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## **Where Do Democrats Stand on Major Issues? | with Wintery Knight and Desert Rose**

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### **FRANK:**

Ladies and gentlemen, about ten days ago, we had two Christian apologists on, Wintery Knight and Desert Rose to talk about socialism and some of the policies that Kamala Harris wants if she becomes president. We talked about socialism, and we also talked a little bit about the fact that Kamala Harris and the Democrats not only want abortion up to the moment of birth, but they want you, the taxpayer, to pay for it.

What we're going to do now in rapid fire is go through some other issues that Kamala Harris, a Kamala Harris Administration, would want to put into law, and we'll try and do it as quickly as we can to give you kind of an overview of where they are on some big issues.

So, if you want to know who Wintery Knight and Desert Rose are, go back and listen to our podcast from ten days ago when we were talking about how to love your neighbor through politics, talking about socialism and abortion. Now we're going to dive into some other issues.

So, let me start with you, Wintery Knight. There has been, for quite a while, an act pushed by the Democrats called the Equality Act. Of course, it has a very nice sounding name, but it has some very negative implications, particularly for anybody who is religious or has values that disagree with the LGBTQ set of values. So, first of all, what is the Equality Act? And then secondly, what are the problems with it?

### **WINTERY:**

So, the bill has been presented in the House and Senate a number of times. With respect to Kamala Harris, I want to focus on Senate Bill 788, which was titled the Equality Act that was introduced when she was still a senator in California in the 2019 to 2020 legislative session. So, according to this article, the dangers of the Equality act that I found on the Heritage Foundation website. It's dated May 15, 2020.

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This act would create, like, a national SOGI law, sexual orientation and gender identity law. So, that's the same law that's used to persecute Christian individuals and business owners, adoption agencies, homeless shelters, schools, and any other organizations that disagree with LGBT.

So, you probably heard some cases, like the florist from Washington State, or the photographer, or the baker from different states that have fallen afoul of these laws. Well, those are state level laws. So, imagine having a law like that that applies in all 50 states, including your red state. So, for those who live in red states.

So, some of the things that you would see if such a law were passed, this is according to the Heritage article, would be male prisoners and women only prisons. And we've already seen that in other countries that have laws similar to this.

**FRANK:**

We've seen it in California where actually male prisoners claim to be female. They're put into a woman's prison, and then they rape the women.

**WINTERY:**

Right. Even sexually assault them. So, you can kind of see this already in the states that have already enacted this at the state level. So, in addition, paying for sex change surgeries for transgender inmates, making all health insurance cover hormone treatments and sex change surgeries. And that would raise the cost of your health insurance, for sure. And then allowing transgender students access to bathrooms and locker rooms of the opposite sex and allowing men to participate in women's sports.

And we saw some of that in the Olympics and, as well, a nationwide ban on therapy for children who would like to deal with their unwanted same-sex attractions. So, it's not just Kamala Harris. Tim Waltz has also signed legislation that's similar in Minnesota. He signed a bill that makes Minnesota a sanctuary state for child sex changes.

So, suppose you have a red state and you're a parent, and you have a child, and that child is letting the teachers know that they're interested in this and they make it to Minnesota, then

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they can have anything that they want against your wishes. And I feel that the two of them together, based on the Minnesota Human Rights act and the Equality act at the federal level, their support for these bills. I mean, if you're a Christian, you could really run up against this and it could cause you some trouble.

**FRANK:**

Yeah, well, it's named the Equality Act, but it's anything but equality. It means that a certain set of values will be put into place that would exclude Christian values. If you have Christian values, you're not going to be able to practice your religion or conduct business as you want to conduct it. Well, let me put it another way, because this can be confusing. The amendments that we have in the Constitution, like freedom of religion, the First Amendment is a shield. It's not a sword.

In other words, it doesn't allow you to discriminate against somebody without cause, but it prevents other people from discriminating against you and your religion. The Equality act would become a sword on Christians. And in that sense, if it ever was passed by a Kamala Harris Administration, it would probably eventually make its way to the Supreme Court and hopefully be struck down.

But we can't depend on that. These are competing values. You can't have, I have the right to practice my religion. I have the right not to make a cake for a same-sex wedding and have some other person say, you have to make my same-sex wedding cake. Those two values are opposed. There's no compromise. One is going to win out over the other.

And what the Equality Act is saying, it's going to force Christians to do things that the Bible and conscience says they ought not do through the strength of law. So, the Equality Act is a sword. It's not a shield like the First Amendment is. So, you need to keep that in mind, ladies and gentlemen. If you're voting for Kamala Harris, you're actually voting for values that the Bible says we ought to adhere to.

You're voting that those be overpowered by these other values that the secular world wants to impose on you. All right, how about inflation and price controls? Let's start with you, Rose, on that. I think Kamala Harris has said she wants price controls. Does that work? Would it work?

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**ROSE:**

This is an absolutely terrible idea. And of course, no surprise she is putting forth this idea as a solution to so-called price gouging. Well, first of all, there is no price gouging happening. Her administration has come out and said that she's going to stop price gouging in the grocery industry by using price controls.

Well, there is no price gouging going on in the grocery industry. Profits for grocers are well below 2%. And if you were to force them to lower prices anymore, people are not going to be able to make a living doing that. So, they're going to close the grocery stores. They're going to stop doing the farming. They're going to stop doing the things that they're doing to produce food right now. And even before that step, first it would cause massive, even greater--

**FRANK:**

It would cause shortages because nobody's going to produce a product where they're going to lose money on.

**ROSE:**

Right, exactly. Exactly. And first they're going to have to try to pass the cost onto the consumer, and so our prices are going to go way up. But then you're right. Exactly. People are just not going to be able to produce food anymore and sell food for a living.

And so, that's where we see things like bread lines in Cuba and we see these people eating their pets in Venezuela just to live and then eating the animals in the zoo. I don't know if you saw that story, absolutely horrific things going on. In fact, since I just mentioned Venezuela, I'd love to show, for anybody who's watching this, to show you.

**FRANK:**

Most people are not watching. Just describe what you have there.

**ROSE:**

But, yeah, so I have here some inflation art, as I call it. It's actually a little swan that's smaller than the size of my hand. This is from Venezuela a few years ago. As a direct result of the

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inflation there, the price controls, and soaring prices, and shortages of food, and the money became worthless. So, what this is, is this art here, this little swan is made of bills of 500, 200,000, 2000, 5000 bolivar bills. They use bolivars in Venezuela.

**FRANK:**

That's their currency?

**ROSE:**

That is their currency. And I've got hundreds of them we used to make up this little swan because the money itself is absolutely worthless. This little swan here, made of money, is worth more than all of these hundreds of thousands of bolivars. You can't buy a Coke with that. So, this is what happens when price controls are put into place, when the government takes over.

**FRANK:**

Yeah. Ladies and gentlemen, if socialism is such a good idea, why are there no caravans going from the United States to Venezuela? They're all coming from Venezuela to here. Everybody wants to come here. Why? Because we have a free market system where everybody benefits. But you can't have a top down system where the government assumes control because it doesn't work. It goes against human nature.

By the way, friends, the best book on this topic, and we've had Jay Richards on this program several times before, is called 'Money, Greed, and God.' If you want to know what the proper view of economics is, get the book 'Money, Greed and God' by Jay Richards. He will point out that socialism doesn't work and why it doesn't work. He will also point out that the invisible hand that Adam Smith talked about in 'The Wealth of Nations' over 200 years ago is what makes an economy run.

And he made this comment, I don't have time to get into it now, but there's nobody at Apple that knows how to build an iPhone. There's nobody even anywhere that knows how to build a pencil. And you're going, well, how do pencils and iPhones come together? They come together by the invisible hand. You have all these people using their individual expertise to pull together an ultimate product that no one person can pull together on their own.

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There's no one person in the world that knows how to build an iPhone. There's no one person in the world that knows even how to build a pencil. Why? Because it takes a village, if you will. It takes an entire economy of people just acting in their own self-interest to come together and bring all of their expertise together to do that. And no one person has it.

This is why you can't do it from top down. You can't have one person who has all the knowledge direct all this. They don't have the expertise. They don't have the time. They don't have the knowledge. They can't do it. And yet people still try and do it. That's why it doesn't work.

So, inflation controls, I should say price controls, are a disaster. And Kamala Harris wants to do those. It's going to lead to shortages. It's going to lead to bread lines. If it's put forth, it's not going to work. Let's talk about another issue, law enforcement. Where does Kamala Harris and her administration or future administration stand on that Wintery Knight?

**WINTERY:**

So, you have to kind of look at their past actions in handling crime as well as how they treat illegal immigration. In the case of Tim Walz, he had to handle the George Floyd riots as governor, and he was very slow to call out the National Guard to the extent that they had \$500 million in damages from rioting, theft, crime, and that's not to mention the violent crime that occurred.

So, I think that's an indicator about where he is in terms of law enforcement and public safety. And then with respect to Kamala Harris, when those George Floyd riots were happening, she tweeted out her support for a bail fund for those rioters, inviting people to give money to this organization that was bailing out rioters but also violent criminals.

The article I read had several of the criminals that were bailed out by that fund. So, I think the sympathy seems to be with, with criminals and illegal immigrants. Kamala Harris has also expressed support for cutting funding for the police. She supports abolishing ICE. She wants to make it for people who enter the US illegally.

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She doesn't want that to be considered a criminal offense. It just doesn't feel like they're serious about this. And I think illegal immigration, people need to understand that that imposes costs on the rest of us who are already here living legally and paying taxes.

**FRANK:**

Exactly. Yeah. In fact, that's the next topic. But before we get there, anything more to add to the law enforcement issue, Rose?

**ROSE:**

Well, you know, again, this comes under the guise of compassion, but I would encourage us to think also about compassion for those who are having their businesses destroyed, those who are following the law, those who are just trying to get to work using the subway system in New York, those who have really, in a lot of cases, lost everything or left family, left a lot to come to the United States legally, have built up a business, and then they see that just completely destroyed by rioters. As Tim Walz says, oh, just let it burn. Let the police precinct burn. He said on a recording that I've heard, he was very slow to call in the police, as was mentioned.

**FRANK:**

I think he and his wife kept their window open so they could smell the burning tires, which is so bizarre.

**ROSE:**

It is.

**FRANK:**

Look, ladies and gentlemen, according to common sense and according to not only Genesis 9, but also Romans 13, the purpose of government is to prevent innocent people from being overcome by evil, to punish evil and promote the good, but the primary role is to punish evil. This is why Paul says that the ruler doesn't bear the sword for nothing. The reason the government exists is to protect innocent people from evil.

And when the governor or the president or whoever it is doesn't protect innocent people from evil, allows rioting and burning and all of these destructive things to occur, they are not doing

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their jobs. And if you don't have law enforcement, you don't have an economy, because nobody's going to risk their capital in an uncertain environment where laws are not adhered to, where people are not persecuted, or I should say, prosecuted for doing evil.

Why should you put your capital out there? Why should you put your business out there? Why should you risk anything? If the government isn't there to make sure that the level playing field is there, and that people don't take advantage of you? You're not. So, law enforcement is essential. And it seems that the Democrats are siding for a false compassion.

The government is not supposed to be in the business of false compassion. I did a seminar with the great Erwin Lutzer, a few months ago in Maine, and he said, we've got to get people to realize that the government's main role is not compassion. The government's main role is to ensure that innocent people are not hurt, and that is compassionate. But the government can't turn the other cheek when some murderer is going on a rampage.

The government can't turn the other cheek when theft is going on, when rioting is going on, when the city's being burned down. That's not the purpose of the passage in Matthew 5 anyway. That had to do with an individual insult. It doesn't have to do with law and order. The law and order passage is Romans 13. And until we realize that we're not going to vote properly. We're going to think, oh, it's so compassionate. It's so nice. They care about people.

No, they don't care about people. They're allowing evil to overrun their society, to overrun their jurisdiction. That is not compassionate and it's not the purpose of government. All right, let's move on now to immigration and crime, which is related to law enforcement, quite obviously. We'll start with you, Wintery. What's your data that you have on immigration and open borders?

**WINTERY:**

So, I mentioned previously that a lot of the Kamala Harris's positions seem to be hostile, like the abolishing of ICE, the decriminalizing of entering the U.S. illegally, not visiting the border. It just doesn't seem like it's something that she's concerned about.

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**FRANK:**

She's the border czar, Wintery. She's been the border czar for three and a half years and she never visited the border until she was pressured to. She went there once.

**ROSE:**

And not even to the main area where the big problem is.

**FRANK:**

Yeah, so--

**WINTERY:**

I haven't seen the action I'm looking for to protect people who are taxpayers, who are law abiding taxpayers who become the victim of some of these criminal illegal immigrants. And sometimes, you know, the comeback from compassionate evangelicals to me sometimes is, well, you don't know that illegal immigrants commit more crimes than the average American.

The point is, is that if an illegal immigrant wants to commit a crime, if they're not here, then they don't hurt an American taxpayer. And it's Kamala Harris's job to protect American taxpayers. So, by keeping them out, it doesn't matter whether they commit a crime or not, they aren't going to do it here. And they shouldn't be here unless they're here legally for a reason.

Like I was here to work, to produce value, to pay more in taxes than we collect in benefits. I mean, I couldn't even collect benefits at all. But that's the point. So, I think Rose has some numbers about this as well.

**FRANK:**

Yeah. Before we get to those numbers, Rose, let me mention one thing that's often overlooked. Right now, some blue state governors have been handing out benefits to illegal aliens, people who have broken the law to come here for whatever reason. And that obviously is taking away from people that pay taxes and are expecting to get benefits from the taxes they paid, whether it's Social Security or some sort of Medicare or Medicaid.

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So, this just on a commonsense realm isn't fair. You've got people paying into the system and they're not going to get the benefits. Somebody who is here who broke the law is going to get those benefits. How does that make any sense at all? Now, I'm for legal immigration.

However, I'm not for illegal immigration. And everybody here listening by the sound of my voice believes in borders. Do you have a lock on your door? Yeah. Why? Because you don't just let anybody in your house. You know there's security issues. You know, you can't feed everybody that if you were to allow anybody to come, you don't have the capacity to do that. Neither do we as a country.

So, we have to have common sense immigration, not this open border where you've got drugs, you've got terrorists, you've got people being sex-trafficked. In fact, I think, Rose, you've got some stats on that. Who is being sex-trafficked and how many people at this point do we know who are missing and probably sex -trafficked?

**ROSE:**

Yeah. Well, a couple of weeks ago, the Daily Wire reported that 85,000 unaccompanied minors went missing after crossing the border. And the way the system is set up right now is that the government is putting, they don't want to be perceived as separating families or putting people in cages or whatever.

So, they're trying to get them into the country as quickly as possible. They're putting them with different people, different families who have not been vetted appropriately. Eighty-five thousand children are missing from the past three and a half years and who are believed to have been sold into the sex trade.

You want to talk about compassion? Are you kidding me? These are children who were sent, presumably by adults, by their parents, maybe hoping to get into the U.S. at some point because they know that the borders are essentially open at this point or by sex-traffickers who may have kidnapped the kids, all sorts of things.

We are putting kids in tremendous, tremendous danger. We should be protecting these children. That is not loving our neighbor. And it's absolutely horrifying to think about it. There's

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also been articles that have come out about all sorts of sexual abuse that has been reported that is going on with children who have crossed the border. That is the fault of the federal government. The program that they were, that Biden and Harris were doing where they were flying people in intentionally from other countries and putting them all over the U.S. has recently been halted because of proven violations of these people of sexual abuse and things like that.

**FRANK:**

And now you've got Venezuelan gangs taking over apartment complexes in Aurora, Colorado.

**ROSE:**

Yeah, exactly. I'll tell you what, I used to live twelve minutes from there. As I've seen those videos. I know exactly where that is. It's absolutely horrifying. I mean, my church used to be right near there, and this is far from compassion. We also have a lot of Haitians coming here in a time when Haiti has been taken over by gangs.

And so, it's just to not vet people and then also from Islamic countries. I mentioned that I'm the Islamic ministry specialist for women in apologetics. I know a whole lot about Islam, and I can tell you that Islam is absolutely incompatible with the U.S. Constitution and with any of the values upon which our country was built. And they are commanded to harm all non-Muslims. This is very, very dangerous.

**FRANK:**

Yeah, they are commanded. Thankfully, not all Muslims believe that.

**ROSE:**

Right.

**FRANK:**

However, a significant minority does. And who knows how many cells we have in America now as a result of the open border where you have people crossing. People have come from Iran; they've come from other terrorist countries or countries that house terrorists. They've come across the southern border. They get to Mexico, and then they come across.

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**ROSE:**

Exactly. You know, there's a family that I'm very close to who came here legally from Afghanistan. And I taught the kids how to speak English, how to read, how to do math, taught them history. Devoted about 6 hours a day for several years to educating these children and trying to be a blessing to their family.

These kids now are afraid of going to bed at night, that the people who they escaped from legally might now come and find them. They left because their lives were in danger, and now their lives are in danger here as well. This is a very big problem.

**FRANK:**

All right, so immigration and crime is a big issue. Let's cover one more issue. And this is something solely on the Democrat side. It's the Green New Deal. The Republicans are not touching this at all. They don't want to have anything to do with it. And you have some data on the Green New Deal. Wintery, tell us a little bit about that.

**WINTERY:**

Yeah. So, again, my approach in evaluating the candidates is to take a look at their past legislation that they either signed or they supported. So, Tim Walz signed something in Minnesota, Senate File Four, which puts Minnesota on a path to be 100% carbon free by 2040. And he's not counting nuclear power as part of the green energy carbon free sources.

So, he's going for 100% carbon free. And Kamala Harris, she's a co-sponsor of Senate Resolution 59, which is known as the Green New Deal. That would ban all fossil fuels at the national level. This is what I think you're likely to see if these two people form the next administration. And the next thing I do when I'm evaluating candidates is look at how those ideas have worked out, ideally close to home, but maybe in another country.

Well, in this case, we have a great example in California. So, California is the American leader in green energy mandates. They first started it in 2002. Their new goal is 100% carbon free by 2045, which isn't even as ambitious as Tim Walz's Minnesota goal.

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So, in order to reach that goal, they've been shutting down coal plants and shuttering nuclear power plants. And we have an idea of what the effects on the consumers in California, what the effect has been. So, this is from, I found this at the U.S. Energy Information Administration, EIA.gov, and they said that California electricity prices have increased by 98.2% over the last 15 years, the highest in the nation.

It's actually like over triple what the average electricity price increase has been for the other states. They rose 30.6%. So, I think that's something that people are thinking, well, who am I going to vote for? Just be aware that if these green energy mandates become the law, that your electricity prices are going to go up. And that's the same thing we see in other countries, like Canada, and Germany, and other countries that have adopted these green energy mandates.

**FRANK:**

We had Megan Basham on for a couple of shows last month on her book 'Shepherds for Sale.' And what nobody seems to realize from the green folks, they don't seem to realize the cost that this particular Green New Deal would have on developing countries. And it's symbolic anyway. If the United States were to cut their carbon emissions to zero using the model that the Green New Deal people use, it would actually do very little to global temperatures. Why?

Assuming that this is all man made, because developing countries are the ones putting out most of the carbon emissions. And why are they doing that? Well, Megan points out in her book the reason they're doing that is because they got to feed their populations. And when I think it was Sri Lanka that signed on to the Paris Accords, within a few years, they couldn't even feed their people. So many people were starving, they drove the president of Sri Lanka out of the country because they were coming out of being third world.

When they signed the Paris Accords, they regressed and people didn't have enough food to eat, so they ran the president out of the country. Something similar happened in Ghana. In other words, the cost of this so far outweighs any alleged benefit we get from it that the cure is worse than the disease. Yet these environmentalists don't seem to even consider that. And I consider myself an environmentalist, by the way. I have a BA in Environmental Studies. But not every environmental plan is a good plan.

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It actually can lead to more damage than what it's supposedly supposed to prevent. People don't realize that. You always have to ask, what is the cost? Now, Rose, you had something to add to the Green New Deal discussion. Go ahead.

**ROSE:**

Well, really, I think Wintery Knight covered it. I mean, the fact that California electricity prices increased by 98.2%--

**FRANK:**

When the rest of them went up 30%.

**ROSE:**

Yeah, when the rest went up 30%. So, if you want 100% increase in your electricity bills... And by the way, this would cause the prices of virtually everything to go up.

**FRANK:**

That's right. Because energy costs are embedded in everything that you get. Because energy is always necessary to transport products and create products. So, when electricity rates go up, when energy rates go up, everything goes up. So, this is not the solution to bring people out of poverty, ladies and gentlemen. It's also not the solution to deal with global temperatures either.

Because even if we were to go to zero, it wouldn't affect global temperatures at all. Assuming that we are affecting global temperatures. And the climate's been changing long before there were human beings on the planet. So, it's questionable whether our carbon emissions are actually doing anything to the planet anyway, because we've had periods long before human beings existed, where you had warming and cooling periods independent of any global emission.

So, the premise behind the Green New deal is flawed from the beginning. And also, when you think about it, you just don't mandate new technology that hasn't been developed yet. You can't just mandate it. You can't just say by 2045 we're going to be able to run all of our economy on clean energy that hasn't been invented yet. How do you know that?

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I mean, that's just the typical good intentions that don't actually result in good consequences.

**ROSE:**

Exactly. Whereas when we do incentivize creativity, ingenuity, and business, and free market, and that sort of thing, people do get to work at creating these new technologies because they want to have the patent. They want to make the money. They want to have the name.

Even if their motives are entirely selfish, they get to work at it and see this happen. A free market economy takes seriously the reality of the fall of man, the inherent sinfulness of humanity. And it utilizes even our sinful nature to position us to serve others so that we can feed our own families, or give generously, or even just feed our egos.

Whatever your motivation is, it leads to thriving when we offer incentive for people to produce, and think, and use their minds that God gave us to be creative and this sort of thing, as opposed to just mandating things from on high.

**FRANK:**

Wintery, what do you see that you've seen in the Democrat platform that you think a Christian could support? Is there anything in there that you go, yeah, you know, they got that right?

**WINTERY:**

You know, I really haven't heard anything. But what I would do is I would kind of look at the state level, at Democrat run states and kind of say what is working, you know, here that's really good? So, I think some states like Pennsylvania, you know, Josh Shapiro? I think he's been trying to push for school choice there.

So, I'm a big believer in school choice. I think that the Democrat voters is a large constituency of people who have children in failing schools that they would love that kind of legislation. And I think Republicans should be pushing for it. So, I looked in the records of Tim Walz and Kamala Harris for some kind of signing legislation or advocating for legislation. If they had done that, then I would have pointed to that. But I just haven't seen it.

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**FRANK:**

Yeah, that is a problem. There may be little things you can pick out in the Democrat platform that you could say, hey, yeah, this is a good policy. But overall, we've been through abortion. We've been through religious freedom and the Equality Act. We've been through inflation and price controls. We've been through law enforcement, immigration, and crime.

We've been through the Green New Deal. We haven't even talked about judges. That would be an important issue. But we don't have time to get into all that. School choice is more pushed by Republicans, but you might have some Democrats pushing for it, like you say, Josh Shapiro. That's obviously a good thing.

Overall, when you look at the Democrat platform, there's very little, in my view anyway, that is biblical, very little that Christians ought to be voting for. That, of course, doesn't mean that the Republican platform is perfect. It certainly isn't. There are things in there that I disagree with as well. But overall, it seems that the Republicans, at least on the more important matters of the law, this is what Jesus said to the politicians of his day, the Pharisees. He says, you're neglecting the more important matters of the law.

You should not neglect the more important matters of law. And in our country, we seem to be neglecting the more important matters of the law. We're telling people what light bulbs they can and can't use, but we're not saying don't dismember your children. In fact, Kamala Harris and Tim Walz want to pay for dismembering your children. I mean, Kamala Harris wants to ban plastic straws, but she doesn't want to ban child mutilation.

That's another issue we should probably talk about at some point, the transgender issue. They want children to actually be transitioned even against the will of the parents. This is not something a Christian can support. And unfortunately, banning plastic straws is more important than banning child mutilation to Kamala Harris and Tim Walz.

**ROSE:**

Exactly. And also, of course, there's also the racial issues where the Democrat party likes to claim to be the party for minorities. And yet, there's so much division of people based on skin

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color that is really replacing merit and opportunity for everybody. We want equal opportunity for everybody, which the Republican platform is more geared toward. Kamala Harris talks about equal outcomes. Manufacturing equity, equal outcomes for everybody.

And so, she has said multiple times in multiple places on multiple stages that because people don't begin in the same place, we have to make sure to give different things to different people depending on their skin color and things like this.

**FRANK:**

They want to use race in order to differentiate people by race. They don't want equal opportunity. They want equal outcome. And so that, in my view, is racism, that now we have to judge people by the color of their skin, regardless of the thousands of other reasons they may be at the place they're at, we've got to ignore all that and say that if a particular group of people fares lower than, say, Asians or whites, we've got to take resources from Asians and whites and give them in some sort of reparations to people that don't perform as well, regardless of the behavior there.

That seems to be racism to me. That's just affirmative action. It's a nice way of saying we're going to judge you by your race regardless of your behavior. That doesn't even help the people in that category, because what it does is it says you can't make it on your own. And so, we've got to give you the resources to do so, and then everyone is going to look at you and go, oh, the only reason you're in this job is because you're a particular skin color. That's demeaning to somebody. No, I earned this job. No, you didn't. I know that you're just a quota hire. Oh, man. It doesn't help people. Go ahead, Wintery, jump in.

**WINTERY:**

Oh, no, I was just saying it does create this perception. So, just think about the way that, you know, race is talked about in this country. So, particularly for African Americans, you know, any kind of time they're having trouble with education, or career, or finances, it's always blamed on some majority group and saying, oh, well, your problems are being caused by a majority group.

But the funny thing that I noticed when I studied this is that there are certain non-white minorities in America who come here as immigrants, and they have even

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less kind of stability in the country. They're newer, right? But they seem to do very well. And I'm talking about people like East Asians and continental Africans and, sorry, East Indians, and Asians, and continental Africans. So, they come here. And if you look at the numbers in terms of household income on the American surveys, their amount of income is far above American whites.

So, I think if the difficulties that minorities are facing are caused by the majority of white people, then they seem to be doing a very poor job of holding down these East Indians, and Asians, and Ghanaians, and Nigerians. Nigerians are amazing. I mentored a Nigerian girl through her master's in computer science as well. And she's working for one of the big ones, Google or something now, Amazon.

So, yeah, I think what we need to do is we need to say, well, what's different about East Indians, and Asians, and African immigrants? And I think there, what I'd like to see is I'd like to see policymakers pushing for marriage, family, school choice, policies that put the control of raising kids back in the hands of the parents. That's not what I'm hearing. So, sometimes, like I was saying, you know, before, the people who talk and sound like they have the best intentions, they don't deliver the best results. And so, what we need to do is look at the results that we want and then try to figure out how to help people achieve those results.

**FRANK:**

Well, the number one indicator of a child's long term performance is whether or not that child came from a biological, two-parent family. That's the number one indicator. Thomas Sowell has talked about this at length, and yet some people, particularly on the left, want to blame everything on what is known as systematic racism. And when you ask them to define that and say, well, look, the laws don't allow systematic racism unless you're trying to use laws in an affirmative action way, which I know the 2020 platform of the Democrats wanted to use. I don't know if it's in the 2024 platform.

**ROSE:**

Yeah, it is. Whether it's written down. She said it numerous times.

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**FRANK:**

We don't know if Kamala Harris is going to sign. I guess she is. Who knows? But that's one of the problems we have now is no one wants to talk about policy. Right? Of course, by the time this podcast is going to air, we will have had the first debate. I don't know if she was asked any questions about policy, because other than abortion, that's about all she'll talk about.

**ROSE:**

Yeah, but Frank, she's got swagger, so it's good. She'll do great.

**FRANK:**

Okay, well, we'll see. We'll see. In any event, So, Wintery, just to be clear, you're saying that if, say, the group known as African Americans or blacks perform lower than whites, and whites perform lower than Asians, and it's all due to systematic racism, then why are there blacks who are in the country that come from other countries performing better than blacks who are brought up here?

If it's all systematic racism, obviously, whatever that is, they don't know if somebody's here from Nigeria or was born here. So, why are the Nigerians, for example, doing better than, say, a kid who's brought up in Detroit?

**WINTERY:**

Yeah, I think you need to look at the factors we were talking about before, which is like, out of wedlock birth rates between, say, the Asian community and the East Indians. East Indians are the powerhouse. Like, their average income is up near 120,000 per household. Whatever it is that you need for success in America, they seem to have it locked down.

And I think what we need to do is recommend that to everybody, regardless of race, just say, hey, if their marriage rates are really, really high and the amount of hours of homework that their children do every night is really, really high, and the amount of video games is really low, and the amount of out of wedlock births is really low, maybe we should start with individual choices as the causes of these bad outcomes, and just make sure that, you know...

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Like I said, in my own case, I came here pretty regular guy. Just don't spend money. Save all your money, invest it. And I'm on track for early retirement.

So, whatever discrimination people are worried about, it just doesn't work in America if you make good decisions. So, you know, finish high school, get married, don't have kids until you're married, don't commit any crimes, take any job and then move up, you know? Keep working harder and keep growing in your job. And I think that in America, if you follow that recipe, then you will do well regardless of skin color.

**FRANK:**

Absolutely. Great discussion Desert Rose and Wintery Knight. In a minute I'm going to ask you how people can follow you and check out your website and your other resources you have. But I want to mention, ladies and gentlemen, that tomorrow night, if you're listening to this, on the 17th of September, I'm going to be on the 18th of September at Western Carolina University. It's open to everybody. It'll also be live streamed 7:00 p.m. Eastern time. Then I'll be in Buffalo with Natasha Crain and Alisa Childers, this weekend, the 21st for the Unshaken conference. Go to [UnshakenConference.com](http://UnshakenConference.com) if you want to get tickets.

Then next week I'll be in Lake Charles, Louisiana at McNeese State University on the 24th. I'll be teaching at a high school on the 25th, and on the 26th I'll be at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas. All that's coming up and a lot more after that. So, keep an eye on our events calendar. Go to [CrossExamined.org](http://CrossExamined.org). Click on events. You'll see Frank Turek calendar there. Also want to mention we're going to Egypt and Saudi Arabia starting December 2. You don't want to miss that trip. That's going to be amazing. All the details are on our website.

You can still sign up for the 'Train Your Brain' course for adults and the 'Train Your Brain' course for 6th to 8th graders. And 'Why I Still Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist' for high school and college students, I'll be your instructor for that. Go to [crossexamined.org](http://crossexamined.org). Click on online courses. You will see them there. All right, Wintery Knight. How can people learn more about you? Where do they go and what kind of resources do you have on your website?

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**WINTERY:**

So, I've been blogging [winteryknight.com](http://winteryknight.com) for a long time, so people can check that out. That's [winteryknight.com](http://winteryknight.com). And along with Desert Rose, we have a podcast. So, our podcast is called the Knight and Rose show, and we cover all of these topics.

You know, everything they say you're not supposed to talk about: religion, and politics, and morals. We have entire shows on each of these, and we really enjoy talking about the evidence for all of these different topics so that you can learn how to discuss them with your family and friends.

**FRANK:**

Yeah, you do a really good job of summarizing debates and really giving cogent blog posts on important issues, Wintery. So, thanks for your work there. So, friends, go to [winteryknight.com](http://winteryknight.com) for a lot more from Wintery Knight. Desert Rose, do you have a different website or the same one?

**ROSE:**

I do have a different website. My website is [anaffairwithreason.com](http://anaffairwithreason.com).

**FRANK:**

[AnAffairWithReason.com](http://AnAffairWithReason.com). Okay, good.

**ROSE:**

Yes. Yes. And I've been writing at that site for, I suppose about four years. I've been doing a little less writing lately. I need to get some articles out, but I've been doing more speaking at conferences. So, in November, I will be at the Sound Faith 2024 conference in Escondido, California. I'll also be speaking on Islam there, but it's not an Islam specific conference. And of course, check out the podcast the Knight and Rose show.

**FRANK:**

The Knight and Rose show, look it up. Knight, meaning k n i g h t, right?

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**ROSE:**

That is correct.

**FRANK:**

Yeah, the Wintery Knight. All right. Well, folks, thanks for being on the program. Thanks for all your expertise in looking at what Kamala Harris and Tim Walz want to do. And Christians are going to have to make a decision. I know there are no perfect candidates. I know both these candidates have moral flaws.

Keep in mind, folks, ladies and gentlemen, when you're voting for president, you're not voting for one person. You're voting for 5000 people to go to Washington and implement a platform, implement an agenda. We went through on the previous program. In this program, some of the agenda items of the Democrats. We'll do the same for the Republicans. So, keep an eye on that. And Lord willing, we will see you here again next week. God bless.

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