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Election 2020: Nation-Shaping Consequences

Dr. James Dobson, Family Talk

Voters across this nation are only a few short months away from the next general election. The choices we make on November 3rd will send this nation down one of two dramatically different paths. I agree with former Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, who said recently that the next election will be “*the most important since 1860*.”

Mr. Gingrich referred to the significance of 1860 because that was the year Abraham Lincoln was elected president. I’m sure the Speaker would agree that the following election of 1864 was also critical to the future of the nation. Lincoln and Maj. Gen. George McClellan were in a hotly contested campaign for the White House. The “war between the states,” had been raging, and the entire nation was staggered by reports from the bloody battlefield.

Why have I recounted our Civil War history and the election of 1864 at this time? It is for two reasons. The first is to consider some striking similarities between then and now. Our nation is divided like no time since the Civil War. Constitutional rights of freedom of speech and religious liberty are being trampled.

That brings us to the second reason I have addressed the Civil War and the election of 1864. It is to remind us that voting matters. Each presidential campaign has been important, but some have had jaw-dropping and nation-shaping consequences.

I believe seven critical issues have stunning significance for the nation.

1. *The Next Generation*: There is a fierce battle being waged now in the nation’s classrooms for the hearts and souls of our children and grandchildren. I urge

you to be extremely careful about those whom you set in power over your children.

2. *The Sanctity of Human Life*: Since 1973, more than 60 million babies have been murdered through abortion and countless lives have ended by euthanasia. I hope you will not cast a single vote for any politician who supports such wickedness.
3. *Marriage and Family*: The family is God’s original building block for society. Before you vote, find out what position the candidates have taken on this issue.
4. *Religious Liberty*: The first item listed in the Bill of Rights addresses the issue of religious liberty. All the other enumerated rights flow from that fundamental freedom.
5. *Capitalism v. Socialism*: It is difficult to believe that for the first time in American history, our nation appears to be thinking about trading our democratic way of life for the tyranny of socialism.
6. *The Judicial System*: Given recent rulings, we know that judicial overreach has almost ruined this great nation.
7. *The Nation of Israel*: Scripture tells that those who bless Israel will be blessed (Genesis 12:3).

I could list dozens of other issues that should be considered as we vote on November 3rd. I will end with this final statement from Abraham Lincoln. He said: “I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have.”

Let us come boldly before the throne of grace and ask God for His mercy on America. ★ IFA



Discover My Political Personality!

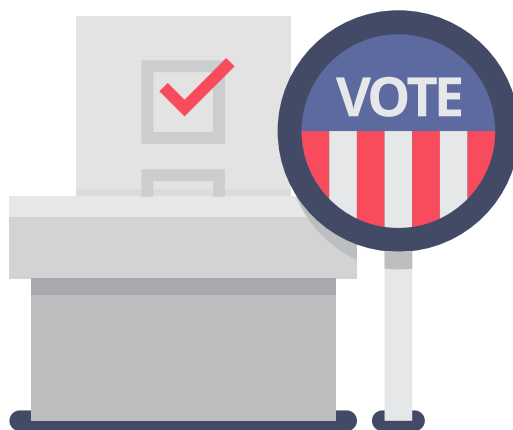
Kris Kubal, IFA Director of Strategic Resources and Engagement

Most of us have family and friends with whom we have a difficult time talking about issues and politics - maybe kids or grandkids who see the world in a very different way. Intercessors for America has developed a tool that can help open doors of discussion, and gently educate others on what each party truly stands for. “Discover My Political Personality” is a fun online quiz that assesses the personal views of the taker, comparing them to the party platforms, to offer a snapshot of which party better represents their values.

We credit God with this idea—it was after some time of prayer that IFA President, Dave Kubal, felt it was a unique and winsome way to address a difficult topic in today’s divided nation. Not only are the platforms described, but also what the Bible teaches about many of the issues that divide us.

Online tests are everywhere. On any social media feed, you will see an invitation from friends to take the latest fun test or quiz. The Political Personality test offers the opportunity for self-discovery. While people take the test, they can learn what each party believes and what the Bible says, as well as receive several invitations for further investigation into their personal results. Prayer is embedded throughout the test, and there are several resources that are available that break down the issues by party and biblical worldview. It is fun—and educational.

The test is unique in that it uses



content only from the party platforms. It is documented and linked to make it non-partisan and fact-based. For that reason, we feel that people of all political persuasions can take the test, view their results, and be open to reading more about why they scored the way they did.

Want a sharable, likable way to get your friends and family thinking about who should get their vote? The Political Personality Test from Vote Your Values 2020 is a great way to reach out. Put it on your social media page, email it to your friends. In fact, visit the MEDIA KIT section of VoteYourValues2020.com for some sharable social media memes for posting. And don’t forget to take the test yourself to see firsthand all of the helpful links, documentation, and resources that are included throughout. DiscoverMyPoliticalPersonality.com might just be the viral sensation that helps bring some clarity to the political puzzle. ★ IFA

FIRST FRIDAY *prayer*

OCTOBER 2, 2020

On the first Friday of every month we encourage intercessors to fast and pray for America using the prayer focuses below.

CRITICAL ISSUES FACING OUR NATION

Lord, we pray for the future leaders of our country to use Your Word as a guide to address the critical issues facing the nation. We pray for the next generation to rise up and follow You. We pray for life, traditional marriage, and religious freedom to be protected. And we pray that America will not fall into the tyranny of socialism. We stand with Israel and pray for leaders to be bold in proclaiming the truth of Scripture.

BIBLICAL VOTING

Father, we thank You that “the authorities that exist have been established” by You (Rom 13:1). We pray for godly authority that will promote biblical values, and party platforms that will bring honor and glory to You. We pray that voters’ hearts will be stirred to vote for the candidates and platform that closely align with Your word.

PEACE IN OUR CITIES

God, we pray for the intercessors who battle daily for our cities and towns to return to peace, and we ask You to stem the tide of violence and chaos. Raise up men and women of prayer to take back the ground the enemy is trying to steal. We pray against anarchy and social disorder. Protect our first responders and law enforcement officers as they work to bring order to cities and towns across the nation.



Prayer Routs the Riots in Austin

Barbara Bucklin, 203 Alliance/Vision Luke 4:18 Ministries

Intercessors formed 203 Alliance at the Father's direction to establish prayer authority in Austin, exhibiting the power of two or three coming together (www.203all.com). During the pandemic, monthly meetings became weekly (online) to pray for the end of the virus and this territory.

BLM and Antifa had instigated violence in downtown parks and at the Austin Police Department (APD). While physical damage was limited, the spirits of rebellion, rage, and destruction had been released.

Sensing an urgency to put boots on the ground at APD headquarters, we made an appointment with the police chaplain. We learned Antifa planned to bring busloads of people to riot the week following. It was obvious that we were on God's timetable!

We declared *shalom* over our city.

A murder had occurred during a riot at the 4th Street and Congress Avenue intersection. On the Friday the riot was planned, we were led to go to the site, repent for the bloodshed, and take communion on the land. We had noticed ominous clouds gathering over the city. A storm was not forecast, but we prayed for rain to thwart nefarious schemes. We worshipped across the street from the murder scene and received a word about God's lightning and thunder on its way.

We found a small shrine on the site of the bloodshed. Three homeless men were there—the murdered man was known as a friend to the homeless. After our time of repentance and communion, a couple of us stayed to minister to the homeless. We then joined the rest of our crew across the street to sit and pray in an outdoor area.

One of us who stayed wondered why we had stayed behind. She said Father



told her that the act of compassion gave us more authority to preempt the enemy's plans and establish His will.

Minutes after we joined the group, cracks of thunder split the air. Ground strikes of lightning were deafening. Sheets of water fell along Congress Avenue. Two inches of rain fell in thirty minutes. We prayed through the storm with the sense that God was sweeping the city clean of years of debris.

Friday night was uneventful. On Saturday, we watched as things began to heat up right on the ground at 4th and Congress where we had prayed! Then, the magnificent horses of APD, led by a white horse, appeared. Literally, they shattered the enemy's plans as we could hear the enemy's forces argue about what to do. One of our prayers was to give APD a divine strategy to do just that.

The police chaplain gratefully recognized a miracle had taken place.

We found out that an intercessor from another state had seen a dragon raging over Oregon. Then she saw the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, with feet firmly planted in central Texas, stand up and roar and the dragon withered away.

We continue to pray to hold the ground. Shalom has reigned in Austin. Surely your time has come! The Lion is in the city! ★IFA

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What Does THE BIBLE Say About . . .

LIFE

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. . . My frame was not hidden from you when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. (Ps 139:13-15)

Father God, we pray that Your Holy Spirit, who convicts of sin and righteousness, would go throughout this land and convict every single person of Your great love for them and of Your destiny and value for every person. Let Your truth about the value of every life overwhelm us and our nation's leaders.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (Jn 8:36)

Lord God, we thank You for the freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights, all of which we can recognize because of what You have done for us and our nation. We pray that You would preserve in our nation our ability to exercise freely the rights that You have endowed to us.

MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Gen 1:27)

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled . . . (Heb 13:4)

Creator God, thank You that our value and personhood is based on being created by You, in Your image, and that we are created fearfully and wonderfully. Let our laws and our leaders reflect this truth and reflect Your commands about what marriage is.

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EDUCATION

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Dt 6:6-7)

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. (Prv 22:6)

Lord, we pray for the education system in the U.S., for all the educators who pour countless hours into our students, and for our national, state, and local governments to rely on facts when deciding what is best for students, not politics or propaganda.

ECONOMY

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. (1 Tm 6:10)

But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (1 Tm 5:8)

Father God, we pray for an economic system that encourages and rewards the biblical values of hard work and personal generosity. We pray for governmental plans and policies that would discourage debt and greed and encourage wisdom in how we use our money, as individuals and as a nation.

ISRAEL

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" (Ps 122:6-8)

Lord, You have not forgotten or rejected Your ancient people, Israel. You are a faithful God who keeps covenant and loves unconditionally. Thank You that You are again showing Your compassion to the Jewish people. Help us to love those whom You love – those who are "engraved on the palms of (Your) hands."

Download the IFA 2020 Voter Prayer Guide at VoteYourValues2020.com or IFApray.org.

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BECAUSE YOU PRAYED! VICTORY FOR DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RULING –

IFA intercessors prayed, and God answered! On May 6, 2020, President Trump and Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos rolled out new rules on how K-12 schools, colleges, and universities must respond to reports of sexual harassment and assault under Title IX.

This federal law prohibits discrimination in education based on sex. Immediately 18 attorneys general from Democrat states filed two lawsuits in two different courts to keep the new rule from going into effect.

Thousands of intercessors prayed, and on August 9, 2020, the judge dismissed the lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court of Southern New York. On August 12, 2020, the second judge dismissed the lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia!

In a press release, Secretary DeVos said, "This rule, as courts have recently noted, restores balance to the scales of justice in our schools, ending one of the most infamous and damaging overreaches of the previous administration." (Nancy Huff, IFA Contributing Writer)

2020 EDUCATION RESET

In April, we prayed that this global pause would help reset education and inspire Christian parents to make sure that children are learning godly principles and values. Homeschooling numbers have increased at a huge rate, up 130% in some school districts. Christian schools offering in-person learning in school districts with online public school have reported enrollment increases. Praise God and continue to pray that children would be trained in the way they should go (Prv 22:6).

FIRST FRIDAY prayer CONFERENCE CALL

**OCTOBER 2, 2020
12:15 PM ET**

Join with thousands across the U.S. in praying for America, its leaders, and its citizens.

Call: (712) 775-7430
Webcast: IFApray.org/live

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