

And They Called Him Jesus.

The Blind Leading the Blind By Eugene Santoro Nov/17, 2012



Our Church is being challenged by the government which is dictating against God's Word. Even though our God teaches us not to kill our babies in the womb or otherwise and not to marry or have a sexual relation with one of the same sex, our government is proposing that we go against our God or be punished or fined.

If you are unaware of what I am writing about, it is time you catch up with current affairs. We are involved with a government that is threatening our freedom of religion.

I ask you, "Do you believe that Jesus is at the center of your life?" If you do then why are you supporting the group who are nudging you into sin? The blind are leading the blind.

I am not saying that one should hate the people who choose to turn their back on God's rules and regulations, that is between them and God. I am saying that one should have the right to make religious decisions without outside interference. People have forgotten why we are here and what our goal is. Almighty God has put us here because we wanted to be, not just like Him, but be Him.

We are here with the promise of no interference; we make the choices. We are trying to make our way back into God's presence. We are trying to prove that we deserve to be back in Heaven with Him. We lost Preternatural gifts because we wanted to do it our way. It seems to me that we have learned nothing. We are still making decisions based on what we have here on Earth. If your abundance is based only on how much you have in your pocketbook, you are part of that blind group that is being led by the God be with you, God bless you, and have a great Thanksgiving.

Most Catholics vote for Obama, but Latinos and whites divided CHICAGO | Thu Nov 8, 2012 6:57pm EST

(Reuters) - Post-election polling shows U.S. Roman Catholics were as likely to favor President Barack Obama as the general population in 2012, continuing the Catholic record as the bellwether of the popular vote.

Catholics - the country's largest religious group with one-quarter of the population - have supported the winner of the popular vote in every election since 1972.

Reuters/Ipsos exit polling found that 51 percent of Catholics favored President Barack Obama, compared with 48 percent for Republican contender Mitt Romney. A report by the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life had a similar finding, with 50 percent of Catholics for Obama and 48 percent for Romney, the same as the popular vote in the general population.

Hispanic Catholics were far more likely to favor Obama - by 76 percent to 23 percent - than white Catholics, who favored Romney by 56 percent to 43 percent, according to the Reuters poll. Black Protestants favored Obama by 97 percent to 3 percent, while white Protestants favored Romney by 69 percent compared to 29 percent for Obama.

"When you talk about Catholics, there are really two Catholic votes, the white vote and the Hispanic vote, which look starkly different," said Robert Jones, chief executive of the Public Religion Research Institute. He said exit polls found that overall, voters were focused mainly on economic issues.

This election year saw strong advocacy on the conservative side of some issues by Catholic bishops, which caused discomfort for liberal Catholics. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops protested the Obama administration's health care mandate which requires Catholic hospitals and colleges to carry insurance that provides free contraception as a violation of religious liberty.

Church leaders also protested against same-sex marriage, which was on the ballot in four states. Some individual bishops took exceptionally strong positions, with Springfield, Illinois Bishop Thomas Paprocki warning his flock that if they voted for someone who promotes abortion their souls would be in jeopardy.

The bishops' stands did not seem to have much influence on the vote, said Jones. Catholic attitudes on the healthcare mandate were unchanged in March and September polls, despite advocacy by church leaders.

"If the (Republican Party) has some reflecting to do about its inability to reach an increasingly multicultural country, Catholic leaders could benefit from similar soul searching when it comes to their own diverse flock," said John Gehring, Catholic program director at Faith in Public Life, a liberal advocacy group.

Some Catholic bishops and nuns also protested the budget plan of Republican vice-presidential candidate Paul Ryan, a Catholic, because of cuts to anti-poverty programs.

Catholic support for Obama was stronger in 2008, with 54 percent going for the Democrat compared with 45 percent for Republican contender John McCain, Pew reported. But this also reflected the population at large.

Sister Mary Ann Walsh, spokeswoman for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, wrote in an email that the 2012 election touched on "many issues of concern," not just abortion and same -sex marriage but also physicianassisted suicide, treatment of immigrants, and society's obligation to the poor. "Sometimes the majority of the electorate agree with the church, sometimes not," Walsh said.

Conservative Catholic writer George Weigel said that there is no such thing as the "Catholic vote." He wrote in an e-mail that church-going Catholics went for Romney, while Catholics who do not go to church or go infrequently went with Obama.

"The same is true for white Protestants, and this entire pattern has been true for the last several presidential election cycles," Weigel said.

The Pew survey found that among those voters who attend services once a week or more, 59 percent went for Romney, while 39 percent went with Obama. Among those who never attend church, six in ten went for Obama.

Jews favored Obama by 69 percent to 30 percent, according to the Pew poll, while 78 percent of Mormons favored Romney, the first Mormon presidential candidate.

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Bible Publisher Beats Obama Abortion-HHS Mandate in Court

by Steven Ertelt | Washington, DC | LifeNews.com | 11/16/12 A federal court today stopped enforcement of the Obama administration's abortion pill mandate against a Bible publisher which filed a lawsuit against it.

The mandate has generated massive opposition from prolife groups because it forces employers, regardless of their religious or moral convictions, to provide insurance coverage for abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization, and contraception under threat of heavy penalties.

The Obama administration opposed the order, arguing that Tyndale House Publishers isn't religious enough for an exemption from the mandate, a component of ObamaCare that forces employers, regardless of their religious or moral convictions, to provide insurance coverage for abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization, and contraception under threat of heavy penalties.

The decision only applies to the company and does not stop the Obama HHS mandate nation-

wide against other religious groups, businesses, hospitals, or educational institutions.

Represented by attorneys with Alliance Defending Freedom, Tyndale House Publishers, based in Illinois, is the world's largest privately held Christian publisher of books, Bibles, and digital media and directs 96.5 percent of its profits to religious non-profit causes worldwide. The publisher specifically objects to covering abortifacients under the mandate.

The court's order is the third nationwide against the mandate and the second obtained by Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys.

"Bible publishers should be free to do business according to the book that they publish," said Senior Legal Counsel Matt Bowman, who argued before the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on Nov. 9.

Bowman told LifeNews: "The court has done the right thing in halting the mandate while our lawsuit moves forward. For the government to say that a Bible publisher is not religious is startling. It demonstrates how clearly the Obama administration is willing to disregard the Constitution's protection of religious freedom to achieve certain political purposes."

In its opinion accompanying a preliminary injunction order in Tyndale House Publishers v. Sebelius, the court wrote that "the beliefs of Tyndale and its owners are indistinguishable.... Christian principles, prayer, and activities are pervasive at Tyndale, and the company's ownership structure is designed to ensure that it never strays from its faithoriented mission.

The opinion continued: "The Court has no reason to doubt. moreover, that Tyndale's religious objection to providing insurance coverage for certain contraceptives reflects the beliefs of Tyndale's owners. Nor is there any dispute that Tyndale's primary owner, the Foundation, can 'exercise religion' in its own right, given that it is a non-profit religious organization; indeed, the case law is replete with examples of such organizations asserting cognizable free exercise and RFRA [Religious Freedom Restoration Act] challenges."

Tyndale is subject to the mandate because Obama administration rules say for-profit corporations are categorically nonreligious, even though Tyndale House is strictly a publisher of Bibles and other Christian materials and is primarily owned by the non-profit Tyndale House Foundation. The foundation provides grants to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of people around the world.

On July 27, Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys obtained the first-ever court order against the Obama administration's mandate on behalf of Colorado's Hercules Industries and the Catholic family that owns it.

Alliance Defending Freedom attorneys and allied attorneys are also litigating five other lawsuits against the mandate: one in Minnesota on behalf of Annex Medical, Inc.; one in Indiana on behalf of Grote Industries: another one in Indiana on behalf of Indiana's Grace College and Seminary and California's Biola University; one in Pennsylvania on behalf of Geneva College and The Seneca Hardwood Lumber Company and its owners, the Hepler family; and one in Louisiana on behalf of Louisiana College. The lawsuits represent a large cross-section of Protestants and Catholics who object to the mandate.

Federal judges have dismissed two other lawsuits filed against the mandate.

In the second case, Judge James E. Boasberg of the D.C. Federal Court threw out the lawsuit Belmont Abbey College in North Carolina, the first plaintiff to file suit against the mandate, filed earlier this year. Judge Boasberg said he dismissed the lawsuit because the Obama administration is revising the initial rule it release forcing religious groups to pay for the drugs that violate their conscience and beliefs.

He wrote that he favored "deferring review until the agency's position on exemptions to the contraceptivecoverage requirement is settled."

After the first case was dismissed, Kyle Duncan, general counsel at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, attorneys for plaintiffs, said the decision turns on technicalities and doesn't decide the merits of the dispute.

Luke Goodrich, Deputy General Counsel of the Becket Fund, which filed the lawsuit on behalf of Belmont Abbey College, a Catholic university, said before the decision he thought the Obama administrations argument will not stand up in court.

"It doesn't argue that the mandate is legal; it doesn't argue that the mandate is constitutional," Goodrich said. "Instead, it begs the court to ignore the lawsuit because the government plans to change the mandate at some unspecified date in the future."

"Apparently, the administration has decided that the mandate, as written and finalized, is constitutionally indefensible," said Hannah Smith, senior counsel at The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty "Its only hope is to ask the court to look the other way based on an empty promise to possibly change the rules in the future."

In its legal papers, the Obama administration did not defend the constitutionality of the mandate, but said the lawsuit should be thrown out because the administration plans to revise the mandate to make it on insurance companies to pay for coverage rather than employers, who will still have to make referrals.

Obama's February 10 "accommodation" came under increasing fire on numerous fronts. A diverse coalition of over 300 scholars and religious leaders have called the maneuver "unacceptable," because it still forces many religious organizations to violate their core religious beliefs. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has also denounced it.

The panel that put together the mandate has been condemned for only having pro-abortion members even though polling shows Americans are opposed to the mandate.

Franklin Graham: Non-Voting Christians Aided Obama Re-Election

by Steven Ertelt | Washington, DC | LifeNews.com | 11/16/12 Franklin Graham, the son of evangelical preacher Billy Graham, says Christians who didn't bother to show up at the polls are party to blame for President Barack Obama's re-election earlier this month.

While the majority of voters who are Christians and faithful Catholics voted for Mitt Romney over the pro-abortion president, millions of Christian voters stayed home and postelection analysis shows a low turnout paved the way for Obama to win another four-year term.

The Reverend Franklin Graham tells The Brody File that one of the lessons of Obama's reelection is that more Christians in this country need to vote, saying, "if Christians are upset, they need to be upset at themselves."

"We know that from of the statistics that I've heard that the majority of Christians in this country just did not vote for whatever reason. The vast majority of evangelicals did not go to the polls," he complained.

"God is in control, and if Christians are upset, they need to be upset at themselves," he added. "We need to do a better job of getting our people- the church to vote. Now, I'm not trying to tell you how to vote, you can vote, but vote, my goodness, and vote for candidates that stand for Biblical values."

Graham said a new Christian movement is needed to get evangelical voters to the polls and concerned about issues in the same manner the Moral Majority did decades ago.

"We need someone like a Jerry Falwell to come back and resurrect the moral majority movement where you get people that have a moral background who are willing to come together and vote for moral issues that are important to this nation," he said. "If that would take place, we would see a great change in this country, but our country is in trouble. It's in trouble spiritually. We've turned our back on God."

Six Abortion Clinic Workers Quit During 40 Days for Life Event

by Steven Ertelt | Washington, DC | LifeNews.com | 11/16/12 The recently-concluded 40 Days for Life campaign is responsible for saving the lives of hundreds of babies from abortion, thanks to pro-lifers giving women abortion alternatives information.

But the campaign also had another tremendous success — six abortion clinic workers quit their jobs thanks to the prayers of dedicated pro-lifers participating in the nationwide event. Shawn Carney, the director of the campaign, has more on the abortion workers who just quit their jobs at the end of this 40 Days for Life campaign — and how Planned Parenthood is on the defensive.

"In addition to the 789 lives confirmed saved during this fall's campaign — and one Planned Parenthood abortion center closed down, we also saw six workers leave the abortion industry ... three of them during the final days of the campaign," he said.

On a Monday night webcast 40 Days for Life sponsored, former Planned Parenthood abortion center director Abby Johnson reported the impact this is having on the nation's largest abortion chain.

"Planned Parenthood is terrified of all of these workers who are leaving. We know just from the workers that have left there is definitely a heightened sense of paranoia inside the abortion clinics. They don't feel like they can trust any of their workers. You know what? They can't. Because it's a constant fear, oh gosh, are they talking to people with 40 Days for Life?" she said.

Abby explained that many of the quitting workers turn around and take action to overcome the injustices and corruption they witnessed inside the abortion industry.

"Currently there are four pending lawsuits out against Planned Parenthood that would total billions and billions of dollars that these affiliates would be required to pay back to federal and state government. Because all of these cases, one thing that we have in common is that we are all accusing Planned Parenthood of Medicaid fraud ... there are huge implications if these lawsuits are successful."

"I remember the last Planned Parenthood conference that I went to before I quit. We were actually talking about the 40 Days for Life. Planned Parenthood was saying that their noshow rates go up as high as 75% when people are simply standing and praying outside of abortion clinics."

POTATOES



Well, a girl potato and a boy potato had eyes for each other, and finally they got married and had a sweet potato which they called "Yam". Of course, they wanted the best for Yam.

When it was time, they told her about the facts of life. They warned her about going out and getting half-baked, so she wouldn't get accidentally mashed and get a bad name for herself like "hot potato" and end up with a bunch of tater tots.

Yam said not to worry, no spud would get her into the sack and make a rotten potato out of her!

But, on the other hand, she wouldn't stay home and become a couch potato either. She would get plenty of exercise so as not to be skinny like her shoestring cousins.

When she went off to Europe, Mr. and Mrs. Potato told Yam to watch out for the hardboiled guys from Ireland and the greasy guys from France called the French fries. And when she went out west to watch out for the Indians so wouldn't get scalloped. Yam said she would stay On the straight and narrow and wouldn't associate with those high class Yukon Golds or the ones from the other side of the tracks who advertise their trade on all the trucks that say "Frito Lay".

Mr and Mrs Potato sent Yam to Idaho P.U. (that's Potato University> so that when she graduated she'd really be in the chips. But in spite of all they did for her, one day Yam came home and announced she was going to marry Tom Brokaw. Tom Brokaw! Mr and Mrs Potato were very upset. They told Yam she couldn't possibly marry Tom Brokaw because he's just He's just a COMMONTATER.

Old Jokes



I very quietly confided to my best friend that I was having an affair. She turned to me and asked, 'Are

you having it catered'? And that, my friend, is the definition of 'OLD'!

Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, 'How old was your husband?' '98,' she replied: 'Two years older than me' 'So you're 96,' the undertaker commented. She responded, 'Hardly worth going home, is it?'

Reporters interviewing a 104year-old woman: 'And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?' the reporter asked. She simply replied, 'No peer pressure."

I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license. *****

THE SENILITY PRAYER :

Grant me the senility to forget the

people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, 'For fast relief.'



It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker

Know how to prevent sagging? Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.



My memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart. 'Wal-Mart?' the preacher exclaimed. 'Why Wal-Mart?' 'Then I'll be sure my daught visit me twice a week'



I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.

I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors. I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour.. But, by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

