10 Reasons Christians Should Be Involved in Politics

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FRANK:
Ladies and gentlemen, I hear people, especially pastors, saying things like, you know, I don't get involved in politics, I just preach the gospel. I hear people saying if we make our political opinions known that's going to drive people away from the gospel. Politics is messy. Christians ought not get involved. I really think we ought to stay out of it. I hear this kind of thing all the time, and what I want to do is address some of those objections.

And I want to point out that none of those objections work. In fact, they're counterproductive if you follow that logic. And I also want to point out that there are very good reasons, even biblical reasons, why Christians ought to be involved in politics as messy as that and as messy and as difficult as that can be. In fact, it actually affects the gospel.

Politics does. We're going to get into all that. Before I do, I want to mention we just had a couple of great events at college campuses. One was at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. It is on our YouTube channel. You can see it there. And then the next night we were at Northwest Missouri University. The first presentation at Nebraska was I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist.

The second presentation at Northwest Missouri was about the War on Reality, and we had great questions both places. In fact, the second night we had several questions on Catholicism. We had a question from a lady that claimed to be queer; in fact, that clip we just put out online has several well, it has right now well over 100,000 views.

Pray for that woman. She seemed open-minded. You can see the clip. In fact, we'll put the clip in the show notes if you just want to see that Q and A. A nice woman who was seemed to be open-minded to the gospel. So check all that out. Thanks to the folks there at Northwest Missouri and also at the University of Nebraska. Both of those were at least partially sponsored by TPUSA.

So we had good turnouts and some really good questions. But now let's go back to this issue of politics. And the midterms are coming up. We're a couple of weeks out. In fact, early voting has

already started, and you might go, "Well, how do I know where to vote? How do I know where the candidates stand? Am I even registered?" We've got that solved for you.

You just need to go to voteyourfaith.net, voteyourfaith.net, and it has at anywhere you are in the country, you plug in your address, it'll tell you if you're if you're registered or not, where to get registered. It will tell you where the candidates stand on your ballot, and it's nonpartisan. It's just voteyourfaith.net and we also have several resources on there that answer some of the objections to Christians being engaged in politics.

But let me deal with a bunch of them as we go. The first objection I get and it comes a lot, a lot of times from pastors. You know, I don't preach the gospel, or I don't get involved in politics, I just preach the gospel. And when they say that, I normally say to them, "I guess you don't think the gospel is very important then." And they say, "Well, what do you mean?" I say, "Cause politics affects your ability to preach and live the gospel." And I say, ff you don't think so, you can go to some of the countries I've been to.

I've been to Iran. There's no First Baptist Church in Tehran. I checked. It's not there. I've been to Saudi Arabia a few times. You know, there's no Calvary Chapel of Mecca. They don't allow it politically. We just last year had a trip to Egypt. If you want to start Grace Church in Egypt, you're going to have trouble because politically they've ruled it out because they don't want the gospel there.

They don't allow Christianity there. You know, the I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist podcast is not available in Saudi Arabia. It's not available in Iran. Politically, they don't allow it. So, if for no other reason we Christians have to be engaged politically, is to protect our ability to preach and live the gospel. Now, I know the objection always comes up. Well, Frank, sometimes you know persecution can actually make the church flourish.

Well, sometimes it does, sometimes it doesn't, but that's beside the point. We don't bring persecution on ourselves, or we shouldn't just sit by idly and allow persecution to come on ourselves. We shouldn't just cede our freedoms by negligence. We don't manufacture some sort of advantage out of evil.

We always fight evil and leave the results to God. And for those of you that say, "Oh, politics doesn't really matter," what is this right here? We're putting something on the screen right now for those of you listening on the radio program, you might not see this quite obviously, but we

have on the screen right now a satellite imagery of the Korean Peninsula. As you can see, the South Korea country below the 38th parallel is filled with light.

It's filled with productivity. They have the gospel there. North Korea, on the other hand, is a concentration camp. Why? Why is there a difference between South and North Korea? For those of you on radio, the South is full of light. The North is basically dark because it's a satellite imagery at night, except for their capital. Why is there such a difference? The main reason for the difference between South and North Korea is politics.

The South has political freedom. The North does not. Question: Which country would you rather live in? South Korea. Which country has freer, or has the freer ability, or the ability of its citizens to preach and live the gospel? South Korea. Actually, however, though, South Korea has taken a turn for the worse. Just before Charlie Kirk was murdered, he was over in South Korea.

He spoke at a church, and as soon as he left, they arrested the pastor. We had to go through the State Department to try and get that pastor out of jail. Because the government of South Korea has turned pretty hard left, and they don't want Christianity there, so South Koreans are beginning to lose their religious freedom, and that can happen here in America as well.

Should Christians be concerned about that? Of course we should. And yet, I hear pastors and others saying, "I just preached the gospel." You're not going to be able to preach the gospel, If say Muslims take over. If, say, atheists take over and they want to suppress the gospel like Mao did, like Stalin did, like many other dictators have.

So, for no other reason you need to be engaged politically is to protect your ability to preach and live the gospel. By the way, do you think laws over in Nigeria matter right now? The government of Nigeria is not protecting Christians, and so Muslims are murdering Nigerian Christians. There's about 50 Charlie Kirk's murdered every day over there.

Does that matter that they have a bad government not protecting the Christians? Of course it matters. Government matters. And by the way, who set up government? Who gave us government? God did. Genesis 9. Romans 13 tells us the purpose of government. The purpose of government is to protect innocent people by punishing wrongdoers.

That Paul says in Romans 13 that the sword is given to the leader in order to punish wrongdoers. And of course, the reference to the sword here is a reference to capital

punishment. The leader. The government is supposed to punish wrongdoers to protect innocent people from evil. In fact, it's one of the three institutions God created.

He created the family first, then He created government to protect the family from evil, and then thirdly, the church came, obviously, in the New Testament period. Those are the three institutions God created. He created family, created government, and He created the church. Now, usually Christians are only concerned about the family and the church, but we shouldn't be two-thirds of a Christian.

We should be concerned with every institution God created, all three, because they work together to bring forth a society where you're allowed to preach and live the gospel and build the kingdom. And so government matters. So the first reason you ought to be involved is because laws affect your ability to preach and live the gospel. The second reason you ought to be involved, and by the way, this is all in the book, *The War on Reality* that Phoenix Hayes and I wrote.

It just came out about a month ago, due to God's grace and a lot of hard work. It became a New York Times bestseller. Erika Kirk wrote the foreword. So if you don't have that book, please check it out. And chapter 15 goes through the top 10 reasons that Christians ought to be engaged in politics. And I'm just going through a few of them here on this program. You're listening to I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist with me, Frank Turek, on the American Family Radio Network and other stations around the country.

We've got a lot more here today. In fact, we have the mic drop question coming up for people who don't think Christians ought to be involved in politics. This mic drop question should convince them they should. We're back. Don't go anywhere.

What are the top 10 reasons Christians ought to be involved in politics? In fact, I think everybody ought to be involved in politics because it's important how we live here, what laws are passed, but particularly for Christians. And half of Christians will not vote in the midterms. Half. If Christians voted and voted biblically, the country would be in much better shape. So would our ability to preach and live the gospel, and a lot of people would be protected.

So get out there and vote. And by the way, if you don't know where the candidates stand, you don't even know if you're registered go to voteyourfaith.net. Voteyourfaith.net. You can even get a reminder text to vote the day before the election. Most places now have early voting.

There's no excuse, right? How hard is it to vote? It's not. So you've got like two or three weeks to vote.

Go to voteyourfaith.net to see how to get registered in your area, where the candidates stand in your area, and make your voice known. James says, if you know the right thing to do and you don't do it, it's sin. It's the right thing to do to influence the culture for good, to protect innocent people from evil by putting laws in place that protect them from evil. And if you have that ability to do so, and you do in America, then you ought to take it.

All right, the second reason Christians ought to be involved, as I mentioned just before the break, is we are commanded to be salt and light and to love our neighbors. Jesus Himself said all of that, and if you think about this, laws affect almost every area of life. They affect abortion, they affect transitioning children, they affect education, religious liberty, crime, immigration, welfare, healthcare, taxes, marriage, and many more things.

Why shouldn't you be involved? I mean, someone needs to write those laws. The question is whether Christians ought to help shape them. If not, are you suggesting only atheists or Muslims or socialists or other non-Christians are more morally qualified for the task? Why do we think that Christians, the people who are supposed to be godly, should not put their godly imprint on the laws that are passed in our nation?

Should only godless people put their imprint on those laws or influence those laws? Where do we come up with this nonsense? Oh, Frank, you're imposing a theocracy. We're, it has nothing to do with theocracy. We're not trying to legislate morale, all right, let me put it another way. We're not trying to legislate religion, but we are trying to legislate morality, and that's what all laws do. All laws declare one behavior right and the opposite behavior wrong.

You can't think of a law that doesn't legislate morality. The only question is whose morality. And when people say don't impose your morality on me, I say why not? Would that be immoral? You know what? You're imposing your morality on me right now. You're saying I ought not impose ought nots, but that's what you're doing to me right now. You're saying I can't impose ought nots or ought tos. Well, you're doing the same thing.

And maybe the better answer when people say don't impose your morality on me is this. This isn't my morality. I didn't make this stuff up. I didn't make up the fact that murder's wrong, that abortion's wrong, that rape is wrong, that theft is wrong, that men were made for women and

women were made for men. I didn't make up the fact. That you ought not mutilate the genitalia of children as the Democrats want to do.

I didn't make any of this stuff up. This isn't my morality. This isn't your morality. This just happens to be the morality. The one Thomas Jefferson said was self-evident. The one the Apostle Paul said in Romans chapter 2, "The Gentiles do not have the law of the law written on their hearts." This is also known as natural law. This is what Jefferson was talking about when he said, "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men were created equal and endowed by their government." No, it doesn't say government.

"Endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. Among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." And governments are instituted among men. To secure these rights, governments don't give you rights. If a government gave you rights, they wouldn't be rights; they'd be preferences, because that would mean another government, if they came in and changed the law, it would mean you wouldn't have that right anymore. No, a right is something you have regardless of what anyone else says about it.

It's something that government is supposed to secure, according to the Declaration of Independence, according to the Bible, which says that the government is put in place to punish wrongdoers. In other words, people that want to take away God-given rights, whether it's life, liberty, those things. And when you don't have a government to do that, you have a disaster.

And this is why James Madison, one of the founding fathers, really he really wrote the Constitution. Madison said, "If men were angels, no government would be necessary." Think about it. If people always did the right thing, would you need a government? No, governments are in place because people don't always do the right thing. In fact, we're bent toward doing evil.

That's why we need a government to punish wrongdoers. And when you now have an entire political party, the Democrats, who appear to not want to enforce laws, they don't want to punish wrongdoers; they want to let illegal immigrant criminals out on the street rather than send them home. That's a big problem because when you don't punish the guilty, you wind up punishing the innocent.

When you wind up releasing people, criminals, into a society, then those criminals can prey on the innocent. The reason we have government is because people do evil, and we don't enforce

our laws. We're actually punishing Innocent people. So we are commanded to be salt and light and to love our neighbors.

And here's the mic drop question for me anyway. If you show people the reasons, the two reasons we just gave that laws affect your ability to preach and live the gospel and the fact that we are commanded to be salt and light into love our neighbors and by putting laws in place that protect innocent people from evil we're loving our neighbors when we don't put laws in place that protect our neighbors from evil, or worse yet, we put laws in place that actually hurt our neighbors.

Then we are doing evil, and governments, if they don't punish wrongdoers, they're either neglecting doing good or they're doing evil themselves. When that happens, there's big trouble for everyone, and you don't have a civilization. And here's the mic drop question. So when people say I don't I don't get involved, you shouldn't get involved, I ask them this: Are you telling me that back in the 1800s that Christians should not have gotten involved in politics to outlaw slavery?

Is that what you're telling me? Now, whoever I've asked that question, or whoever I've asked that question to they've always recanted and said, "Yeah, we should have done that." To which I respond, "Welcome to politics, ladies and gentlemen. You can't avoid it." It's the mic drop question. It's the slavery question. Just ask them. And you know who got rid of slavery?

Christians did. Yeah, Christians got rid of it. Wilberforce, in fact, even before Wilberforce, here in America, the northern states, all the northern states had outlawed slavery by 1804. A lot of people don't know that, but go back to the show we did with Tim Barton. We did a couple of shows with Tim Barton a couple of months ago. He brought that up. And we had to go to a civil war, and we had to put laws in place, the 13th and 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution, to outlaw slavery.

Should we have done that? Of course. Welcome to politics, ladies and gentlemen. All right, the third reason we have to be involved is that government either makes or breaks a civilization. I've already asked the question: Would you rather live in North Korea or the United States? Would you rather live in Iran or the United States? Would you rather live? In Saudi Arabia or the United States? Yeah, you'd rather live. How about Nigeria or the United States?

You'd rather live in America. Why? Because a government that protects innocent people from evil and allows the freedom to preach and live the gospel is a better government than the North

Korean or the Iranian or the Saudi Arabian or the Nigerian government. It makes or breaks a civilization. In fact, so does the policies, the economic policies of a government.

Do you know that Hiroshima? In fact, we talked about this. Where did we talk about this? Phoenix Hayes and I talked about this. We'll put that show in the show notes as well, so you can see all the imagery we had for this. We were doing the second show of the War on Reality program that we record on some Monday nights here in Charlotte, and we were talking about Hiroshima.

Hiroshima, the city, of course, was nuked about 80 years ago, flattened to end World War II. If you look at Hiroshima today, Hiroshima is a bustling economy. And it's got a capitalistic system. I mean, it's been totally rebuilt, quite obviously, and people are thriving there economically. Do you know Havana, Cuba has never been nuked, but it looks like it has, because they don't have a government that allows a capitalistic system, economic system, to allow people to flourish.

It's a socialist system, and only the elites have the basic necessities of life. The rest of the society is suffering. Government can make or break a civilization, and we've got people now running for government. And we'll talk about these guys in a future show, like James Talarico down in Texas.

He's making the mistake of thinking that commands to individuals are commands to government. He claims to be a Christian and he says, "Well, we ought to take care of the poor. And if you're not for my socialistic government system to take care of the poor, you're not a Christian." Ladies and gentlemen, he's using, he's misusing the Bible because the Bible never says the government ought to take care of the poor. It says individuals, i.e., Christians, ought to take care of the poor.

And he says, "If you're not for my socialistic system, somehow you're not a Christian." James, James, you need to read the Bible more closely, because it's individual Christians that need to be taking care of the poor, not the government. Individual Christians do that better. They can hold people accountable. Paul says, if you don't work, you shouldn't eat, or you won't eat.

You have to participate in the economy. Now, if we as a society want to have a safety net from the government, we can decide that. But don't tell me the Bible commands it. It doesn't. Or forgiveness, Talarico was on, I think, Jimmy Kimmel, and they showed some video of ICE putting people into vans, you know illegal immigrants.

And he said, "Would Jesus put people into vans?" You know what the answer is? Yes. Why? Because Jesus set up government through the Holy Spirit. He wrote the entire Bible, and government is supposed to punish wrongdoers. So Jesus would say, "Okay, get in the van, go back to your country, repent, and start over. You need to obey the law." Here's the problem with people like James Talarico: they want the government to do what Christians ought to do, and they want no one to do what the Bible says the government ought to do, and that is to enforce laws.

So, if we don't have a government that enforces laws, we don't have a civilization. Because that's what a government is supposed to do. There are different commands to individuals than they are to government. Look, if the government turned the other cheek every time, or even just overlooked crime, that would be a disaster. We can do that as individuals when somebody insults us.

We don't need to insult them back. That's what turned the other cheek meant. It doesn't mean that we should let someone overpower us or kill us or rape us, but James Talarico thinks that we ought to forgive criminals. That is a disaster. That's not good government. And we'll continue our discussion here on I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist right after the break. Don't go anywhere. I'm Frank Turek. See you in just a couple of minutes.

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Christians, you're confused about voting. Should we vote? How do we vote? How do we get registered? Who, where do the candidates stand? Go to voteyourfaith.net, ladies and gentlemen. Voteyourfaith.net. It'll tell you everything you need to know, and it's nonpartisan. It just tells you where all the candidates stand, so you can make up your own decision. But you ought to vote biblically, ladies and gentlemen. You know, C.S. Lewis had a great quote on the purpose of the church and the purpose of government.

And one of the reasons I say that Christians ought to be involved in government is because government makes or breaks a civilization. Even the Bible talks about that. In fact, Jeremiah told the Israelites when they were in exile to seek the welfare of the city you are in, because it will help you as well. If the city does well, then you'll do well.

This is when they're in exile in Babylon. That's Jeremiah 29 verse 7. We ought to seek the welfare of the cities that we are in, and government was originally designed by God for that reason to seek the welfare. Anyway, here's what C.S. Lewis says about the purpose of government and the purpose of the church. He says "it's easy to think that the church has a lot of different objects: education, building missions, holding services, just as it is easy to think the state has a lot of different objects: military, political, economic, and whatnot.

But in a way, things are much simpler than that. The state exists simply to promote and to protect the ordinary happiness of human beings in this life: a husband and wife chatting over a fire, a couple of friends having a game of darts in a pub, a man reading a book in his own room or digging in his garden. That is what the state is there for. And unless they are helping to increase and prolong and protect such moments, all the laws, parliaments, armies, courts, police, economics, et cetera, are simply a waste of time.

In the same way, the church exists for nothing else but to draw men to Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself are simply a waste of time. God became man for no other purpose." Unquote. C.S. Lewis. I love how simply he puts that. And the purpose of the state is to protect innocent people from evil.

And Christians need to be part of that. We're commanded to be salt and light. And if a government is not protecting innocent citizens from evil, if it is coddling criminals as the Democrats seem to want to do everywhere we turn, then that's not a good government. We need a government that is going to protect innocent people from evil by punishing wrongdoers, and that is what the biblical role of government is.

It's not the same role as the church. It's not the same role as the family. They're supposed to work together. And when either of those three, the family, the government, or the church, don't do their job, civilization has trouble. All right, the fourth reason Christians ought to be engaged is because Jesus was involved in politics. What? Where are you coming up with that?

Look at Matthew chapter 23, ladies and gentlemen. I'm not going to go into detail here. I've done it before, but Jesus is going after the politicians of his day, the Pharisees, and he says, "Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites." In fact, it's easy to remember this. This is Matthew 23:23, where he says, "You're tithing your spices, mint, dill, and cumin, but you're neglecting the more important matters of the law, justice, mercy, and faithfulness.

You should have practiced the latter without neglecting the former, or you should have practiced the former without neglecting the latter. You blind guides, you strain out a gnat and swallow a camel." Yeah, exactly. Jesus is telling us the test for politics is to major in the majors, not the minors. Don't be tithing your spices, but be not worried about the big issues like justice. And in the previous election between Trump and Harris, you had Kamala Harris wanting to ban plastic straws.

But she wanted to allow and even have the government pay for abortion and the transitioning of children. She was majoring in the minors. She thought banning plastic straws was a legitimate form of government, but not protecting children. That she didn't want to do that. In fact, she wanted to pay to murder children. She wanted to pay to mutilate children.

This is exactly the opposite of what government ought to be doing. So Jesus was involved in politics, and number five, so were the prophets and the apostles. They were involved in politics. In fact, just read the whole Old Testament. It's practically one prophet after another lambasting either the king of Israel or the king of Judah or both, and even pronouncing judgments on foreign governments.

That's what it's all about. In fact, I put up a post once, and someone responded to it on X, and we put it in the book, *The War on Reality*. This person on X said, "The Bible is politics." He wrote, "Moses versus Pharaoh. That dealt with government oppression. Prophets versus kings.

That's a policy critique. Jesus versus the temple." You know, when he overturned the tables at the temple. "That's about economic corruption. Paul versus Rome, civil rights." Yeah, when you look at it that way, the whole Bible is political. In fact, we say in *The War on Reality* that the Bible was never apolitical we only pretend it is. When we don't protect political or religious freedom, evangelism and ap- and apologetics can only be done in chains.

Yeah, that's exactly right. In fact, Paul, let's just look at Paul for a second, because we talk about Peter in the book, *The War on Reality*. We talk about other New Testament apostles as well getting involved politically. But here's what we say in *The War on Reality*, chapter 15: "Paul

spoke so strongly about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come that the Roman governor Felix became afraid and said, quote, 'That's enough for now.

You may leave. When I find it convenient I will send for you.'" This is Acts 24:25 when Paul is under house arrest, waiting for trial, waiting actually to go to Rome and basically bring his case before Nero. He is spending two years in the coastal town of Caesarea waiting for that to happen, and Governor Felix is the one he kept speaking to.

So. Paul spoke about judgment and he talked about he talked about basically the fact that Felix was going to be judged and I don't know, maybe Paul missed the class on how to be winsome because Felix was afraid, and we say in the book, notice how Paul didn't avoid or water down moral issues in case Felix was a seeker and he didn't tiptoe around the truth to keep political leaders comfortable he told the truth because truth, not silence, is what saves.

It's also what actually helps people, from a political perspective, put the right laws in place. All right, that's number five. How about number six? Jesus and the apostles didn't compromise the message to attract seekers. And this goes back to the objection I mentioned at the top of the program. We hear people saying, "Well, if we get involved politically, we're going to drive people away from the gospel." Hey, newsflash, ladies and gentlemen.

Jesus not only was not seeker friendly; he was not even disciple-friendly. He's trying to run off disciples. For example, in John chapter 6, when he says, "If you want to follow me, you must eat my flesh and drink my blood," it offended people. Many of them, many of the disciples were driven off, and he turns to Peter and he says, "Are you going to leave too?" I mean, he didn't say, "Oh, you don't like this, Peter?

If you don't like these principles, I have other principles. I'll forego these, and I'll just give you principles you like, principles that are attractive, because I want to attract you to my movement." No, he wasn't doing that at all. Now, in a moment of clarity, normally Peter stuck his foot in his mouth, but this time he didn't. This is John chapter 6. Peter says, "Lord, you have the words of eternal life.

Where else are we going to go?" So they stayed, but notice it says in the text many of his disciples didn't follow him anymore. It was too hard of a teaching. He wasn't compromising or watering down the message. He was saying following me is a high-cost item. You've got to carry your cross. You've got to deny yourself. Yet the whole seeker movement is predicated on exactly

the opposite, and the whole seeker movement, who really the founder of it, the pioneer of it was Bill Hybels.

Twenty years ago, Bill Hybels admitted the seeker movement has failed. We haven't made disciples. And if you look from a macro perspective, since the 70s when all this began, the church has actually shrunk. It hasn't grown. The seeker movement has been a failure because when you try and attract the goats, that's what you're going to get. You're not going to make people disciples of Jesus.

If you orient your church to not offend non-believers, guess what you're going to get? A bunch of non-believers, and the people who are believers aren't going to grow at all. They're not going to become disciples, because you keep talking about the elementary issues all the time, and you never get to discipleship. Anyway, we have a whole section in *The War on Reality* on this. So our job is to preach the truth and leave the results to God.

That's number six. Number seven, of the reasons Christians have to be involved politically is because laws affect the plausibility of the gospel. Josh McPherson talked about this. He's in a deep blue state known as Washington, and he says it's really hard. It's really hard ground because the laws up there basically make it seem like anybody that believes in Christianity is somehow a bigot.

And not only that, the localities up there will do everything they can to prevent a church from actually being established. And people look around and they go, "Well, this church is full of bigots because the law teaches them the bad laws that are put into place about LGBTQ and DEI. It teaches those people that the people who disagree with LGBTQ behavior and DEI and all these things are somehow evil.

So laws affect the plausibility of the gospel, and so we just can't give up on the law. And too many people have. The eighth reason Christians ought to be involved is because conservative, which means simply we want to conserve what's right, good, and true. Conservative politics are an on-ramp to Christianity, not an off-ramp.

What do I mean by that? A lot of people think, "Well, if we start talking about how we ought not allow abortion, or we ought not, we ought to protect children from the people that want to try and mutilate their genitalia, or the fact that we ought to have secure borders and safety for people, if that's going to drive them out of the church, we're not thinking properly anyway,"

because the surveys show that most people with liberal politics won't darken a church, but people with conservative politics, but they're secular, will come to church.

And so, if your pastor is thinking, "I've got to stay away from all of these controversial issues because there may be somebody sitting in my church who's a liberal politically, and I want to bring them to faith," those people are probably not in your church, but I'll tell you who is in your church. Much more likely to be in your church, a secular conservative who, once you start talking about these issues, they go, you know, I kind of feel like I'm at home here.

And once you realize what justice is all about, you want to trace the waters of justice back to its source. And what is the source? Jesus is the source. So, it makes no sense, first of all, to lie and not deal with the issues you need to deal with, and you need to disciple your people with, but to try and preach to people who aren't in the congregation makes no sense, anyway.

Anyway, a lot more right after the break. You're listening to Frank Turek, and the show is called I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist. Be right back.

Ladies and gentlemen, the top 10 reasons Christians ought to be involved in politics. We have it all in the book *The War on Reality* that Phoenix Hayes and I wrote just came out about a month ago. Thanks for all your support. It's doing well. Appreciate positive comments on Amazon or a Christian book. Thanks for doing that. Want to mention this weekend I'm going to be at Green Valley Baptist Church October 18th. That's in Pontotoc, Mississippi.

Don't know if I'm pronouncing that right, but it's a little bit west of Tupelo. Morning service 10 a.m. 5 to 7 that night. We're going to be continuing the presentation. I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist and then take your questions. Hope to see you there. Then a couple of days later on the 20th, I'll be at RCR Racing in Winston-Salem. That's a men's event. Several hundred men will be there.

All the details are on our website. Check it out there. Also want to mention November 2nd. The great Dr. Brady Blevins is going to be starting the course called Conversation with the Faiths. If you want to be better at interacting with Muslims, Jehovah's Witnesses, and Mormons, please check out the course Conversations with the Faiths.

Go to crossexamined.org, click on online courses, you will see it there. We're actually going to tell you the truth there. We're actually going to provide you with the right theology to engage in a loving way with people who disagree with us. So I hope you can join us there. All right, let's go

back to the topic. We're talking about the top 10 reasons Christians ought to be involved in politics. We're on number nine, and number nine is if the godly don't get involved, the godless will.

I mean, you want some extremes. Obviously, you could talk about people like Stalin and Mao. They're involved in, they were involved in politics for the negative. So was Hitler. So was the current or so is the current leader of North Korea or the leaders of Iran. They're doing evil and Christians have to be engaged; otherwise godless people will be engaged because I know they're engaged; if you're not engaged, I know Satan's engaged, and then you've got people who are running right now who, although they may claim to be for Christianity, like James Talarico in Texas, they are so far off the mark.

In fact, we're gonna in a future show point out some of the crazy things that Talarico has been saying. He keeps changing his position because he knows he can't win with the crazy beliefs he does have, so he keeps trying to dial them or reel them back in, but it's not working. And then El Sayed up there in Michigan. He has been tied to the Muslim Brotherhood.

His family's been tied to the Muslim Brotherhood, and I'm sorry, ladies and gentlemen, this is just the truth. If you take your oath on the Quran, you are not going to support and defend the Constitution of the United States, because they're on opposite ends of reality. The Quran does not protect the freedom of religion, or the freedom of speech, or the freedom of assembly, or the freedom of petition, or the freedom of the press, as our First Amendment does.

So, if these people get into power, they're going to impose their will, not God's will. Islam, of course, is not compatible with Christianity or the United States Constitution. And then you've got almost the entire Democrat Party now saying socialism is a good thing. There were only eight Democrats out of I think 215 in the House that voted against socialism in a recent vote.

Only eight. Socialism. A future program we're going to get into economics and all this, but as I've said before, do you know anybody? Do you know anybody getting on rickety boats in Florida to escape to Cuba for a better life? No, they're all coming in the other direction. How many caravans are going from the United States to Venezuela? None.

They're all coming in the other direction. When the Berlin Wall was up, how many people in West Berlin were trying to get into East Berlin? None. They were all coming in the opposite direction. Why? Because socialism doesn't work. Socialism doesn't produce freedom, much less

food. It doesn't produce anything good. It brings everybody down to misery. Yet people here, particularly in the Democrat Party, want to bring it to the United States.

It's a disaster. It can't work. It won't work. It misunderstands human nature. Also, having open borders is a disaster. When Biden was in in power, we had 300,000 missing children. 300,000 missing children that were probably sex trafficked over the border. We had drugs come over. We had terrorists come over.

We had obviously illegals coming over, and that is not what government ought to be doing. Government ought to be securing borders. I mean, you have a lock on your door. You just don't let anybody in your house. You have a password on your phone. You have a password on your bank account, right? Because you know borders are necessary. So, and this is what people don't seem to understand and frustrates me.

People think Christianity is somehow a negative to society. Ladies and gentlemen, Christianity is the only worldview that will protect your rights. Islam is not going to protect your rights. You're a second-class citizen in Islam. You could even be killed in Islam, or you have to pay a tax. Women don't have the same rights in Islam. Non-Christians don't have the same rights. Hinduism is not going to protect rights. They have a caste system.

People aren't equal in Hinduism. Atheism is not going to protect your rights. There's no moral grounding in atheism. There's no way to justify rights on atheism. The only worldview that's going to protect your rights is the Christian worldview. And so we have to be engaged. In fact, it was Edmund Burke. This is attributed to Edmund Burke, a great British statesman centuries ago.

He put it this way: "The only thing necessary for evil to prevail is for good people to do nothing." Yeah, you want evil to prevail just sit home. Just binge on Netflix on election day. No, that's not a good strategy. Go to voteyourfaith.net, see where the candidates stand, get registered and vote. Voteyourfaith.net will tell you all that. Now. The tenth reason you ought to be involved, again, this is all in the book.

I'm speeding through it, but I want to give you an overview. It's all in *The War on Reality*. Because the parties are far apart now, it matters much more who you support. In fact, I was on the Unshamed podcast, the Unashamed podcast, with the Robertson family. You know, Jace Robertson and he's the son, of course, of Phil Robertson, who passed away a couple of years ago.

And I was on with him and Al Robertson and Jace was saying, you know, he got the book, and he was reading the book, and he said, you know I've never been a political guy, but when I when I look at the two parties and how divergent they are, how far apart they are, we have, in fact, an entire section in here that compares where the Democrats stand versus the Republicans, and by the way, there is no perfect party; we know that and Jesus isn't on the ballot.

But when we saw, he said, when I saw this list right here on page 319 of the book, where you're comparing the Democrats and the Republicans, I said, I got to be involved. I cannot support these things that are going on, particularly on the Democrat side, like on abortion. Obviously, they don't really want abortion legal to the moment of birth, they want to fund it with your tax dollars.

Now the Republicans aren't perfect on this. They want to restrict it. They're not as pro-life as I want them to be, but they certainly don't want to put money toward abortion. They want to restrict it, and they certainly don't want to transition children either. That's what the Democrats want to do. Men in women's sports. Democrats, absolutely fine. Republicans not. Only two sexes, you know. The Democrats won't answer the question.

Obviously, the Republicans say, of course. How about religious freedom? According to the Democrats religious freedom must bow to LGBTQ demands. Of course, Republicans are saying no. Religious freedom is a higher priority than that. It's safe. It's easy for me to say sacrosanct, something like that. You know, I came from Jersey. I don't have all the words down.

You get the idea. Sacrosanct. Yeah, there you go. Thanks, Jorge. Man, I knew that word was out there somewhere. I was trying, ladies and gentlemen. How about judges? Well, the left wants to select law-making judges, which means what? Which you don't have any say anymore. It's what some unelected justices, what some unelected justices say. No, you are in control.

It's supposed to be we, the people. We're at the top of the org chart when it comes to government in America. At least that's the way it's supposed to be. The Republicans want to put in place law-abiding judges, people that apply the law, not people that make the law. In fact, why do we, why did we have Roe v. Wade? It wasn't because anybody voted on it. It was because seven unelected justices overturned the will of the people in all 50 states to basically insert abortion into the Constitution.

It's not there. You won't find it. Why did we get same-sex marriage? Most states had voted against it. It's because the justices just decided, liberal justices just decided, that we're going to

have it, that it's in the Constitution when it's not. That's important. We also go through racism, trans people in the military, the border, funding illegal aliens.

You know illegal aliens in some states get benefits that even citizens can't get, and you're paying for it. The Democrats want that, the Republicans don't. How about defund the police or sexualization of children in schools or school choice or require welfare recipients to work if able? These are all differences. That the two parties have, and we would be remiss if we didn't say that there is a better, more biblical way to vote than a way to vote that advances what the late great John MacArthur said.

If you look at the Democrat platform, it's basically the sin list of Romans chapter 1. And he's right. Look, just compare the two. We have it in the book. You can go to the rnc.com or the dnc.com and compare where they stand on these issues. It wasn't this way years ago. It wasn't, you know, 60, 70 years ago, the Democrats and the Republicans were arguing over, you know, what, how high should the budget be, how big should the army and the navy be, the air force, you know, they were arguing over things governments ought to argue over, but when they started telling us who should be protected in the womb.

What a woman is. That we ought to transition our children. That marriage is something other than a man and a woman. Suddenly the government has gone crazy because we've allowed it to go crazy. Christians have to be involved. So there's 10 reasons. There's probably more. They're all in the book, *The War on Reality*. Check it out. Go to voteyourfaith.net.

Get involved. Get involved. Let your voice be heard. And vote biblically. You're not going to find perfect candidates. You're not going to find perfect platforms, but there are obviously better laws or better policies and more biblical policies than others. Vote for the more biblical policies. All right, friends, great being with you. We'll do more of this in the next podcast.

Don't go anywhere. Look for the podcast if you're listening on radio. It won't be on the American Family Radio Network. The podcast is called I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist. All right, see you Tuesday for that one. God bless.