

~ Letters to the Editor ~

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Suit Up

I feel like I've just watched a jaywalker get thrown to the ground, billy-clubbed, and handcuffed, while a guy across the street rapes and murders an old lady and gets handed a warning.

So, what the heck happened? How did we get to the point that a past President and current leading candidate for the highest political position in America can get railroaded into a sham trial and threatened with a 100-year prison term, for a "crime" that hasn't yet been identified. This is the stuff that Russia, North Korea, and China are made of.....not America..... until now. A precedent has been set. If you think you're immune.... think again.

We have a political party that has embraced the philosophy of "the end justifies the means" in that, if their goal is "good" enough, anything they do to accomplish it is acceptable and moral. Their hatred of Trump is so strong that bringing him down is worthy of any act, no matter how dishonest and detestable that act. Turning our justice system into a mockery and making us a laughingstock to the rest of the world, after all, is a small price to pay when you can put The Orange Man behind bars and pave the way for a demented, incapable liar to continue to destroy the country. You have to ask.... why such hatred for Trump? Seriously, are there really people that can't see the massive decline in our country since he left office? Are they willing to let it continue just so they can claim whatever pronoun they want while they bash Christians, Jews, and Maga hat-wearers?

How can this happen right in front of millions of sane Americans? Maybe we underestimated the enemy, and the threat Trump is to their power structure. Remember.... The bigger the threat, the bigger the attack. Or maybe we were too busy being "non-political", minding our own business, and trying to get along with our Liberal neighbors. Or maybe we were actually dupped into believing "he won't be convicted if he's innocent". That is naive at best. Btw, the "Convicted Felon" label means nothing when it's delivered by a corrupt court.

But what about the Constitution? Well, we've just seen how inadequate it is when there is no fear of God in those responsible for seeing that it's followed. So where are the checks and balances in our justice system? And where does the buck stop? With the fox that's been hired to watch the hen house? You don't hire a fox to guard the henhouse and then wonder why the chickens are missing. And you certainly don't re-hire him. Please remember this when you vote in November.

John Adams said, "Our constitution was made for a moral and religious people". Our justice system only works when you have an honest judge. It doesn't work when you have a crooked judge, crooked lawyers, lying witnesses, and people that can be bought and paid for.

The Apostle Paul warned what people would be like in these last days in 2nd Timothy 3:1-5 He also

told us how to do battle. It's time to suit up folks.... put on your battle gear.... and pray.

"Put on the full armor of God, so that you can make your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this world's darkness, and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms". Ephesians 6:11-12

By Susie Crosby from Prineville, OR.

Boys will be ... girls?

It is Pride Month. Which means we will all be expected to question that once unquestioned statement, "Boys will be boys." As one theologian so eloquently put it recently commenting on the moral decline in America, "We live in an upside-down clown world." Pretty much sums things up. God creates things good and man determines to flip those things on their head. One specific area man is especially good at doing this, is in the realm of sex. But not just the sacred act itself. No. But, also the participants themselves. Not only has sex been perverted, but the sexes have been corrupted. The once clear definitions, of the terms *boy* and *girl*, have been blurred.

There are distinctions being taught that suggest there is an important difference between the terms *gender* and *sex*. It is currently being propagated that it is now possible for one person to possess both the gender of a woman *and* the sex of a man. As if to say, a boy can be a boy in one sense, and a girl in another, "Boys will be ... girls?" Is this possible in the real

world – and I do not mean the fictitious "upside-down clown world" we are being encouraged to enter into – but the real one? Let us define our terms.

- *gender* – Its stem is from the Latin term *genus* ("race, stock, family; kind). Also "(male or female) sex." From *gene* – "give birth, beget," with derivatives referring to procreation and familial and tribal groups (etymonline.com).

- *sex* – "males or females considered collectively." From Latin *sexus* "a sex, state of being either male or female, gender" (etymonline.com).

As you can see, the terms are virtually synonymous. In fact, they have been used interchangeably for the past 500ish years. It was not until the 20th century, when the term *sex* began to take on erotic qualities, that the term *gender* began to be preferred. But the term *gender*, when used, always referred to a person's biological make-up (male or female). It was not until the rise of feminism in the mid-20th century that the word began to be overhauled into what it is today, "behavior, cultural, or psychological traits typically associated with one sex." This has given birth to absurd concepts such as *gender identity* and *gender expression*, all determined by what a person *feels* at a particular moment, thus allowing, "boys to be ... girls?"

Why is this historical background and defining of terms important? So long as we allow the moral compass of society to be determined by people's fickle feelings and arbitrary opinions, we will continue to plunge farther and farther into absurdity. There will be more drag shows targeting children, more

tampon dispensers being hung in boy's bathrooms, more pathetic and mediocre males stealing trophies from our daughters, more gender transitioning (which is really to say, genital mutilation), and more Pride events parading sexual immorality and perversions on our streets.

How does this end? Lean into a moral standard that does not sway with the tides of man's sinful desires. If morality is left to be determined by the opinions of men, it will forever change and will forever disappoint. That is why an objective standard of measure is needed. God's word does not change. Read His word, believe His word, and then obey His word. Start taking a stand now. If a boy steps on the track to run against your daughter, pull your daughter from the race. If a girl steps on the mat to wrestle your son, pull your son from the mat. When you are told you must use "gender appropriate pronouns" lest you lose your job, take the matter to court. Fight these fights so the next generation will not have to. Do not make your sons and daughters fight the battles you are to be standing against. That is the road out of this chaotic mess.

We need boys to be boys. But, for that to happen, we are going to need men to start being men. It may be high time for us all to put down our golf clubs and hunting rifles for a season, so that we might find the time to protect and defend our families and communities.

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."

-1 Corinthians 1:13-14
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Greenup's rodeo success

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Savanna Greenup. -Photo by Tiffanie Greenup



Sierra Greenup. -Photo by Tiffanie Greenup.

had their own share of the fame this year in the High School and Junior High Rodeos. Savanna qualified for the second time for the National Junior High Final Rodeo in Des Moines Iowa in barrel Racing. Both Savanna and her sister Sierra


also qualified to go to Winnemucca Nevada for the Silver State Invitational Rodeo. Savanna in the Pole Bending, Goat Tying and Breakaway Roping. Sierra in the Barrel Racing and Breakaway roping.

Kids swim free at the WCWP

Kids swim free all summer long at the Willow Creek Water Park. This is funded by the Morrow County School District, Oregon Dept. of Education &

Education, and the Morrow County Health District. The pool is open June 17th- August 16th Monday-Saturday 1 pm-7 pm & Sunday 1 pm-5 pm.

Members and Guest please join us at Cutsforth Park, Sunday June 16 at 1 pm for our annual Elks Father's Day Picnic hosted by Loyal Knight Tate Gentry and Molly Dale.



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