment is nonsensical to me because he didn't have the right to come and reap the benefits of the First Amendment. So it's not saying, "Well, we're taking it away because you exercised your First Amendment right." You can either say whatever you want to, but you can't actively violate the law and do all manner of things that you said you wouldn't and then expect to stay here and then wrap yourself in the cloak of the First Amendment. It doesn't work that way. I think the government has every right to remove him and I think they should.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

Well, that's well explained. Daniel Schmid is our guest today here on The Christian Worldview. Final question for you, Daniel, and it's an offshoot of the question I just asked and it has to do with the widespread anti-Israel, anti-Jewish sentiment that we were seeing all across college campuses across this country and now the Trump administration is trying to do something about that. They're trying to suppress or maybe even criminalize, if I'm not misunderstanding or misinterpreting what they're trying to do, but they're trying to get rid of anti-Semitism. And of course, as believers we're against that kind of language and anti-Semitism and so forth, and yet again we're for freedom of speech. Is it any different than what you just explained about the Columbia graduate student, Khalil, when it comes to this issue of anti-Semitism where people are out in the streets and marching against Israel and saying things against the existence of the Jewish state and all the things they do on college campuses? Is there any difference there that you see and again, is it dangerous for Christians in the future when another political party is in power?

GUEST: DANIEL SCHMID:

Let's just assume for the sake of the answer that they were born here, they're American citizens, and they just happened to go to college where they, not radicalized, but they've been brainwashed and they're not conservative. They don't understand even what they're talking about. There are still limitations on what you're permitted to do in the exercise of your First Amendment. If you want to stand on the street corner and say whatever you want to against Jewish people and you want to be anti-Semitic about them and you want to say, "Yeah, the Jewish state doesn't exist," this is America, you can have that opinion, and I told you a moment ago, I'm a First Amendment absolutist. I think the answer to that speech is to go out there and explain to them why they're wrong.

Now, that same college student can't go stand on the street corner outside his college campus and say, "I don't think the Jewish state should exist. I don't like the Jewish people. Now we should go and get them," and incite people to violence and say, "Okay, well, there's a Jewish fraternity house down there. Let's go throw Molotov cocktails through the window or harass and harangue the Jewish students that are coming in and out of there." That's not protected. In addition to that, what you see often in these anti-Semitic protestors, it's not peaceful. First Amendment doesn't protect your right to throw Molotov cocktails or cause destruction to other people's property or be generally disruptive. You can say whatever you want and it can be offensive to a vast majority of polite society and that doesn't matter. But there's a line, and I think with the protest that comes up on these college campuses where they're disrupting classrooms, they're occupying territory where they're not entitled to be, oftentimes it's private property.

Like taking over buildings. There was one of them, I think it was Yale or Columbia, I don't remember which one, they took over buildings and said, "We're staying here." No, you don't own the building and you're causing disruption there. We have the right to move you out regardless of the fact that you're doing it for expressive reasons. There are a great many people who find the Christian worldview and positions that I know your program holds and that I hold to be quite foolish and offensive too. And as a matter of fact, we haven't broached this topic, but since it's called The Christian Worldview, we'll take what the scripture said about it, which is the cross is foolishness to those who don't know Christ. Of course they're going to be offended by what you and I are saying. The last 30 minutes we've been together, a lot of things I've said are grossly offensive to people and that's fine and I'm offended by a lot of things other people say.

The First Amendment says you get to say what you want, but it doesn't allow me to go out and engage in violence against those that I disagree with. And at that point, it's not a threat to the First Amendment to shut down that violence. It's a threat if you say you can't hold that view. There's no thought police and you can't go out and silence a man who's peacefully standing on the sidewalk saying, "I don't like the fact that the Palestinians don't have what they want" or, "that the Jews don't have what they want," or whatever. I mean whatever the issue is, you're allowed to hold it, speak it, there's just a limit to it.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

Yeah, we've seen some really egregious violations of this over in the United Kingdom and in Britain recently, and they don't have the same First Amendment we do and it's very disconcerting what goes on there when citizens post something on social media against the government narrative. They get visits to their home and I think they've been arrested and people praying, just praying silently near an abortion clinic over there are arrested.

GUEST: DANIEL SCHMID:

We've had that here too. I'm often wanting to point that out because you often hear people say, "Well, we're just one step away from that." We locked up some individuals who were just outside the capitol on January 6th in 2020 for four years without a trial date. A lot of those people were peacefully engaging in speech and the prior administration threw away the key for the duration of the administration. Some of those people are just getting out. There were individuals who from the January 6th, 2020 until days ago, sat in a cold, dark cell for doing nothing but engaging in speech about an election they thought was questionable. So we do that stuff here. There are pro-life protesters that I have represented who got arrested for standing outside an abortion clinic under the last administration up to and including a almost 90-year-old woman who was a Holocaust survivor who had to get a presidential pardon to get out of federal prison because of the prior administration.

If you think it doesn't matter that you would elect people who have the same Christian worldview as the name of your program, it does because we do that same thing here depending on the administration, and it's scary. I could go on and on about that. It's not just Great Britain, it's here. They locked up Kim Davis for espousing a view against same-sex marriage, the first one ever to be thrown in jail for a Christian worldview in a country born on the will to be free. The Christian worldview requires vigilance and it requires your listeners and you and me and all of us to be proactive about maintaining a country that was born on the Judeo-Christian worldview itself to maintain that worldview.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

And that's exactly why we are so thankful for Liberty Council and what you and Matt and others do there and there's some other organizations that work on similar things, protecting faith and freedom in our country. So we appreciate your hard work on that, Daniel, and thank you for coming on The Christian Worldview Radio Program today. All of God's best and grace to you, your family and Liberty Council.

GUEST: DANIEL SCHMID:

Thank you very much. Thank you for having me.

HOST: DAVID WHEATON:

All right, you can find the link to our guest, Daniel Schmid and Liberty Council at TheChristianWorldview.org. You may want to consider supporting the important and excellent work that Liberty Council does.

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